

Holy Trinity Athletics



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Athletic Program here at Holy Trinity. The objective of this overview is to provide you with a general outline of what components comprise the Holy Trinity Athletic Program. My hope is that this will answer many of the questions that you may have.

Open communication is vital to the success of the Holy Trinity Athletic program. Your participation, and input as a parent is essential if we are going to be successful in continuing to build a program that meets the needs of our children. If you should have any ideas or suggestions to improve the program please contact any of the individuals listed below.

Athletic Program Contacts

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Boosters President	Rick Kloska	(h) 453-6005 (c) 485-5400	rickkloska@comcast.net
Boosters Vice President	Terry Jost	(h) 887-2495 (c) 481-2516	Terry.jost@gfs.com

Should you as a parent have any issue, or concern with anything related to your child's participation in a particular sport, we request that you first address that with your child's coach. If this does not correct the situation, please feel free to then contact the Athletic or Assistant Athletic Director. For those issues related to fundraising or participating in the Holy Trinity Athletic Boosters please contact the Boosters President or Vice President.

Grand Rapids Area Catholic Elementary Athletic Council (GRACEAC).

Holy Trinity is an active member in the 25 School Grand Rapids Area Catholic Elementary Athletic Council (GRACEAC). GRACEAC is the governing agent of all interscholastic athletic programs participated in by any member of the Catholic elementary schools of the Grand Rapids Area. As a member, Holy Trinity abides by all published rules and regulation of this council.

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Holy Trinity Athletic Programs:

Through GRACEAC, Holy Trinity offers a comprehensive sports program for both boys and girls in the 5th-8th grades.

The athletic programs that are offered are as follows;

<i>Season</i>	<i>Sports</i>	<i>Practice Starts</i>	<i>Season Ends</i>
<i>Fall Season</i>	Boys Football, Girls Volleyball, Boys Soccer, Cross Country.	Mid August	End of October
<i>Winter Season</i>	Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Sideline Cheer, Competitive Cheer	Mid November	Mid March
<i>Spring Season</i>	Boys Baseball, Girls Softball, , Girls Soccer, Co-ed Track	Mid March	Late May

* Please note that Holy Trinity will make every effort to field teams for all sports that are offered. However, should there be a lack of participants, or coaches we will do our best to place those children with another local GRACEAC school who is fielding a team in that particular activity. Final determinations for teams will be made as far in advance of the season as possible.

Holy Trinity Athletic Program Philosophy

The purpose of the athletic program at Holy Trinity is to complement the home, church and school in the development of the “whole person”. Activities of the program are for the benefit of the children, suited to their age and physical growth. At Holy Trinity the Athletic program will provide a variety of student athletic opportunities intended for the positive development of all participants.

The primary function of the Holy Trinity athletic program is not the development of exceptional athletes or championship teams. Rather, it must be the development of student athletes who genuinely display the Christian qualities of good sportsmanship and fair play in every aspect of life.

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Goals of the Holy Trinity Athletic Program

- Instill into each student athlete the Christian characteristics of humility, sportsmanship, and integrity.
- Incorporate PRAYER into each game and practice session.
- Promote the enhancement of self-esteem in all athletes.
- Stress the importance of teamwork; reliance on and dedication to, all teammates.
- Provide a variety of athletic opportunities that will challenge and motivate each athlete to do their best.
- Increase the Fitness level of each athlete by incorporating physical exercise and conditioning to each practice.
- Teach the fundamental skills and knowledge of each sport, and build on these at each grade level.
- Meet the Holy Trinity mandated playing time requirements at ALL times.
- Reward additional playing time above and beyond the Holy Trinity minimums based on displayed positive behaviors. I.E. Work habits, positive attitude, attendance, improved skill level, scholastic performance, Christian behavior.

As in the academic arena, the Holy Trinity Athletic Program follows a “building block” approach in each athletic activity.

Grades 5-6 Focus on teaching fundamentals and allowing maximum participation of all participants.

Grades 7-8 Increased fundamental skill development while introducing the athletes into a competitive team environment.

Academic Requirements

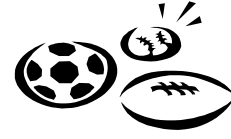
Each student participating in athletics will be subject to eligibility. Eligibility will be based on two categories: Academic and Conduct.

Academics: if a student’s cumulative grade for the quarter falls below a “C” average in ANY subject area eligibility will be invoked

Conduct: relates to behavior. If a student has been involved in a REPEATED behavior problem or a MAJOR OFFENSE (see Levels), eligibility will be invoked.

