



July 22, 2020

Dear Holy Trinity School Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for your continued understanding and support as we continue to navigate through this unprecedented time. The Catholic school principals participated in a meeting with the Diocese of San Diego Office for Schools today. Bishop McElroy expressed his eagerness to reopen our Catholic Schools, as well as shared an excerpt from a letter that the California Catholic Bishops sent to the governor today urging him to expedite the waiver process. In the [letter](#), they urged “the governor to expedite issuing regulations that will enable local health authorities to grant waivers for pre-K, primary, and secondary schools to open for in-person instruction.” Holy Trinity School wholeheartedly agrees with the California Catholic Bishops’ request to the governor, and is strongly in favor of opening our schools for live instruction. As educators, we know firsthand the value of educating the whole child with a balance of academic, social, and most importantly faith-based learning experiences in-person. Additionally, the Bishops’ letter clearly emphasized how “our Catholic schools across the state have been diligently implementing the Centers for Disease Control guidance for schools and the recommendations of local health authorities in preparing to return to the classrooms. As many businesses, organizations, and government offices around the country are doing, we are making accommodations to adapt to the new realities caused by this pandemic.”

The health and safety of our students, teachers, and staff, continue to be our primary concern and is of paramount importance when making decisions regarding the safe reopening of our school. Although Holy Trinity School has been actively preparing for in-person instruction, in Governor Newsom’s [Pandemic Plan for Learning and Safe Schools](#), he stated that “health data will determine when a school can be physically open – and when it must close – but learning should never stop. Students, staff, and parents all prefer in-classroom instruction, but only if it can be done safely.” San Diego County is currently on the Monitoring List and cannot physically open for in-person instruction until our county has come off the Monitoring List for 14 consecutive days. School community members – including parents, teachers, staff and students – can track daily data on whether and why their county is on the Monitoring List using [this link](#).

Therefore, until San Diego county comes off the Monitoring List, all schools have been directed to begin the school year with *temporary* distance learning. While the decision may be beyond our control, our Holy Trinity faculty is prepared to pivot and transition to in-person instruction on the school campus as soon as we are permitted. We understand and recognize that beginning the school year with *temporary* distance learning poses challenges and hardship for many families, therefore, we will continue to work diligently to develop plans that have the faith, academic, social, and emotional well-being of all students and families at the core. Fortunately, even though we will be beginning our school year with *temporary* virtual instruction, the bishop has approved weekly outdoor Liturgies on campus so that we may continue to gather together as a faith-filled community with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

As the primary educator, we would like to continue working with you to educate your child. We strongly encourage you to take a few moments to [complete this Parent Survey](#), so that we may be able to take into account the needs of our Holy Trinity School community during this unique and safe reopening of school. In addition, we will reflect on both the success and challenges we faced during our previous experience with *emergency* distance learning, and use that information to help us plan on the best way we can engage our students in a meaningful way. The chart below outlines the distance learning instructional minutes guidance from the Diocese of San Diego.



Distance Learning Instructional Minutes & Lesson Structures

Overview			
The chart below outlines the distance learning instructional minutes guidance from the Diocese of San Diego. Students will need to follow their daily school and class schedules. Instructional minutes are based on asynchronous time value of assignments as well as the synchronous whole-group and small-group instruction for all content areas for a 6.5 hour school day (8:00-2:30).			
TK-Kindergarten	Grades 1-2	Grades 3-5	Grades 6-12
Instructional minutes: 180 - 240 minutes 1.5 hours max of screentime	Instructional minutes: 230 - 290 minutes 2 hours max of screentime	Instructional minutes: 230 - 290 2.5 hours max of screentime	Instructional minutes: 240 - 300 minutes 3 hours max of screentime

Some of you have already shared your concerns with me, and have asked for further guidance on how to express your concerns. Your voice matters, therefore, I strongly encourage you to help advocate for the reopening of schools. The State of California has provided a feedback portal, including input from parents and teachers about reopening schools. Here is the direct link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K8JNQF3> for the California School survey.

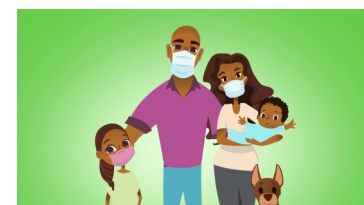
While this update is not ideal, our God will see us through this. As I have mentioned, we believe that in-person instruction is essential to the academic, social-emotional, and spiritual development of children. We will continue to communicate with you as additional information and updates become available. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we adjust to these ever-changing conditions to keep students and employees safe.

All the Best,
Mrs. Marentez

For updated information, consider these helpful links regarding masks and a direct link to the governor's page:

<https://covid19.ca.gov/masks-and-ppe/>

Direct info: California Governor website
<https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/07/17/governor-gavin-newsom-lays-out-pandemic-plan-for-learning-and-safe-schools/>



Stay connected: The school website will be updated with the latest reopening information.
holytrinityschoolcalcajon.com

Please take the time and complete the parent survey mentioned above.





SUMMER NEWSLETTER

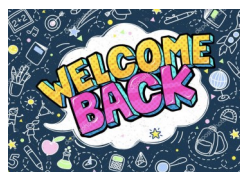
DENNIS *school uniforms* REMINDER

Dennis Uniform is having a one-day sale for HT Saturday, July 25. See the flyer electronically attached.



Holy Trinity bids farewell to Ms. Madlain Arabo, Mrs. Sue Harres, and Ms. Vicki Jasso. For personal reasons, they have decided not to return to school in the fall.

WE WILL MISS YOU



Welcome back Mr. Anthony Jimenez who will be the eighth grade homeroom teacher and who will also be teaching math to the Jr. High.

Mrs. Marentez is currently looking for a part time Jr. High social studies teacher.



Congratulations to big sisters, Annabella-5th, Amelia-3rd, and Bridgette, K on the birth of their baby brother.

Phillip was born June 3 weighing in at 8 lbs., 8 oz. (20" long), Congratulations to the entire family!



Kindergarten

—CLASS OF—

2020



Friday, July 24 at 10am

Location: Lunch Tables

WE ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU:

Questions? Check out the school website: www.holytrinityhawks.com

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Dennis Uniform: dennisuniform.com

