



July 30, 2021

Holy Trinity School



# COVID-19

## RESPONSE

Update #121



Dear Holy Trinity School,

I hope you are enjoying a fun and relaxing summer break. The new school year is now just a couple of weeks away, so I wanted to share a few updates with our school families. For the latest on the updated Covid-19 safety protocols for the upcoming school year, please refer to the attached letter to all Catholic school families in the Diocese of San Diego from John Galvan, Director of Schools.

Our enrollment for this upcoming school year is looking better each week. We are pleased to share that all of our preschool classes are officially full, and our waitlist is continuing to grow each week. Our new preschool director, Mrs. Carol Furois, and her preschool team have been working hard this summer to prepare for the upcoming school year. More than half of our classes in the big school are already at 75% capacity or more, and we have been continuing to receive calls from prospective families each week.

Our Holy Trinity School Board gathered this past Monday night to start planning for all of the fun annual social and fundraising events that we look forward to every school year. Before I share some of the upcoming events, I would like to welcome a few new Board members this year:

- \*Heend Najar, parent of an incoming kindergartener and a current 3rd grader
- \*Jessica Gant, parent of a current sixth grader
- and**
- \*Mrs. Furious, our new preschool director



We look forward to partnering with all our school families to make this a memorable school year for all! We already have a few in-person events to look forward to before the first day of school:

### **Welcome Back Picnic for all HT School Families**

When: Saturday, August 14, 2021

Location: Holy Trinity School Field

Time: 1:00pm - 4:00pm

### **Back to School Night**

When: Monday, August 16, 2021

Location: Main Parish Hall and Individual Classrooms

Time: 6:00pm

### **Welcome Back to School Family Mass, Supply Drop-Off, and "Meet My Teacher"**

When: Tuesday, August 17, 2021

Location: Church and School

Time: Mass will be at 9:00am in the church, and Supply Drop-Off and "Meet My Teacher" will be directly after Mass on campus



We would like to extend a special welcome back to Ms. Vicki Matt, who will be returning to our preschool after a short hiatus. She is extremely excited and looking forward to teaching our three year old little "eyas," also known as baby hawks.



We would also like to give a warm welcome to two new faculty members in the big school. Our new 5th grade teacher, Ms. Genna Yoon, is joining us from St. Ambrose School in St. Louis, Missouri. She has experience working with students in various grade levels, teaching in a hybrid classroom, and is a product of Catholic education herself. Ms. Yoon is extremely eager to start her third year

of teaching 5th grade in "America's finest city." Her new 5th grade classroom will be located in the former extended care room and science lab next to Mrs. Gallardo's 6th grade classroom. Our new middle school math and intervention teacher, Mr. Andrew Hitchcock, will be teaching from the former 5th grade classroom and new learning support room this year for our diverse learners in our Student Success Team (SST) Learning Support program. We are fortunate that he was placed at Holy Trinity School and will be guided and mentored by both Grand Canyon University and myself to complete his final student teaching assignment. His passion and enthusiasm for teaching math, helping students, and serving God, make him a great fit for our junior high and HT team. In addition to teaching math to students in grades 6-8, he will also be providing individualized support to students currently in our SST Learning Support Program. Mrs. Kerr, our middle school social studies teacher, will also be joining him in providing support to our SST students to help strengthen their reading and writing skills.



We bid farewell to Mrs. Victoria Chetcuti, as she pursued an opportunity at a local public school. We truly appreciated the time, effort, and service she dedicated to our school, and wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

We all look forward to being able to gather and celebrate *together* again with *all* of our school families on campus this upcoming school year. God continues to bless and guide us throughout this unique time, and I have no doubt that He will continue to do so because God is good all the time! And all the time, God is good! As Fr. Rey likes to say, "Do good and be good!" I hope you all continue to enjoy your summer break off with your families! Take care!

