



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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The “OG” Approach

When Holy Trinity Clifton opened its doors to Catholic students with language-based learning differences/dyslexia, we thoroughly researched what methods of instruction would be best for our enrolled population. Without a doubt, the Orton-Gillingham approach was backed by research and findings of successful intervention. We embarked on making this the cornerstone of our program, training staff at a clinical level and requiring ongoing professional development and continuing education hours to hold

credentials that would make us a leader in the field of reading remediation through Orton-Gillingham.

So what is the “OG” approach, why is it so widely recommended for dyslexic instruction and why does it work?

In the world of education, effective reading instruction is crucial for developing strong literacy skills. Originally designed to help students with dyslexia, this approach has proven effective for learners of all backgrounds.

The Orton-Gillingham method was developed in the 1930s by Dr. Samuel Orton and educator Anna Gillingham. The Orton-Gillingham approach is a systematic, explicit method of teaching reading, writing, and spelling. It emphasizes the connection between sounds (phonemes) and letters (graphemes), providing a foundation for decoding words. It takes into account the significant amount of research about how the brain works. By identifying strengths and areas of concern in students, we can best develop a plan to support their reading acquisition journey.

The Key Principles of the Orton-Gillingham Approach include:

1. **Structured Literacy:** OG follows a specific sequence of instruction, moving from simple to complex concepts. This structure helps build confidence and skills progressively.
2. **Multisensory Techniques:** The approach engages multiple senses—visual, auditory, and kinesthetic. Students may use letter tiles, write in sand, or say sounds aloud, which reinforces learning through various channels.
3. **Individualized Instruction:** OG recognizes that each learner is unique. Lessons are tailored to meet individual needs, allowing students to progress at their own pace. “We progress the students as quick as we can but as slow as we must”
4. **Direct and Explicit Teaching:** Skills and concepts are taught directly and clearly. This explicit instruction helps students understand the 'why' and 'how' behind reading and the rules that go along with “cracking the code” to reading. Explicit instruction is provided in phonology and phonological awareness, sound-symbol correspondence, syllables, morphology, syntax, and semantics.
5. **Diagnostic and Prescriptive:** Teachers assess students to identify their specific challenges. Based on these assessments, instruction is adjusted to target areas where students may struggle.

Reading is a foundational skill that affects academic success and lifelong learning. It impacts all disciplines for which we teach in a traditional academic setting. The research is proven and those of us who implement it have seen firsthand the impact it can have on reading success, confidence building, and overall love for learning.

Holy Trinity Clifton plans to host a session for parents, practitioners, teachers, and anyone else interested in learning more about how the Orton-Gillingham approach is delivered. Please look for upcoming dates in late October when you can join us at the Holy Trinity Clifton Theater to learn more!

If you have questions or want to learn more, please call me at 502-896-8480 or email me at pwatkins@ht-school.org.

Blessings, Paula Watkins
Holy Trinity Catholic School Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Please see the school calendar at the button below for the most up-to-date information regarding upcoming meetings and events.

CALENDAR

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Sat. : 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am
11:00 am
6:30 pm

Confession:
Every Sat. : 3:30-4:30 pm

Parish Bulletin

Vision Statement of Holy Trinity Catholic School

To be a school of excellence that encompasses the whole child by modeling Jesus through our Catholic teachings, commitment to academics, service to the community, and devotion as life-long servants of God.

PICTURE DAY RE-SCHEDULED

We have rescheduled Picture Day for October 25th for both campuses.

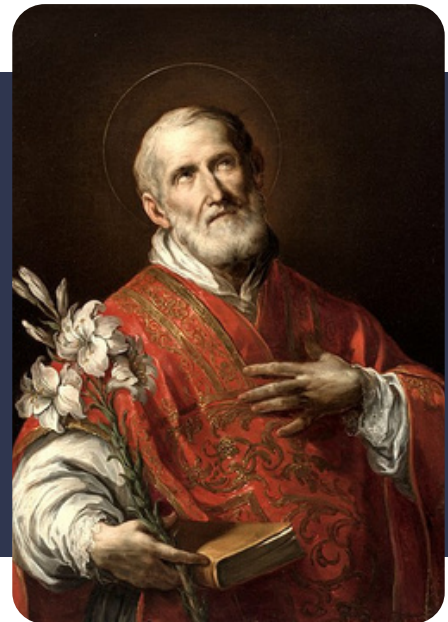
RECEIVING NOTIFICATIONS FROM SCHOOL

We received word from a few people that they did not receive the notification about school being closed on Friday. In order to receive emergency notifications, follow the steps listed below:

- When you log on to myHTTPS, you will see a drop down at the top right by your name. Select Settings and then click on Notifications.
- Go to Announcements Posted and check the box for email and/or text. You will be given instructions to register your phone number, if it is not already in the system.
- You can also do the same for News Posted.

If you have any trouble with this or any other issues, please call the school office.

SHARING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL



Hello again, parents!

This month's **Sharing the Joy of the Gospel** focus on joyfulness can be a challenge when faced with trials of annoyance, loss, anxiety, injustice, and more. We get distracted and so easily forget that each of us is loved infinitely and unconditionally by our merciful Father, who sent His only Son to die for us! He cares for you and every little part of your everyday life– even the piles of laundry.

