



Holy Trinity Catholic School - 80 Edward St. S. PO Box 427 - Pierz, MN - (320) 468-6446 - www.holytrinitypierz.org
November 23, 2021

LITURGY SCHEDULE

8:30 **Wed.**, Nov. 24 Mr. Wolters & 6th grade
8:30 **Fri.**, Dec. 3rd Mrs. Miller & 4th Grade
8:30 **Wed.**, Dec. 8th Mrs. Gangl & 3rd Grade
Immaculate Conception
8:30 **Fri.**, Dec. 17th Mrs. Lanners & 2nd Grade

PLAN AHEAD

NOVEMBER

24- Reconciliation Grades 3 & 5
22/24- 1st grade on K-YES radio (AM1180 FM 93.5,
7:40am, 9:40am & 3:40pm)
24- 1st Graders on Spirit 92.9 (7:10am, 9:30am,
5:30pm)
24- All School Thanksgiving Meal
25/26- No School & No HTKP
30-Wacky Dress up day chosen by 5th grade
Wear wacky socks, hair, jewelry/accessories,
clothes, shoes and/or wacky hats (no regular
caps or hats)

30-Keep Christ in Christmas Posters Due

DECEMBER

1- Vision and Hearing testing
1- St. Nick Night Boutique from 3:30-7:30 in HT gym
7- Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Judging
10- Early Release
Bus pick up @1:00
Parent Pick up @ 1:05
15- Christmas Program 1 & 7pm
24- Jan. 2- No School: Christmas Break
Jan. 3- School Resumes

GIVING TREE

If you want to take a tag, please do so by **TOMORROW!** If you have taken a tag from our giving tree, please return the tag with the **unwrapped** item in a bag and place it under the tree by Dec. 10th! Thank you for your help and generosity!

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

Below are the guidelines for outside dress:
55* and warmer- short sleeves allowed
35-55*- long sleeves, jacket, or layer clothing
35* and below- winter coat, hat & gloves
Snow requires a jacket, snow pants, hat, mittens and boots. Grades 5 & 6 can choose not to wear snow pants, but will have to play on the tar.

NOMINATE A CATHOLIC SCHOOL TEACHER

See the link to nominate one of our teachers!
<https://www.catholicfinanciallife.org/join/givebackcontest>

PLAN FOR MAKEUP WORK WHEN GONE

**If a student becomes ill at school and goes home during the day, the child's teacher may send things home if able. If the child gets sick at home and doesn't come to school that day, work can be picked up that day between the hours of 3:30 and 5:00 so that the teacher has enough time to get it ready. The student should make up his/her work when feeling better and able to do so.

**If a student is home due to being in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID, work can be picked up at the school between the hours of 3:30-5 as long as the school is notified that morning. If notification to the teacher regarding a positive COVID test isn't until the afternoon, the work can be picked up the following day between 8am and 5pm.

***If a student is going to be gone on vacation, the teacher should be notified beforehand, and work should be made up according to the request of the teacher.

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GREETINGS FROM MRS. LITKE

COVID cases are high in the state of MN. HT continues with appropriate cleaning and disinfection regularly and to provide ventilation in classrooms. HT has to follow the requirements set by the diocese which include quarantining all close contacts. A close contact is someone who is within 6 ft. for a total of 15 minutes throughout the day. For this reason, it is difficult to eliminate students in the class as a close contact. As a parent/guardian, you have the following options if you don't want to have to worry about quarantining:

1. Vaccination- those who are fully vaccinated do not have to quarantine unless they have symptoms.
2. Masking- if both the COVID positive person and the close contact are masked, the close contact wouldn't have to quarantine.

The goal at HTCS is to do our best to educate students in person as much as possible while keeping everyone safe and healthy.

HT and the diocese have not required masking at this time, and it continues to be voluntary. However, we understand that quarantining at home for extended periods of time is a hardship for many. Therefore, the staff at HT have committed to doing the best we can to accommodate those who would like to proceed at this time with a mask to avoid close contact situations. These accommodations include:

- spaced but not isolated seating at lunch
- group work with those that are masked
- seating with others that are masked

I am very aware that there are many strong feelings on this matter. Please note that none of the above is a requirement but rather an option. I realize that not all are going to do any of the above and will continue to operate as usual. This is an acceptable choice. Please note that if you choose to continue without vaccination or a mask and there is a case of COVID in your child's classroom, your child will most likely have to quarantine at home for the recommended number of days. I want your child to be able to be here for all of the fun activities that are happening in December and for you all to be able to enjoy Christmas with your families without having to worry about contacting COVID at school. Our staff at HTCS want you to know that we are here for you to do what we can to make that happen.

COVID VACCINATION INFORMATION

From Nurse Robyn: Pfizer was given emergency use authorization for the pediatric vaccine (ages 5-11) by the FDA, ACIP, and CDC after an extensive data review. All children 5 and up are now eligible for vaccination. Below are local resources for COVID vaccination.

Essentia Health Pierz- call for an appointment - 320-468-2587

Thrifty White Pierz - pediatric doses available, book online

<https://www.thriftywhite.com/seasonal-vaccine>

CHI Family Medical Center - Little Falls - call for appointment - 320-631-7000

Coborn's Pharmacy Little Falls - book online

<https://book.securedata-trans.com/ctj32n14/#/>

Walgreen's Little Falls - book appointments online

https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid/19/landing?vaccineType=covid?ban=R122_covidboosters_header_scheduler

JARED TOMALA TOY DRIVE

Holy Trinity is once again teaming up with the Tomala Family for the 16th annual Toy Drive in memory of Jared Tomala, a previous student at HTCS who passed away from cancer. Jared's family is collecting toys to donate to families at Children's hospital in Minneapolis and the Ronald McDonald House for Christmas. There is a large box by our giving tree in the entry way for collecting donations now through December 17th. Monetary donations should be sent to the office or can be called into F&M Bank in care of the Jared Tomala Toy Drive Account.