



## Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo October 4, 2024

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

*Happy Friday, HTCS families! It's hard to believe we are already in October and nearing the end of the first quarter. Special thanks to all the families who supported the PTO's Little Caesars fundraiser. Information about pick up will be sent out as soon as it is available. There is a lot more going on here at HTCS, so please see below for important information. Have a great weekend!*

**Monday Rosary** - Starting on **Monday, 10/7**, during the month of October, all families are invited to join us on Monday mornings at **8:05 AM** in the multipurpose room for morning prayer, pledge, announcements, and a reciting of one decade of the Rosary. We will be saying the Rosary as a way of honoring Mother Mary and to pray for peace in our world. Students are welcome to bring in personal rosaries to keep in their desks throughout the month and we'd love to have family members join us as well. **Note - Students should still come through the car line as normal for morning arrival.**

**Non-Uniform Picture Day** - Our annual non-uniform picture day is scheduled for **Monday, 10/7**. These pictures make great memories and gifts for families and friends. Students may wear clothing appropriate for having their pictures taken, but please try to avoid heels or dress shoes that may be unsafe for outside play. Feel free to send in a change of shoes if necessary.

**Social Outreach Project # 1** - The empty baby bottles went home earlier this week (one per family) with your students. Between **Tuesday, 10/1, and Monday, 10/21**, students are asked to partner with their parents to earn and/or collect loose change and dollar bills to fill the bottles. Filled baby bottles should be returned to school on **Tuesday, 10/22** to be donated to Grand Strand Citizens for Life. As Catholic Christians, we firmly believe in the sanctity of life and these funds will be used to provide assistance to mothers and their children.

**Aftercare on 10/10** - Please see attached campus map for aftercare information on **Thursday, 10/10**. Due to a track meet at HTCS, aftercare will be held in the multipurpose room that day.

**Field Day** - Please see attached flier for information about our upcoming field day on **Tuesday, 10/15**. Special thanks to Mrs. Rand for planning this event.

**Disguise a Pumpkin** - Each student received a small pumpkin this week donated by one of our amazing families, so we are having a *Disguise A Pumpkin* contest. Please see the attached flier for more details. We can't wait to see the creativity in saving the pumpkins from being turned into pie! We hope your family enjoys participating in this fun activity. A few things to keep in mind:

1. Please don't send back the pumpkins until **10/24**. We don't have anywhere to store them.
2. Please put the student's name on the bottom of the pumpkin.
3. We have church staff coming in to be the judges.
4. Pumpkins will be on display for all to see at our Annual Trunk or Treat.

**Social Outreach Project # 2** - Please see attached information from the PTO regarding our annual *Trunk or Treat So People Can Eat* event scheduled for **5:30 PM** on **Friday, 10/25**. For the price of one non-perishable food item or paper good product (per child), children can safely trick-or-treat in the school parking lot while socializing with other families. All donated items will be delivered to the OLSS Food Pantry.

**Fall conferences** - Teachers in grades K3 and Kinder through 5th will be sending home information soon for parents to sign up for their fall conference. Please keep in mind, these are brief conferences (15 minutes) to review the first quarter. K4 holds their conferences at a different time and teachers will send that information home when it is available.

**Annual Book Fair** - Mark your calendars... The book fair is coming **October 21-25**. It will be open after school during conference times for families to visit. You can set up an e-wallet at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/holytrinitycatholicschool4>.

**Save the Date** - Mark your calendars now 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 - The Virtue of Charity (Love) - St. Vincent de Paul**

**Feast Day:** September 27

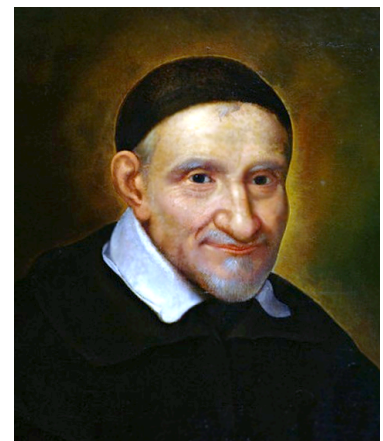
**Patron of:** charities; horses; hospitals; leprosy; lost articles; Madagascar; prisoners; Richmond, Virginia; spiritual help; Saint Vincent de Paul Societies; Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory; Vincentian Service Corps; volunteers

**Birth:** 1581

**Death:** 1660

**Beatified:** August 13, 1729, by Pope Benedict XIII

**Canonized:** June 16, 1737, by Pope Clement XII



St. Vincent de Paul was born to a poor peasant family in the French village of Pouy on April 24, 1581. His first formal education was provided by the Franciscans. He did so well, he was hired to tutor the children of a nearby wealthy family. He used the monies he earned teaching to continue his formal studies at the University of Toulouse where he studied theology. He was ordained in 1600 and remained in Toulouse for a time. In 1605, while on a ship traveling from Marseilles to Narbone, he was captured, brought to Tunis and sold as a slave. Two years later he and his master managed to escape and both returned to France.

St. Vincent went to Avignon and later to Rome to continue his studies. While there he became a chaplain to the Count of Goigny and was placed in charge of distributing money to the deserving poor. He became pastor of a small parish in Clichy for a short period of time, while also serving as a tutor and spiritual director.

From that point forward he spent his life preaching missions to and providing relief to the poor. He even established hospitals for them. This work became his passion. He later extended his concern and ministry to convicts. The need to evangelize and assist these souls was so great and the demands beyond his own ability to meet that he founded the Ladies of Charity, a lay institute of woman, to help, as well as a religious institute of priests - the Congregation of Priests of the Mission, commonly referred to now as the Vincentians. St. Vincent de Paul - [St. Vincent de Paul - 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.*