St. Philip Neri faced many hardships, from work problems to physical ailments. Despite these hardships, he was known for his generosity and joy as he invited others closer to Christ. He prayed earnestly for virtue, and God actually made his heart grow in his chest! While God will (most likely) not do that for all of us, He will give us all the grace we need to live joyfully. Trust in the Lord's grace, as you try some of the suggestions in our resources like **practicing gratitude as a family**.

This can be done by establishing daily or weekly gratitude practices, such as each family member sharing something they're thankful for or even writing thank you notes. This can be done around the dinner table or before bedtime. Sharing what we are grateful for increases our own joy and invites others to feel it, too!

We will be praying for you and with you as we all strive to grow in joyfulness this month!

Sincerely,
Nathan Hadsall
Interim Communications Manager
<http://htparish.org/joy>

SCHOOL NEWS

Friendzy

We are in the second unit of Friendzy. Time flies when you are having fun! This month we are teaching the students the Catchphrase LISTEN UP! In this unit we will learn about Whole Body Listening; learning to listen with our whole selves so that others feel seen, heard, and valued. For more info on this unit click [here](#).

JumpStart Bridge

With the help of [JumpStart Bridge](#), a nonprofit that will provide teacher manuals, student workbooks, and playing cards needed to learn and play, our school can start a Bridge Club for students interested in learning to play Bridge. First, we need club moderators. These two adults can learn alongside the students, no previous experience is required. If this is something you or a grandparent/family friend would be interested in doing on a day of the week you choose, from 3 - 4 pm, please contact our Director of Student Activities, [Ashley Davenport](#), to learn more. Stipends for the teacher are available if at least 8 kids participate in 16 classes.

Pet Blessing

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for our annual Pet Blessing, to honor St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day. This year, we'll have the blessings on Thursday, Oct. 3 (as our Walk is on his feast day, Oct. 4). St. Matthews will gather in their large parking lot at 8 am, while Clifton will gather at 2 pm in their parking lot. Parents can bring pets in carriers or on short leashes only (no extendable leashes). All pet owners are expected to pick up their pet's waste, so please bring bags.

PTS Conferences & Fall Break

PTS Conferences will be held on Monday, October 7th from 2:00-6:00pm and on Wednesday, October 9th from 2:00-6:00pm. There will be an early dismissal (1:00pm) on both days. If you have not done so, please [Click here to sign up for P-T-S Conferences!](#) Please sign up by October 2nd at 8:00 am. NOTE: After October 2nd, you will need to email the teacher directly to schedule a time.

Thursday, October 10th is a regular school day. There will be no school on Friday, October 11th and on Monday, October 14th for Fall Break.

Blood Drive!

Give blood. Help save lives. Holy Trinity's Health Ministry is hosting a blood drive, Monday, October 14th, 2024, 12pm-5pm in the MPB. Principals Jack Richards and Paula Watkins have agreed to a dress down day for the class that has the largest number of parents and/or grandparents participation. One class from each campus will win. Help your child's class to win, while making a difference in someone's life. We ask you to donate blood on October 14th.

To schedule an appointment: Go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: HolyTrinityLouisville or call 1-800-RED CROSS to schedule an appointment today.

Cafeteria

When sending in payments to be put on your child's lunch account, checks are preferable. If you do send in cash, please be sure it is in a sealed envelope with the child's name, amount of cash included, and lunch number written on the envelope. Thank you.

PTA NEWS

Trivia Night

Save The Date for Trivia on Friday, Nov. 8! This is always a fun event that sells out every year. Food trucks, social hour, and table decorating begins at 6pm. Trivia starts at 8pm sharp! Theme this year is TV Shows, Movies, & Music Videos. Info on tickets coming soon.

Volunteer for our Annual Eagle Walk Celebration

Join in the celebration as a volunteer at Eagle Walk on Friday, October 4! Sign up below.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/508044FABAD2BA6FC1-51336192-eagle>

Last week to donate!!! Friday before Spring Break Day Off

We are still trying to raise over \$20,000 for our goal to get the day before SPRING BREAK off.

If you would still like to donate to our 2024 Annual Fund that helps every student at BOTH campuses, please click the link below. Thank you so much to all the families that have given. <https://ht-school.org/give-now/>

Eagle Walk - Important Information

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR EAGLE WALK – OCTOBER 4

We can't wait to celebrate our Annual Fund Eagle Walk on October 4 at 12:45 p.m.! Please read the following information regarding walk day logistics and school dismissal after the event. Parents and families are welcome to attend and may arrive at 12:30 p.m. Please see below regarding parking.

EAGLE WALK T-SHIRTS

All students will receive a new Holy Trinity t-shirt with our motto: Bloom where you are Planted. On Friday, October 4, all students should wear this t-shirt to school with resource day bottoms.