Major Offenses such as vandalism, destruction of school property, stealing, disrespect, truancy, etc... will invoke the eligibility and the student will be ineligible for a period of time determined by the school administrator.

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Athletic Code of Conduct

The Holy Trinity athletic program, as a vital part of the total education program, supports the school mission by making positive contributions to the development of the participants, spectators, school, and community. Every student will have an equal opportunity to participate in the privilege of Holy Trinity athletics.

Student-athletes participating in Holy Trinity sports have a responsibility to comply with team rules, school policies, and GRACEAC guidelines. Participation in athletics is a privilege granted to those who work hard and follow the rules. It is not a right simply because you are enrolled in the school. Our athletes conduct is closely observed on and off the competitive fields, therefore it is imperative that they act responsibly to reflect positively on themselves, their family, and their school.

Playing Time Requirements

The following minimum time requirements for game play meet or exceed the guidelines established by the Grand Rapids Area Catholic Elementary Athletic Council. These are mandatory requirements. Coaches must provide *at least* the following playing time for each student. Exceptions to Holy Trinity's minimums can be granted by the athletic director and would be based on the number of players

Sport	Grade	Minimum time per Game
Baseball	5 th Grade thru 8 th Grade	3 full innings in the Field. * Rocket Rule for batting
Basketball (Girls & Boys)	5 th Grade	Equal Playing Time*
	6 th Grade	Equal Playing Time*
	7 th Grade	6 Minutes
	8 th Grade	6 Minutes
Cheerleading	5 th Grade thru 8 th Grade	1 Full Half
Football	5 th Grade thru 8 th Grade	8 Plays
Soccer (Girls & Boys)	5 th Grade thru 8 th Grade	30 Minutes
Softball	5 th Grade thru 8 th Grade	3 full innings in the Field. * Rocket Rule for batting
Track	5 th Grade thru 8 th Grade	2 Events per Meet
	5 th Grade	Equal Playing Time*
	6 th Grade	Equal Playing Time*
	7 th Grade	6 Serves Per Game (on the court)
Volleyball	8 th Grade	6 Serves Per Game (on the court)

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*The purpose of “Equal Playing Time” is intended to insure all students have the opportunity to play the same amount of time during a game without regard to skill or ability. However, coaches will have discretion in applying this rule based on a child exhibiting disrespectful attitude and behaviors towards their coach, teammates or opposing players during games or practices

Participation in Extracurricular Activities

Holy Trinity encourages students to have the opportunity for a broad range of experiences in extracurricular activities. This is a personal choice you and your child must make together. We ask that you consider the potential conflict in attending Holy Trinity practices or games that may arise as you determine their ability to participate in various activities.

Attendance at Practice and Games

An integral part of any team is the relationship between players and their knowledge of each other’s abilities and tendencies. Because each player and coach makes sacrifices by committing his or her time to the team, allowing individuals to miss an over abundance practices is not fair

Communication of Absences

Notification should be made in ADVANCE whenever possible. Written or verbal notification of excused absences must be communicated to the coach by the student’s parents or guardian. Communication from the student is NOT acceptable.

Any student that is absent from school for the day, will be ineligible to participate in any athletic event that day, including practices, games and or tournament games. If a student is absent from school on a Friday, they will be eligible to participate in any athletic activities occurring on the weekend.

School Day Emergency Cancellations

If school has been cancelled due to weather or other emergencies, there will be no **mandatory** practices or games taking place that day or evening. Should school be cancelled on a Friday due to weather or other emergencies, the Principals of the participating schools will make the decision to have the games played that Saturday or to cancel the games and have the Athletic Directors reschedule the games for another time. The Athletic Director will contact the coaches and have them call their team and let them know the status of the game.

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Required Forms

The following forms must be completed and on file prior to any student athlete being allowed to participate in any Holy Trinity Athletic activity.

- Holy Trinity Consent and Interest Form
- Student Physical form. Must be dated after May 15th of the upcoming school year
- Student Athletic Code of Conduct Form
- Emergency Information Form.

Parental Involvement

Not only does your direct involvement with your child's team add to the positive experience that athletics provide for your son or daughter, it also helps to build a stronger athletic community here at Holy Trinity.

One of the ways you can be involved is as a coach. No experience is necessary, only a desire to assure that the children are having fun, that they are learning the fundamentals of the game, and that they are working together towards a common goal as Christian athletes. We are always in need of coaches so please carefully consider this option to actively participate in the program.

