



## Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo October 25, 2024

***Don't forget to ROAR!***

*Happy Friday, HTCS families! Thank you to all who supported our social outreach project - Baby Bottles for Grand Strand Citizens for Life. The funds collected will be used to directly impact mothers and babies in our community.*

*We're looking forward to seeing everyone at tonight's PTO sponsored Trunk or Treat So People Can Eat Event. Students' entrance "fee" of one non-perishable food item or paper good product (per student) can be dropped off at the HTCS bus upon arrival. These items will be delivered to the OLSS Food pantry sometime next week to help those in need in our community.*

*Please see below for important information about other school events and happenings. Have a great weekend!*

**Final Monday Rosary** - We will wrap up our **Monday** morning recitations of the Joyful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary at **8:05 AM** in the multipurpose room on **Monday, 10/28**. All families are invited to join us for this beautiful devotion honoring Mother Mary.

**After Care** - Due to unforeseen circumstances, our Cross Country Color Run had to be postponed until **Tuesday, 10/29**. Please see attached regarding after care pick up from the mpr that day. (Note: Bead Club scheduled for 10/29 has been postponed until further notice and club fees have been refunded to those who signed up.)

**Halloween at HTCS** - Students may dress out of uniform on **Thursday, 10/31**. They may wear *appropriate* Halloween attire/colors (no costumes, masks, or makeup). Shoes should be safe for outdoor play (no slippers, crocs, boots, heels, etc.).

**No school** - There is no school on **Friday, 11/1**, as we observe the Solemnity of All Saints.

**State of the School** - Please join me for a State of the School presentation on **Monday, 11/4**, at **6 PM** in the multipurpose room. This will be an opportunity to hear the latest information and updates about the school and to ask questions of the leadership team. We look forward to seeing our families there.

**Veterans Day Program** - All families are invited to join us for a special program honoring our military Veterans on **Monday, 11/11**, at **1:30 PM** in the multipurpose room. If you have family members who have served or are serving in the military, please send in COPIES of their pictures so we can display them at the program. We only need one copy of each person, but students can send in more than one picture per family. Ex: if you have five different family members that served, send in five photos. Please write the person's name, branch, and rank on the back of the COPIES. All photos need to be turned in no later than **Wednesday, 10/30**.

**#iGiveCatholic** - The Diocese of Charleston is ready to make an impressive showing during this year's #iGiveCatholic campaign - and we want Holy Trinity to lead the way! #iGiveCatholic will take place on #GivingTuesday, the global day of philanthropy, **December 3**, but advanced giving begins **November 18**. We are looking for donors who might be willing to offer a **MATCHING** or **CHALLENGE** gift during our campaign. What's the difference?

- **MATCHING GIFT** – For each dollar raised, a donor will match that gift (usually 1:1 but you can also set 2:1 or 3:1 ratios!) This type of match lasts until the match gift is used. *(Example – Mr. and Mrs. Generous will match all donations up to \$5,000.)*
- **CHALLENGE GIFT** – A gift that comes when a goal is achieved. *(Example – Mr. and Mrs. Generous will release \$1,000 if we get 25 donors between 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, or Mr. and Mrs. Generous will release \$1,000 to us after we have raised \$5,000.)*

If you, your business, or someone you know could be a MATCHING or CHALLENGE donor, please contact me for more information. Please start sharing the link: [Give to Holy Trinity Catholic School \(North Myrtle | #iGiveCatholic\)](#) on your social media platforms as we have a HUGE goal this year! Thank you!

***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 - All Saints Day** - All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven. Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints --that is those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church.

All Saints' Day is also commemorated by members of the Eastern Orthodox Church as well as some protestant churches, such as Lutheran and Anglican churches. Generally, All Saints' Day is a Catholic Holy Day of Obligation, meaning all Catholics are required to attend Mass on that day, unless they have an excellent excuse, such as serious illness. Other countries have different rules according to their national bishop's conferences. The bishops of each conference have the authority to amend the rules surrounding the obligation of the day.

All Saints' Day was formally started by Pope Boniface IV, who consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs on May 13 in 609 AD. Boniface IV also established All Souls' Day, which follows All Saints. [All Saints' Day - Saints & Angels - Catholic 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 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.*