



Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo

October 23, 2025

Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Thursday, Trinity Lions! Thank you to all those who completed the brief online survey regarding our first quarter. We ended up with a great response and results will be shared as soon as we have had a chance to analyze the feedback. Please be on the lookout for our annual accreditation survey which will be coming out soon. That survey addresses other areas and the feedback received is just as valuable as it allows us to retain our accreditation. I thank you in advance for your time and support.

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.

No school - Just a reminder, there is no school tomorrow, **Friday, 10/24**. The faculty will be traveling to Charleston for a professional development day. We hope you all enjoy the long weekend.

Baby Bottles for Life - Students should continue 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**.

Sunrise Rosary - Families and their students are invited to join me for a sunrise rosary by the Mary Statue behind the church at **7:10 AM** on **Friday, 10/31**. (The rain location will be the multipurpose room.) This will be our final Rosary for the month of October. Students, faculty, and staff have been praying the Rosary every Monday morning all month for the intention of peace in our world. I hope as many people as possible will be able to join me in this special honoring of Jesus' mother, Mary. It's a great way to start your day and kick off the weekend!

Save The Date - This year, the annual #iGiveCatholic Giving Day is on **Tuesday, 12/2/25**. Advance giving opens on **Monday, 11/17/25**. Please see the attached information about our goals and please, please share this information with your family and friends, as well as on your social media outlets. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Retreat for Parents of Children with Special Needs - Parents of children and adults with special needs are invited to a day of faith, rest and renewal on Friday, Nov. 8 (10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) at St. Philip Neri Church, Fort Mill. The retreat will feature Father Jim Collins, a priest with cerebral palsy, sharing his powerful witness of perseverance and joy, along with Kristen McGuire on rediscovering God's gifts through extraordinary children. The day includes Mass, rosary, confession and adoration. [Register in advance](#): \$20 individual | \$30 couple | Limited childcare available. Register at: [Come to Christ: A Retreat for Parents of Children and Adults with Special Needs on November 8, 2025 | Flocknote](#)

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.

Reminder - As per our handbook, if a student is absent from school, they are not allowed to attend after school activities, sports, and other events. Thank you for your understanding.

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

- **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 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 - Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 - The LORD is a God of justice, who knows no favorites. Though not unduly partial toward the weak, yet he hears the cry of the oppressed. The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint. The one who serves God willingly is heard; his petition reaches the heavens. The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds, judges justly and affirms the right, and the Lord will not delay.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 - R. (7a) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth.

Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad. **R.**

The LORD confronts the evildoers, to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.

When the just cry out, the LORD hears them, and from all their distress he rescues them. **R.**

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.

The LORD redeems the lives of his servants; no one incurs guilt who takes refuge in him. **R.**

Reading 2 - 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 - Beloved: I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance. At my first defense no one appeared on my behalf, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

2 Corinthians 5:19 - R. Alleluia, alleluia.

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, and entrusting to us the message of salvation. **R.**

Gospel - Luke 18:9-14 - Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. "Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity --greedy, dishonest, adulterous -- or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.' But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

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.*