Weekly Communication from Mrs. Luzzo
October 30, 2026

Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Friday, Trinity Lions! What a busy and wonderful week we've had! Between the Book Fair, Parent-Teacher Conferences, and Field Day, our students and faculty could all use a well-deserved rest this weekend… but not until after tonight's Trunk or Treat So People Can Eat event!

As a reminder, admission for tonight's event is two (2) non-perishable food items or paper goods per child, which will directly benefit our neighbors through the Our Lady Star of the Sea (OLSS) Food Pantry. As we approach the holiday season, this is a beautiful time to reflect on those in our community who need our support. In the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats (*Matthew 25:31–40*), Jesus teaches that serving those in need is equivalent to serving Him directly. He reminds us that whenever we provide food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, or shelter to a stranger, we are serving Him personally—and that whatever care we show to the least of His brothers and sisters, we do for Him. Thank you for helping us put faith into action tonight. We can't wait to see everyone in their costumes!

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.

Educational Scholarship Trust Fund (ESTF) - Please note that applications for the Education Scholarship Trust Fund (ESTF) for 2027-2028 will be processed in three (3) windows:

- **Window 1 (November 1, 2026):** *Returning Awarded Students and Their Siblings*
- **Window 2 (January 15, 2027):** *Priority Students meeting certain criteria*
- **Window 3 (February 16, 2027)**: *All Eligible Students*

It is important to note that the ESTF Application Window for Returning ESTF Students and Their Siblings opens on November 1, 2026, at 8 AM. Families with returning ESTF students **MUST** renew their application each year. For more information, please see: SC ESTF Program.

- **NOTE:** If you plan to request a scholarship or tuition assistance, you *MUST* apply for the ESTF grant during the appropriate window. Proof of your application will be required when applying for scholarships and/or tuition assistance. Scholarships and/or tuition assistance will not be awarded to families that have not applied for the ESTF grant on time.
- **NOTE:** If you plan to request the parish discount, proof of registration, weekly Mass attendance, and support will be required from your home parish. A form will be provided to each family as we get closer to the reenrollment period after the holidays.

All Souls Day / Dia de los Muertos - On **Monday, 11/ 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.

Q1 Survey - I kindly ask that one person from every family take a few moments **by Friday, 11/6,** to complete the Q1 Survey found at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FKH3P96. Your feedback provides valuable information for us as we plan activities, clubs, and special events for the coming months. Thank you in advance for your support!

Veterans Day Program - Please join us in Holy Family Hall at **10 AM** on **Wednesday, 11/11,** for our annual Veterans Day program. All are welcome!

Family Advent Activity - We're looking forward to having all the families who signed up 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.

Annual Literacy Party - SOS, we are looking for a hat like the Cat in the Hat wears. We would like to play a game with it -- passing it around not placing it on the head. If you have one, please contact Mrs. Hines at ehines@holytrinitynmb.org. Thank you!

#iGiveCatholic Giving Day Event - I am excited to announce that **Holy Trinity Catholic School** is participating in **Giving Tuesday**, a global movement that celebrates generosity. While the official Giving Tuesday is **December 1,** we are thrilled to let you know that advanced giving begins on **Monday, November 16**! Since its inception in 2012, Giving Tuesday has united communities worldwide through acts of kindness, collaboration, and giving. This year, we invite you to be a part of this global movement by supporting our school's efforts. Your generous contribution—whether big or small—will have a direct and meaningful impact on our students and our school community. **How You Can Get Involved:**

1. **Donate:** Every donation brings us one step closer to our goal. You can make a donation on our #iGiveCatholic page: Holy Trinity Catholic School (North Myrtle Beach) | #iGiveCatholic.
2. **Spread the Word:** Share our campaign with family and friends to help amplify our message of generosity. The more people who know, the greater the impact we can have!



We believe that when we come together, we can achieve extraordinary things. This year, we hope to raise funds for **added campus security**, **classroom upgrades for our middle school expansion**, and **additional signage**. **All donations are tax deductible.** Let's make this an event of extraordinary generosity!

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 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.

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!

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 - 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
- **Monday, 11/16** - #iGiveCatholic Campaign advanced giving begins
- **Monday, 11/23-Friday, 11/27** - No school, Thanksgiving break
- **Tuesday, 12/1 - 5 PM** - Junior Beta Induction Ceremony
- **Tuesday, 12/8** - Immaculate Conception - students will attend Mass (vs Wednesday, 12/9)
- **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 parenting is the task of leading children toward God while forming them into virtuous, confident, and compassionate adults. Because the family is the domestic church, the home is where faith is first seen, practiced, and loved. Parents do not simply talk about Christ; they hand on the Catholic Faith through daily example, the same way the Faith has been handed down for centuries.

Tradition plays a central role. Catholic parents root their family life in the wisdom of the Church: Scripture, the teachings of the saints, the liturgical year, and the moral teachings that have guided Catholics through every age. This means honoring and teaching practices that shape the heart: daily prayer, the Rosary, reverence at Mass, Confession, fasting, feasts, and devotion to Our Lady and the saints.

Catholic parenting also recognizes that each child is made in the image of God, with a unique purpose that God desires to unfold. Parents nurture this through virtue formation: teaching patience, courage, modesty, charity, humility, and the ability to sacrifice for others. These virtues are not trends or personal preferences; they are rooted in the moral Tradition of the Church and supported by grace.

In a culture that often shifts with every new idea, Catholic parenting stands firm in what is true, good, and beautiful. It teaches children that holiness is more important than achievement, that truth is not invented but received, and that the faith we practice today is the same faith handed down from the Apostles.

Ultimately, Catholic parenting is not about producing perfect children; it is about forming souls who know, love and serve God, and to ultimately be happy with Him forever in heaven. Parenting | Catholic Parents Online

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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.*