



Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo October 31, 2024

Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Thursday and Happy Halloween, HTCS families! I want to thank you all for your continued support of the work we do at HTCS. We love seeing your children learn and grow throughout the school year. As we move into the cooler weather months, please be sure your children's sweaters, sweatshirts, fleece, and jackets are labeled with their names. It makes it much easier to return found items to the appropriate child when items are labeled. Thank you for your understanding and support. Please see below for important information about school events and happenings. Have a great long weekend!

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. I look forward to seeing 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 (mpr).

Dress Down Passes - Dress down passes have an expiration date. Please be sure to monitor the date on the pass so they don't expire before being used. When your child uses a dress down pass, it **MUST** be brought to school and handed to the leadership team upon arrival in the morning car line or they will be considered out of uniform.

PE Uniforms - Please be sure your child is wearing the appropriate PE shirt - the navy shirt with the school or lion logo. Other colors are not considered PE uniform shirts.

Aftercare Pick Up - We have been asked to remind those who pick up from aftercare to **PLEASE** park in a parking space behind the church near the artificial turf every time, not along the awning/sidewalk area when picking up. The Seton bus needs to drive through the area to pick up students from aftercare and it is not possible when cars are parked along the awning/sidewalk area. Please share this information with anyone who picks up for your family.

Family Advent Activity - Forms went home this week for our annual Advent family faith formation activity taking place on **Thursday, 11/21**, at **3:05 PM** in the mpr. All are invited to join Deacon Richard as we learn about the season of Advent and make Advent wreaths for your homes. All materials are provided by the school, but families must sign up by **Monday, 11/11**, so we can order enough supplies for everyone. Thank you!

#iGiveCatholic Campaign - #iGiveCatholic will take place on #GivingTuesday, the global day of philanthropy, **December 3**, but advanced giving begins **November 18**. We have a HUGE goal to reach this year and we need everyone's support starting now. Please start sharing the link: [Give to Holy Trinity Catholic School \(North Myrtle | #iGiveCatholic\)](#) on your social media platforms now. You can let people know this is a great way to get in a last minute tax write off while supporting our school at the same time. It's a win-win for everyone!

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!

School Website - Please be sure to reference the school website [Holy Trinity Catholic School | North Myrtle Beach, SC](#) for answers to your questions and/or to find information you may need. Mrs. Hines does an outstanding job keeping the website current so families always know what is happening at HTCS.

Catholic Faith Formation - All Souls Day - All Souls Day is a holy day set aside for honoring the dead. The day is primarily celebrated in the Catholic Church, but it is also celebrated in the Eastern Orthodox Church and a few other denominations of Christianity. The Anglican church is the largest protestant church to celebrate the holy day. Most protestant denominations do not recognize the holiday and disagree with the theology behind it.

According to Catholic belief, the soul of a person who dies can go to one of three places. The first is heaven, where a person who dies in a state of perfect grace and communion with God goes. The second is hell, where those who die in a state of mortal sin are naturally condemned by their choice. The intermediate option is purgatory, which is thought to be where most people, free of mortal sin, but still in a state of lesser (venial) sin, must go. Purgatory is necessary so that souls can be cleansed and perfected before they enter into heaven.

There is scriptural basis for this belief. The primary reference is in 2 Maccabees, 12:26 and 12:32. "Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out... Thus made atonement for the dead that they might be free from sin." Additional references are found in Zechariah, Sirach, and the Gospel of Matthew. Jewish tradition also reinforces

this belief as well as the tradition and teaching of the Church, which has been affirmed throughout history.

Consistent with these teachings and traditions, Catholics believe that through the prayers of the faithful on Earth, the dead are cleansed of their sins so they may enter into heaven. [All Souls' 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.*