Together in Mission,  
Mrs. Marentez



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SAN DIEGO

## **COVID-19 Updates/Community Resources**

- [VaxTeen](#)
  - ◇ VaxTeen communicates directly with teenagers and young adults to counter this dangerous tide of misinformation, encouraging those who are unvaccinated to catch up on vaccines as soon as they can by helping them find out what immunizations they need and how they can get them.
- **New!** [MMWR: Infection in School Employees After Vaccination Program](#)
  - ◇ Weekly SARS-CoV-2 antigen screening tests required of all employees returning for in-school instruction in the School District of Philadelphia found a 95% lower percentage of positive test results among persons who reported receipt of 2 doses of COVID-19 mRNA vaccine (0.09%) than among those who were unvaccinated (1.77%). Efforts to promote COVID-19 vaccination among school staff members before the upcoming 2021–22 school year will be foundational to ensure a safe learning environment.

## **Fun for Students & Families**

- **New!** [Family End of Summer Palooza - Grossmont Healthcare District](#)
  - ◇ Aug 3 - 5 | The event is *FREE* to attend and will include free back to school supplies, health activities, and fun prizes given away each day!
- **New!** [Out & About North County](#) | [Spanish Flyer](#)
  - ◇ An opportunity for area youth & young adults, ages 5 to 25, to safely explore exciting recreational activities in North San Diego County (such as rock-climbing, horse adventures, indoor sky diving, and golf). Registration includes: Transportation to and from activity locations, lunch (weekends) and snacks (after school); Recreational and safety equipment; Professional instruction and guided exploration; Face masks provided as needed. Registration is limited to one event per person.



- **New!** [Summer Reading App Challenge for Military Families](#)
  - ◇ United Through Reading is a FREE service for Active Duty, National Guard, Reservists, and Veterans. Download the UTR App and send stories to your children, niece, nephew, younger sibling, and any child in your life. Enter the Summer App Recording Challenge and receive gifts and prizes along the way. Ends August 31, 2021. For more information, please visit [United Through Reading](#).
- [Summer Movies in the Park](#) – Free family fun
  - ◇ Summer Movies in the Park is a perfect chance to relax and enjoy a safe and special night under the stars. Come early and get a good seat! The Summer Movies in the Park event series began in 2007 as a 'take back our parks' initiative, giving local residents a reason to visit their local county and city parks for a free and safe evening event.

### **Resources to Support Families**

- **New!** [California Will Launch The Nation's Largest Free Student Lunch Program](#)
- **New!** [Parenting in a Pandemic: Tips to Keep the Calm at Home](#)
- **New!** [Financial Support for Current and Former Foster Youth](#)
  - ◇ Current and former foster youth between the ages of 18-20 qualify for \$600 and 21-26 but not yet 27 year-olds qualify for \$1,500. JBAY has worked with our youth advocates and the California Department of Social Services to create an [FAQ, Flyer, and Outreach Toolkit](#) for California.
- [Disability Help Center San Diego](#)
  - ◇ Resources, legal representation, and help applying for social security disability benefits, and more!
- [CalHOPE](#)
  - ◇ CalHOPE Connect offers safe, secure, and culturally sensitive emotional support for all Californians who may need support relating to COVID-19. CalHope has live chat, hotline, and online resources.
- [Stuff the Bus Fundraiser](#)
  - ◇ More than 20,000 school-age children in San Diego County have been identified as homeless, and this population has been especially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. SDCOE and San Diego County Credit Union – along with iHeartMedia Inc., and Ralphs and Food 4 Less grocery stores – aim to collect online and in-store monetary donations to purchase much-needed pencils, pens, binders, crayons, backpacks, and more during the Stuff the Bus campaign. Just \$25 can buy a new backpack filled with supplies for a student experiencing homelessness -- and be one less thing for them to worry about.
- [Quick Cal-Fresh Online Application](#)
- CalFresh is California's food stamps (SNAP) program. Apply to get up to \$234 a month per household member on an EBT card.
- **New!** [Live Well on Wheels](#) -The Live WoW bus provides San Diego County residents access to a variety of health and community services on the go!
  - ◇ If you are interested in having the Live WoW at one of your events visit [LiveWellSD.org/Livewow](#) to learn more and follow the Live WoW on Twitter [@LiveWoWBus](#) to stay up to date on current events and activities the bus will be at.
- **New!** Youth Vaccine Video & Art Challenge Winners Announced
  - ◇ View the 7 youth winner submissions [here](#) including the platinum winning video "[The Perks of Getting Vaccinated](#)".
- **New!** [American Academy of Pediatrics Updates Recommendations for Opening Schools in Fall 2021](#)
  - ◇ In addition to vaccinations, the AAP recommends a layered approach to make school safe for all students, teachers and staff in the guidance [here](#). That includes a recommendation that everyone older than age 2 wear masks, regardless of vaccination status.
- **New!** [COVID-19 Vaccine Equity for Racial and Ethnic Minority Groups](#)
  - ◇ CDC is committed to COVID-19 vaccine equity, which is when everyone has fair and just access to COVID-19 vaccination. There are many social, geographic, political, economic, and environmental factors that create challenges to vaccination access and acceptance, and that often affect racial and ethnic minority groups.



