

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Secondary School

Co-Curricular Policy

At Holy Name of Mary, we are committed to establishing fair play and a healthy environment where students can excel in a variety of co-curricular activities. Catholic Education reaches beyond the classroom. Our Co-curricular program is reflective of the expectations and virtues of our Catholic faith.

Students involved in co-curricular activities are expected to act as ambassadors of Holy Name of Mary CSS and behave with dignity and respect. Students are accountable for their actions in accordance with the Catholic Code of Conduct.

Students who participate on athletic teams must meet and comply with requirements, rules and policies established by the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board-approved sports associations including: The Region of Peel Secondary School Athletic Association (ROPSSAA), The Ontario Federation of Secondary Sport (OFSSA), Community leagues subject to joint agreements with the DPCDSB, and/or tournament sponsors/organisers.

At Holy Name of Mary, we understand that involvement in co-curricular activities can be some of the most memorable times in a students' high school experience. Participation in co-curricular activities is encouraged as they provide an additional medium where learning can take place. Participation in activities is a privilege open to all students in our school. Students that are involved in athletics, clubs or co-curricular activities must demonstrate appropriate behaviour including good attendance and punctuality for all classes, and commitment to academic achievement. It is the students' responsibility to keep teachers informed when co-curricular activities will affect their class attendance and/or responsibilities. Furthermore, students need to be mindful of the number of co-curricular activities they participate in to ensure they can make the required commitment to each activity beyond their academic workload. A healthy balance and good time-management and communication skills are essential.

Protocol for Students under Review

Coaches/advisors are asked to publish a participant list prior to their season/event for internal review so that teachers can consult with coaches, advisors and administration about any possible concerns. Coaches/advisors are also asked to review the Co-curricular Policy expectations with their team/ members to ensure students are aware of their responsibilities. When concerns arise regarding student academic risk, behaviour, or attendance, student participation may be paused or discontinued. The well-being and mental health, and safety of each student will always be our priority. All reviews and outcomes will be made in consultation and communication with the Administration and parent(s)/guardian(s).