Weekly Communication from Mrs. Luzzo
October 23, 2026 - REVISED

Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Friday, Trinity Lions! I hope you all had a wonderful week. It's hard to believe we have already completed the first quarter of the school year! We look forward to seeing everyone next week for our annual Book Fair and parent-teacher-student conferences. After that, we will move right into the holiday season! Please be sure to check your child's yellow folder and our weekly communications to stay informed on all the exciting events and updates happening here at HTCS. Have a wonderful and restful weekend!

As always, please continue to check your child's take home folder, your email, our school website: Holy Trinity Catholic School | North Myrtle Beach, SC, and our Facebook page: Facebook for ongoing updates and information about all the exciting things happening at HTCS.

Annual Fund Campaign - Hopefully you've had a chance to review the annual report/annual fund campaign booklet. If not, you can find it on our school website at: annualfund2026-27final_web_version.pdf.

We kindly ask you to prayerfully consider a donation to this year's campaign to help enhance our programs and facilities, especially as we look to expand our grade offerings to include 6th grade in the fall. To have your donation conveniently drafted from your FACTS account, simply email me with the amount and I will take care of that for you. We offer both one-time and recurring monthly drafts—whichever works best for your family - or you may send in your one-time donation via cash or check to my attention. **Every gift makes a big impact and we are hoping for 100% participation from all families.** Please feel free to share the information with family and friends, especially those who might be looking for a tax deduction before the end of the year.

Baby Bottles for Life - Just a reminder about this annual social outreach project. We encourage students to take the entire month of October to perform chores around the house and engage in acts of kindness to earn spare change or dollars to fill their bottles. We will collect filled bottles at the end of October and donate them to the meaningful work of Grand Strand Citizens for Life. Thank you for partnering with your students on this social outreach project.

See's Candies Fundraiser - The PTO is holding a See's Candies fundraiser, and information was sent home with students earlier this week. Please take a moment to visit the site and consider making a purchase—whether for a treat for your family or as delicious Christmas gifts for friends and neighbors! Feel free to share the QR code with others as well. Let's help support our PTO so they can continue doing the amazing work they do for our students and school community!

Rosary Recitation Mondays - All families are invited to join us at **8:05 AM** on **Monday, 10/26,** for our final recitation of the Rosary for the month of October. The car line should be utilized as normal for student drop off. Students will meet us in HFH at 8:05 AM and may join you for the Rosary.

Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences - By now, all families should have signed up for the annual fall conferences that will be taking place during the **week of 10/26**. Families are expected to attend conferences with their students to discuss their first quarter progress and future goals.

Book Fair - We are looking forward to our annual book fair being held during conferences the **week of 10/26**. This is a great opportunity to reward your student for a successful first quarter and/or to make some early Christmas gift purchases. Proceeds from the fair go directly to support academic programs for our students.

Field Day - All students will participate in our annual field day taking place on **Tuesday, 10/27**. This year's theme is: *Let The Games Begin!* Please refer to your child's teacher, the email sent out on Thursday, and/or the Lions Letter post on our school Facebook page for what color shirt your child should wear. Appropriate pants and/or shorts and sneakers safe for play are allowed.

Trunk or Treat So People Can Eat - Please see attached for more information about this annual Halloween celebration and social outreach event being held on **Friday, 10/30**. All families are invited to participate in this fun event sponsored by the PTO.

All Souls Day / Dia de los Muertos - On **November 2**, our school community will observe **All Souls' Day**, a sacred feast day in the Catholic Church dedicated to remembering and praying for our departed loved ones. Throughout the day, our students will participate in special prayer activities and learn about traditional celebrations across different cultures, including the rich Mexican heritage of *Día de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead).

Honor/Merit Awards - Families are invited to morning prayer at **8:05 AM** on **Monday, 11/2,** as we recognize students in grades 3-5 who have earned either all As (Honor) or all As and Bs (Merit) on their Q1 report cards.

Family Advent Activity - It's not too late to join us after school on **Thursday, 11/12,** from **3:10-4 PM** for our annual Family Advent Activity. Learn a bit about this special liturgical season and work together to create a family Advent craft. See attached for an RSVP form.

Annual Literacy Party - We are excited to be having our annual school wide literacy party on **Friday, 11/20**. This year's theme is Dr. Seuss and we are looking for our families to help us make it EPIC! If you have any Dr. Seuss party decorations or games that we can use that would be great. If you would like to help build party decor/games, please contact Mrs. Hines, ehines@holytrinitynmb.org. This is a great way to earn you family volunteer hours! See attached for more details.

The Penguin Patch Holiday Shop - This year, students will have an opportunity to shop for their families (including their pets) at our Penguin Patch Holiday Shop. The shop will be open on **Monday, 12/7, Wednesday, 12/9, Thursday, 12/10,** and **Friday, 12/11, between 8-10 AM.** The shop will be closed on Tuesday, 12/8, as we will attend Mass that day in honor of the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

- I am looking for volunteers to help students shop and wrap their purchases. If you can assist with any or all of these days, please email me, kluzzo@holytrinitynmb.org, and let me know. Thank you!

Parents Night Out - Please see attached flyer for information about an upcoming Parents Night Out. Please note… this event is hosted by Mrs. Kalani Morrow, OLSS Youth Ministry Coordinator and friend of HTCS. All communications about this event should be directed to her.

Annual PTO Golf Tournament - Please see the attached "save the date" flyer for our annual PTO sponsored golf tournament. This is the PTO's biggest fundraiser of the school year and all families are asked to support this event as much as possible to make it a huge success.

Additional Save the Dates - Mark your calendars now and look for more information about these upcoming events:

- **Monday, 11/2 - 8:05 AM** - Q1 awards at morning prayer, Feast of All Souls / Dia de los Muertos
- **Monday, 11/2 - Monday, 11/16** - Operation Christmas Child social outreach family project
- **Tuesday, 11/3 - 4 PM -** Cross Country Color Run
- **Tuesday, 11/10 - 1:45 PM** - Mrs. Lowman's 3rd-5th State Fair
- **Wednesday, 11/11** - after 9 AM Mass in HFH - Veterans Day program
- **Thursday, 11/12 -3:10 PM** - Advent faith formation family activity with Deacon Richard
- **Friday, 11/20 - 9 AM** - Annual literacy student party - see note above for help needed
- **Monday, 11/23-Friday, 11/27** - No school, Thanksgiving break
- **Tuesday, 12/1** - #iGiveCatholic Giving Tuesday, 5 PM Jr Beta Induction ceremony
- **Tuesday, 12/8** - Immaculate Conception - students will attend Mass (vs Wednesday, 12/9)
- **Friday, 12/11** - Parents Night Out
- **Thursday, 12/17** - 6 PM Annual Christmas Concert
- **Friday, 12/18** - 1/2 day, no aftercare
- **Monday, 12/21-Friday, 1/1** - No school, Christmas break

Faith for Families - Catholic parents' role is a sacred and essential vocation that helps children grow in faith and develop as disciples of Christ within the context of family life. By creating a prayerful home environment, teaching the faith through example, leading family participation in the sacraments, and building strong family relationships, Catholic parents help their children develop a strong foundation of faith that will guide them throughout their lives. Remember that every child is unique and will grow in faith at their own pace. The most important thing is to love children unconditionally, provide them with support and guidance, and trust in God's grace to work in their hearts. When Catholic parents role is fulfilled well, it helps create the next generation of faithful Catholics who will carry the light of Christ into the world. *Catholic Parents Role: Faith Formation and Family | Catholic Bible Online*

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 high 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.*