



Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo October 11, 2024

Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Friday, HTCS families! Thank you to all who donated items and made cards for those impacted by Storm Helene. James from the NMB Rotary stopped by this afternoon to pick up the items which will be delivered this weekend. We plan to partner with James over the next year or so to continue assisting as needed in this important social outreach project. There is a lot more going on here at HTCS, so please see below for important information. Have a great weekend!

Monday Rosary - During October, all families are invited to join us at **8:05 AM** in the multipurpose room for morning prayer, pledge, announcements, and a reciting of the Joyful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary. We will be saying the Rosary as a way of honoring Mother Mary and praying for peace in our world. Students are welcome to bring in personal rosaries to keep in their desks throughout the month and we'd love to have family members join us as well. **Note - Students should still come through the car line as normal for morning arrival.**

Social Outreach Project - Between **Tuesday, 10/1**, and **Monday, 10/21**, students are asked to partner with their parents to earn and/or collect loose change and dollar bills to fill the baby bottles that were sent home earlier this month. Filled baby bottles should be returned to school on **Tuesday, 10/22** and will be donated to Grand Strand Citizens for Life. As Catholic Christians, we firmly believe in the sanctity of life and these funds will be used to provide assistance to mothers and their children in our community.

Field Day - Please see attached flier for information about our upcoming field day on **Tuesday, 10/15**. Special thanks to Mrs. Rand for planning this event.

Disguise a Pumpkin - Each student received a small pumpkin last week donated by one of our amazing families, so we are having a *Disguise A Pumpkin* contest. Please see the attached flier for more details. We hope your family enjoys participating in this fun activity. A few things to keep in mind:

1. Please don't send back the pumpkins until **10/24**. We don't have anywhere to store them.
2. Please put the student's name on the bottom of the pumpkin.
3. We have church staff coming in to be the judges.
4. Pumpkins will be on display for all to see at our Annual Trunk or Treat.

Book Fair - Our annual fall book fair will be held the week of **10/21**. Students will have an opportunity to preview the items for sale and make purchases during school. You can set up an e-wallet at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/holytrinitycatholicschool4>. The fair will also be open to families/friends during the parent-teacher-student conferences - **Tuesday, 10/22** through **Friday, 10/25**. The book fair is a great place to shop for Christmas gifts!

Social Outreach Project - Please see attached information from the PTO regarding our annual *Trunk or Treat So People Can Eat* event scheduled for **5:30 PM** on **Friday, 10/25**. For the price of one non-perishable food item or paper good product (per child), children can safely trick-or-treat in the school parking lot while socializing with other families. All donated items will be delivered to the OLSS Food Pantry.

Fall conferences - Teachers in grades K3 and Kinder through 5th sent out information for parents to sign up for their fall conference. Please keep in mind, these are brief conferences (15 minutes) to review the first quarter. K4 holds their conferences at a different time and teachers will send that information home when it is available.

Not Your Average Joe - Tickets are now on sale for our annual dinner show fundraiser. This year's production, *Not Your Average Joe*, will take place on **Friday, 1/31**, at **6 PM** and **Saturday, 2/1**, at **1 PM**. Tickets are \$20/adult and \$10/child 10 and under. What a great way to wrap up Catholic Schools Week 2025!

Catholic Faith Formation - *Why Virtue is Important and Needed* - By Dr. Richard J. Krejcir

We are called to Virtue - Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col. 3:12-17)

The Dictionary definition of Virtue is defined as, "a conformity to the standard of right: morality. Moral excellence; beneficial quality, strength and courage, and a capacity to act: potency" (Webster's).

The Biblical definition of Virtue is, the application of being good from both the conscious will to do what is right from God's revealed Word and from personal responsibility. It encompasses integrity, honesty, compassion, and endearment and this is the quintessence of what biblical Character (that is right standards, strength, courage, modesty, and purity all done in excellence) is to be. We acquire Virtue by our faith, our obedience to Christ, being persistent in Him, and clothing ourselves in Him. This is what results when we truly repent; we will represent the nobility that we have in Christ (Amos 5:15; Psalm 103:17; 131; Prov. 8:13; 25:22; Matthew 7:12; 19:16; Luke 6:27, 35; Rom. 12:17; 2 Cor. 5:20; Eph. 5:8-9; Col. 3:12-17; Phil. 2:14-18; 4:8; 1 Timothy 4:12; 5:22; Tit.1: 15; Heb.10: 5-10; 1 Pet. 3:11; 2 Pet. 1:3-8; 2:9). [Why Virtue is Important and Needed \(discipleshiptools.org\)](https://discipleshiptools.org)

MISSION STATEMENT: *Holy Trinity Catholic School, a ministry of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, offers to early childhood and elementary school students of diverse ethnic, economic, and religious backgrounds a superior academic program based on Gospel values. Within a family atmosphere, the school strives to develop the spiritual, academic, personal, creative, and physical growth of each student.*

VISION STATEMENT: *Holy Trinity Catholic School students will be fully prepared to transition to middle school possessing critical thinking skills, an ability to work independently as well as collaboratively, and an awareness of what it means to actively live the Gospel values.*