COLOR SPRAY

The Eagle Walk will have various color stations where students will be sprayed with bright color powder. The powder is made of cornstarch, baking soda, and food safe dyes; it is non-toxic and free of heavy metals. Students who do not wish to be sprayed should stay further away from the color stations during the walk and cross their arms across their chests to signify that they do not want to be sprayed. At the end of the walk, students may choose to have the color blown off by a volunteer using a leaf blower. The color washes off clothes, skin, and hair. If you are concerned about color transfer, you may wish to pack a towel in your child's backpack or in your car that day.

SCHOOL DISMISSAL

Because the walk is in the afternoon and students may be sprayed with color, students will remain outside and not re-enter the building at the end of the day. When students come outside for the walk, they will leave their backpacks and any other items outside in designated areas along the building (a volunteer will keep an eye on them during the event). Teachers will be outside with their homerooms to sign out any student whose parent attends the walk and wishes to leave from the walk and take the student home. Any student who leaves the school property before 2:40 p.m. must be signed out by a parent with the student's homeroom teacher!

Eagle Walk - Important Information

At 2:40 p.m., dismissal will occur in a slightly different pattern than normal and will occur in the following order:

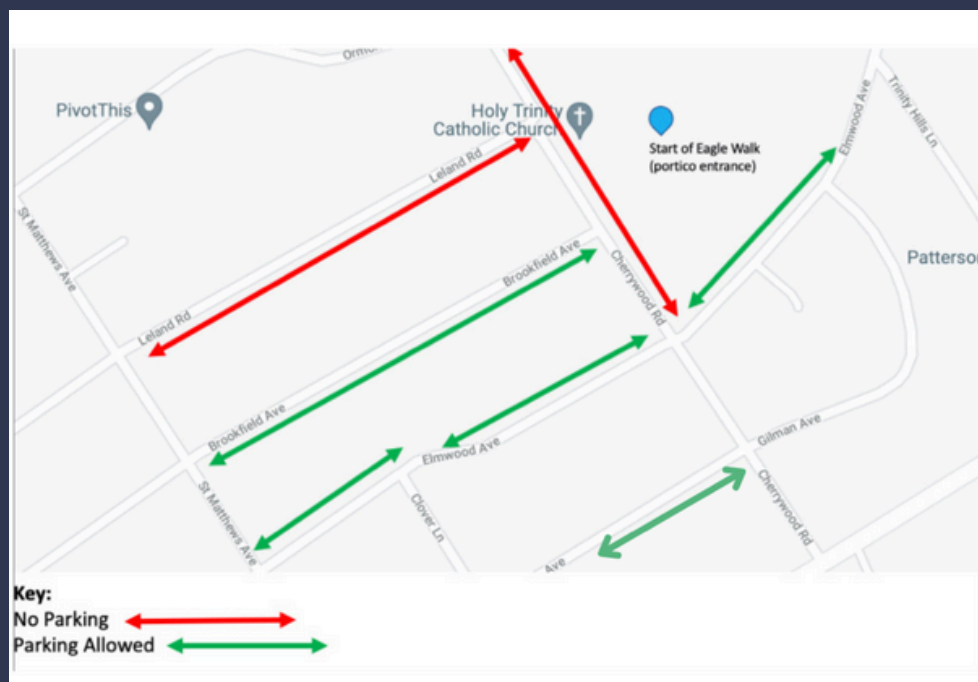
- Walkers will be dismissed first at 2:40 p.m. Parents, if your child walks home, he or she may be home a few minutes earlier than normal.
- Bus riders will make their way to the busses parked in their normal spots in front of the AFR, but busses may depart school grounds a few minutes later than usual.
- Carpool students will remain in front of the portico while cars are loaded into the parking lot. For any driver who will be picking up students at carpool, please proceed down Leland Road only. We expect all carpool vehicles to line up on Leland and await entry into the school parking lot once it is safe to do so.

WALK PARKING

If you plan to attend the Eagle Walk with your child, please park on one of the following streets:

- Brookfield Avenue
- Elmwood Avenue
- Gilman Avenue
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Please park on one side of the street ONLY to allow for neighborhood traffic to pass on the other side. Please DO NOT PARK on Cherrywood Road or Leland Road (these routes are needed for busses and carpool traffic), or in the Maryhill subdivision, as the walk route goes through the neighborhood



Parish News

Christmas Eve Children's Choir

The Christmas Eve Children's Choir will sing prelude music beginning at 3:15 p.m. before 4:00 p.m. Mass. Children will then be able to sit with their families during the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve.

Rehearsal time: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. in church

Rehearsal dates:

- Tuesday, October 22
- Tuesday, October 29
- Tuesday, November 19
- Tuesday, December 3
- Tuesday, December 10
- Tuesday, December 17
- Tuesday, December 24 @ 3:00 p.m.

All students and children in grades 2-8 are invited to join! All materials will be provided.

Registration is limited to the first 40 students.

Registration deadline: Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Contact: Elizabeth Jackson, Director of Sacred Music and Liturgy
ejackson@htparish.org | (502) 897-5207, ext. 1107

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CHRISTMAS EVE
CHILDREN'S CHOIR
PRELUDE BEFORE 4:00 PM MASS

PSALM 96

Sing to the LORD a new song;
Sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, bless his name;

Click the link below
for more information and to register:

<https://forms.gle/PzeWAbosztVUjLn3EA>

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