- [California COVID-19 Rent Relief](#)

- ◊ California will cover 100% of overdue rent & utilities for low-income Californians with COVID-related economic hardship between April of last year through September of this year - the largest rent assistance program in the country.

## **Opportunities to Learn**

- **New!** [ASPPH Webinar: How Students Can Get Involved Now](#)

- ◊ August 4, 11:00 AM PT
- ◊ If you are considering the public health field, or currently studying public health, this webinar will help you understand what opportunities are available to you now, and after completing a master's in public health. This includes discussing some of the many interest areas that intersect with public health, as well as opportunities to explore and get experience in the field now.

- **New!** [Cal Coast Cares Foundation Educator Grant Applications Now Open](#)

- ◊ This year, the Cal Coast Cares Foundation will award \$40,000 in grants ranging from \$500 – \$2,000 per teacher. Applications are being accepted until Aug. 16 and can be completed conveniently online at the [Cal Coast website](#). The Cal Coast Cares Foundation Educator Grants are provided to teachers in K-12 public, private, or charter schools, community and state colleges/universities in San Diego or Riverside Counties with funds to support special classroom projects related to any of the STREAM fields (science, technology, reading, engineering, arts, and math).

- **New!** [San Diego County Library Launches New Website](#)

- ◊ Remember that your PIN is now the last 5 digits of the phone number associated with your account! Set up your MySDCL account at [sdcl.org](#) or ask your local branch for help. The library can connect you with books, e-books, audiobooks, e-magazines, movies & tv and so much more!

- **New!** [Schools as Voting Locations and Student Poll Workers](#)

- ◊ The shortage of voting locations and poll workers is a challenge facing local elections officials in California every election day. Campuses can be made available as a polling location, and students can be civically engaged and assist with the elections process, serving as poll workers

- [Teen Leadership Connections Camp](#)

- ◊ August 2nd - August 13th from 1-4 PM.
- ◊ Using a restorative approach to summer enrichment activities, the Teen Leadership Connections Camp is designed to nurture your social-emotional growth, connection to peers and school, and celebrate your unique individual identities, all while sharpening your skills to become leaders and changemakers in your schools and communities. Download the flyer [here](#).

**Summer Office Hours: 9am-12pm through 8/6/2021**  
**August 9-13 office hours will vary.**

### **WE ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU:**

Questions? Check out the [school website](#):

[www.holytrinityschoolcajon.com](#)

School:	(619) 444-7529	M-T-Th-F 7:30am-3:30pm
		Wednesday 7:30am-1pm
	(619) 444-3721	School FAX
Ministry Center:	(619) 444-9425	Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm
Preschool:	(619) 444-1052	Carol Furois, Director
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**Parish website:** [holyltrinityelcajon.org](#)

**Dennis Uniform:** [dennisuniform.com](#) (858) 573-1804

**FACTS Helpline:** (866) 441-4637



*Holy Trinity*  
*Diner en Blanc*  
*Saturday, September 18*

*Details to follow soon!*

### **ELECTRONICALLY ATTACHED**

*August & September Hot Lunch Menu*  
*Dennis Uniform*  
*Office for Schools Letter*



# Are You Ready?



It is our hope to have all the *Back to School* paperwork available on the first day of school.