Holy Trinity Website

The athletic program utilizes the Holy Trinity website as a source of sharing information. Examples of information found on the website are announcements, game schedules, maps to the various GRACEAC Schools, Holy Trinity policies, and forms, Athletic Boosters information as well as other valuable information. Please visit the website at <http://www.holytrinity-catholic.net/>

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GRACEAC MEMEBER SCHOOLS

School	Address	Telephone Number
All Saints Academy (Gr K-4)	2233 Diamond. Grand Rapids MI 49505	(616) 364 -9453
All Saints Academy (Gr 5-8)	1110 4 mile Road. Grand Rapids, MI 49505	(616) 363-7725
Assumption	6393 Belmont. Belmont, MI 49306	(616) 361 -5483
Corpus Christi	112100 Quincy St. Holland, MI 49424	(616) 994 - 9864
Holy Name	1650 Godfrey. Wyoming, MI 49509	(616) 243 -1126
Holy Spirit	2222 Lake Michigan Dr. Grand Rapids, MI 49504	(616) 453 -2772
Holy Trinity	1304 Alpine Church Rd. Comstock Park, MI 49321	(616) 784-0896
Immaculate Heart of Mary	1951 Plymouth. Grand Rapids, MI 49506	(616) 241 -4633
Our Lady of Consolation	4865 11 Mile Rd. Rockford, MI 49341	(616) 866-2427
Rockford Christian	6060 Belding Rd Rockford, Mi 49341	(616) 874 9890
Sacred Heart	140 Valley NW. Grand Rapids, MI 49504	(616) 459-0948
St Anthony	2510 Richmond. Grand Rapids, MI 49504	(616) 453-4062
St Charles	502 S. Franklin Street, Greenville, Mi 48838	616-754-3416
St John Vianney	4101 Clyde Park. Grand Rapids, MI 49509	(616) 532-7001
St Joseph-Wright	18768 8th Ave. Conklin, MI 49403	(616) 899-5300
St Mary's Spring Lake	421 E. Exchange ST. Spring Lake, MI 49456	(616) 842-1282
St Michael's - Coopersville	17150 88th Ave. Coopersville, MI 49404	(616) 837-8580
St Patrick's - Parnell	4333 Parnell. Ada, MI 49301	(616) 691-8833
St Paul the Apostle	2750 Burton. Grand Rapids, MI 4956	(616) 949-1690
St Peter & Paul (GR)	1433 Hamilton NW. Grand Rapids, MI 49504	(616) 454-5811
St Peter & Paul (Ionia)	317 Baldie St. Ionia, MI 48846	(616) 527-3561
St Stephens	740 Gladstone. Grand Rapids, MI 49506	(616) 243-9013
St Thomas the Apostle	1429 Wilcox Park Dr. Grand Rapids, MI 49506	(616) 458-4228
GRACEAC Website	http://www.graceac.com/index.htm	
	Hotline & Weather cancellation Telephone	(616) 456-9563

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Holy Trinity Athletic Boosters

The Holy Trinity Athletic Boosters was established in 1994 to help provide funding and volunteer support for athletic programs here at Holy Trinity Catholic School, WITHOUT the use of SCHOOL or PARISH Funding.

Without the volunteer and financial support of this organization, Holy Trinity Students in Grades 5 – 7 would not have the opportunity to participate in athletic programs in the Grand Rapids Area Catholic Athletic Conference.

Purpose of the Boosters

1. Provide facilities, equipment, uniforms, and league entry fees.
2. Raise funds to support these activities.
3. Promote these activities.
4. Recognize achievements of those participating in the program.
5. Provide funding for the Holy Trinity Athletic Boosters Scholar Athlete Award.
6. Work the gym concession stand at least THREE TIMES per school year.
7. Meet three to six times per year as scheduled.

Membership

ALL Parents who have students who participate in Athletic Programs here at Holy Trinity. All other interested parties (i.e.: Aunts, Uncles, Grandparents, Alumni, etc.)

Annual Budget

The average annual budget to run the Athletic program over the last 11 years has been approximately \$16,000. Three main fundraisers primarily fund this budget. They are the Barrel Raffle, Holy Trinity Calendar sale & Concessions. As the expenses to run the program continue to increase, it is crucial that these fundraisers continue to be successful.

Board Membership- Elected 2 year terms

President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Concessions, & Uniform Coordinator

Committee Positions

Barrel Raffle Captains (2 couples), Calendar Sale Chair, Banquet Chair, Physical's Chair.

It is critical to the continuation of the Holy Trinity Athletic program as we know it today that you fully support and participate in the Holy Trinity Athletic and Booster programs. It is through your involvement as coaches, chairpersons, concession workers, game managers etc that we will be able to assure the continued success of these main fundraisers, as well as that of the overall athletic program. **Please plan on fully participating!!!**