



Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo

October 17, 2025

Don't forget to ROAR!

*Happy Friday, Trinity Lions! Thank you to all those who have already completed the brief online survey regarding our first quarter. Unfortunately, only about 1% of our school population has completed the survey. I know how busy you all are, but your feedback is important to us so that we can ensure we are meeting our families' needs and expectations. If you have not yet had a chance to complete the survey, please take a few moments to do so **before the end of the weekend**. We use this data to track our successes and make improvements where needed. You can access the survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C6J38F5>. Thank you.*

Just a reminder, these weekly communications, as well as all school related news, can be found on our school website ([Holy Trinity Catholic School | North Myrtle Beach, SC](#)). You can also check our school Facebook page ([Facebook](#)) for quick reminders and photos.

25-26 Calendar - An updated calendar was sent out several weeks ago. It appears some families may have missed it and are still utilizing the old calendar. Please see attached to ensure you are using the correct one.

25-26 Tuition Updates - In order to align with other Catholic schools, and to highlight the value of what HTCS offers with our safe and nurturing environment, outstanding faculty and staff, daily faith formation and sacramental preparation, and our proven academic results, please note that tuition will be handled differently beginning next year. All students (Catholic and non-Catholic) will be charged the full "cost to educate" tuition rate. All applicable discounts, scholarships, assistance, and grants will be deducted from that rate. More information about tuition and grant opportunities will be published to the school community as soon as possible.

Note: It is very important that families apply for all available grants (ESTF, First Steps 4K, Diocesan) as soon as they open. *No tuition assistance will be given to families who have not applied for all grants for which they are eligible to apply.*

ESTF Updates, Webinars and Key Dates - Please see below for lots of important information:

- **Enrollment Verification Form** issues have been resolved — parents should now see their schools listed. If not, they can select "Other" under the private school dropdown. Parents unable to find their FACTS Application ID can view this short [tutorial](#) created by

Felicity Ropp (Palmetto Promise Institute) and check their inbox for FACTS confirmation emails.

- **Learn what the ESTF program is**, how to apply, and how to prepare so your child is first in line for a \$7,634 scholarship. Sessions will also highlight changes for 2026–27 and include a Q&A. Whether you are a 2025–26 ESTF recipient family renewing for the 2026–27 school year, or applying for the first time, these webinars are for you! Webinar dates and registration links:
 - Thursday, Oct. 16 | 11:30 a.m. – [Register on Zoom](#)
 - Saturday, Oct. 25 | 10:00 a.m. – [Register on Zoom](#)

ESTF Grant - Renewal & Application Timeline: The application is expected to be highly competitive this year. Approval for the grant will be awarded on a first come, first serve as needed basis. Good news... the income levels have increased, so if you did not get approved last year for that reason, you may get approved this year. **ALL FAMILIES WHO ARE IN NEED OF TUITION ASSISTANCE TO ATTEND HTCS ARE EXPECTED TO APPLY AS SOON AS THE APPROPRIATE APPLICATION WINDOW OPENS.** Thank you for your understanding and support in helping the school achieve financial stability through a healthy and fiscally responsible school budget.

- **Nov. 1** – Renewals for current recipients and siblings (must reapply with 2023/24 tax return).
- **Jan. 15** – Best date for all families to apply. Priority applications (active military and public-school students under 300% poverty).
- **Feb. 9** – Open to all applicants (up to 500% poverty level, IRS 1040 line 11).
- Award Amount (2026–27): \$7,634 per student. This is applied towards the actual cost to educate. Any difference is owed by the family. Our *current* CTE is \$7900.
- Families are typically notified within 2 weeks of applying and are to email the school immediately of the funds awarded.

Annual Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences - By now, all families should have secured a time for their annual conference. These meetings are a *brief* opportunity to receive your child's report card and MAP scores, as well as to highlight successes and areas for continued growth as we move into the second quarter.

This is also an opportunity to shop at the **book fair**. Be sure to stop by the library before or after (or both) your conferences. This is always a great opportunity to get some Christmas shopping done or to reward your student for a great first quarter. We appreciate your support.

Baby Bottles for Life - Students should be doing acts of kindness, chores, etc. to earn/collect loose change and dollar bills during the month of October. The funds collected will go to support Grand Strand Citizens for Life, a non-profit citizen group formed to promote a public

recognition of the dignity and right to life of every individual from the time of conception to natural death. Filled bottles can be returned to the front office on **Thursday, 10/30**.

Save the Dates: Mark your calendars for some upcoming family events that you are invited to attend:

- **Monday, 10/20 -Thursday, 10/23** - after school - Q1 Conferences and Book Fair
- **Friday, 10/24** - No school, teacher professional development day in Charleston
- **Friday, 10/31** - Field day, half day, noon dismissal, no aftercare
- **Tuesday, 11/11** - 1:30 PM - Veterans Day Program in the mpr
- **Friday, 11/14** - Half day, noon dismissal, no aftercare - Teacher catechesis afternoon
- **Thursday, 11/20** - 3:10 PM - Family advent activity in the mpr
- **Saturday, 11/22** - 4 PM - Alumni and Current Families School Mass
- **Tuesday, 11/25** - Half day, noon dismissal, no aftercare
- **Wednesday, 11/26-Friday, 11/28** - No school, Thanksgiving break
- **Friday, 12/5** - 1:45 PM - K3/K4 Gingerbread Event w/Leadership in the mpr
- **Thursday, 12/18** - 6 PM - Christmas show in the mpr
- **Friday, 12/19** - Half day, noon dismissal, no aftercare
- **Monday, 12/22-Friday, 1/2** - No school, Christmas/New Year break

Sunday's Readings - Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 - Exodus 17:8-13

In those days, Amalek came and waged war against Israel. Moses, therefore, said to Joshua, "Pick out certain men, and tomorrow go out and engage Amalek in battle. I will be standing on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand."

So Joshua did as Moses told him: he engaged Amalek in battle after Moses had climbed to the top of the hill with Aaron and Hur. As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight, but when he let his hands rest, Amalek had the better of the fight.

Moses' hands, however, grew tired; so they put a rock in place for him to sit on.

Meanwhile Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other, so that his hands remained steady till sunset. And Joshua mowed down Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 - R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains; whence shall help come to me?
My help is from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. **R.**

May he not suffer your foot to slip; may he slumber not who guards you: indeed he neither slumbers nor sleeps, the guardian of Israel. **R.**

The LORD is your guardian; the LORD is your shade; he is beside you at your right hand.
The sun shall not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. **R.**

The LORD will guard you from all evil; he will guard your life.
The LORD will guard your coming and your going, both now and forever. **R.**

Reading 2 - 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Beloved: Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.

Alleluia - Hebrews 4:12

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of God is living and effective, discerning reflections and thoughts of the heart. **R.**

Gospel - Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'" The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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.*