Please do your part in getting them turned in! It is

imperative, especially when dealing with allergies and other health issues, that we be informed.

Parents interested in helping out in the classroom or driving on a field trip must be **CMG** approved beforehand. We are unsure if and when Covid restrictions may be lifted to permit any of these activities, but parents might want to be ready just in case. Along with completing the online course, parents must be Live Scanned. Please see Mrs. Ray or Mrs. Cota if you need the necessary paperwork/information.



CATHOLIC  
MUTUAL  
GROUP

**DENNIS**  
*school uniforms*

See the flyer for Dennis Uniform attached electronically. Skorts may not be pictured as approved uniform, but they are acceptable and upon request will be made available by Dennis Uniform.

Sweatpants do not have to be purchased from Dennis Uniform but must be navy blue in color.

## immunizations



Parents are required to submit updated immunization records prior to the start of school. Kindergarten students will not be allowed in the classroom if you have not submitted records.

Mrs. Ballard will be given a list of students not in compliance.

Parents of students entering seventh grade: Your child must have proof of the Tdap booster given after the child's 7th birthday. Mrs. Cota will contact you if she does not have the paperwork.



Although not required, parents of students 12 and older *may* submit proof of their child's Covid-19 vaccine. If a student is exposed to another student who has tested positive, this information will help guide us through the decision tree more efficiently.

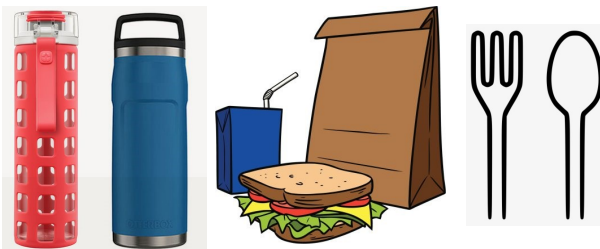


**DAILY:** Please provide your child(ren) with a snack for breaktime, a refillable water bottle, and a lunch with the utensils necessary (spoon/fork).

Hot lunch will begin August 23 and is preordered and only ordered for the exact number needed. There are no EXTRA lunches.



A hot lunch menu is electronically attached for your convenience and is due Friday, August 6. This menu is double-sided for August and September and must be signed. Don't miss out!



## SCHOOL UNIFORM



## USED UNIFORM SALE FOR STUDENTS K-8!

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There will be a Used Uniform sale **Tuesday, August 3** from 6-7:30pm at the lunch tables. Parents are encouraged to take advantage of the abundance of uniforms readily available and at a huge savings to you! Cash or checks accepted for this sale.

## PRESCHOOL



Friday August 6 for the 2's & 3's  
Ms. Sevriana & Ms. Vicki

Monday, August 9 for Pre-K  
Ms. Mayra



Back to School Night for Preschool is **Thursday, August 26** at 6pm. This evening is for parents only; childcare will not be available.



What time is it? It's time for a **Welcome Back BBQ!** We look forward to seeing you **Saturday, August 14**, from 1-3pm for food and fun!



Back to School Night is set for **Monday, August 16** at 6pm in the Parish Hall. This is an evening for parents only; masks are to be worn. After an informal meeting, parents will be dismissed to their child(ren)'s classroom to meet the teacher.



The Welcome Back Mass is **Tuesday, August 17** at 9am. School uniforms are not mandatory for this Mass and parents are welcome! Everyone is required to wear a mask. After Mass, students in grades K-8, with the help of their parents, may drop off school supplies to the classroom.



**Wednesday,  
August 18  
8am**

Students must be in uniform.  
**No PE uniforms.**



We will kick off our first day of school with an 8am assembly presented by the Student Council. **Parents are welcome to attend the 8am morning assemblies throughout the year!** Masks are optional because assemblies are held outdoors. Likewise, parents are welcome to attend the end of the week send-off prayer (2:40pm on full days/11:55am on noon dismissal days).

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday (August 18, 19, 20) are noon dismissal days. Extended care is available until 6pm.