



## Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo October 6, 2023

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

*Happy Friday, Trinity Lions! I hope you all had a great week. Below are some important notes regarding upcoming events and activities at HTCS. Have a wonderful, relaxing long weekend!*

**Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser** - Thank you to all those who participated in this important PTO fundraiser. Your support is greatly appreciated!

**No School** - School will be closed on **Monday, 10/9**, in recognition of Columbus Day. We will reopen at our normal time on **Tuesday, 10/10**.

**Cross Country Race / Color Run and Aftercare Dismissal** - Come on out and support our cross country team for two events this week:

- **Tuesday, 10/10**, at **4:30 PM** for a meet against St. Michael Catholic School.
- **Thursday, 10/12**, at **4:30 PM** for their end of season Color Run.
- Families attending these events are asked to park in the second and third lots out, not the paver lot closest to the front office. That will be reserved for families picking up from aftercare and for those going to the church office.
- Aftercare will be held in the multipurpose room as the back lots will be blocked off. Families picking up from aftercare on Tuesday and Thursday next week should park in a spot in the paver lot closest to the front office. Come to the main doors and ring the bell. Someone will let you in so you can sign your student out from aftercare.

**Uniform Store** - The gently used uniform store is scheduled to be open **Friday, 10/13**, from **7:45-8:15 AM**. Please stop by the front office after dropping off your student in the car line if you would like to take a look at what is available.

**What is the Holy Trinity?** From their childhood, Catholics learn to pray [the sign of the cross](#): “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” At [Mass](#), the priest’s prayers frequently mention the Father, the Son, and the Spirit as well. The reason for this is that Catholics believe that [God is not merely Unity \(as all monotheists believe\), but also Trinity](#). But what does this mean?

What we mean when we say that God is a Trinity is that there is one divine nature, one divine substance. A “**substance**” or “**nature**” is **what** something is. God, as a Trinity, exists in three Persons. A **person** is “**who**” someone is. In our experience, one human person each possesses one human nature. A husband and wife, no matter how closely united, are still two separate beings. In God, however, three Persons possess the same divine nature. If you were to ask each Person in the Trinity, “Who are you?” each person would answer something differently: “I am the Father;” “I am the Son;” “I am the Holy Spirit.” If you were to ask each Person, “Who are you?” you would get the same answer from each Person: “I am God.” Not, “I am a God,” as a human would say, “I am a human.” Rather, each divine Person, while not identical to the other divine Persons, is one in being with the other two divine Persons and is fully God. The word we use to describe this in the [Nicene Creed](#) is consubstantial. While we say in the Nicene Creed that the Son is consubstantial with the Father, it is also true that the Spirit is consubstantial with the Father and the Son.

**Jesus Revealed the Trinity** - Jesus’ life was the greatest revelation to us of God’s inner life. He claimed for Himself things that belonged only to God, like the power to forgive sins. His words and actions led the religious leaders of the time to believe he was a blasphemer, someone who shows a lack of reverence for God or who claims the attributes of God for himself. Yet Jesus also prayed to the Father and spoke to and about the Father as a separate Person. Jesus also promised to send the Holy Spirit to be with his disciples after he was no longer with them in his physical body (John 14:26). After Jesus’ death and resurrection and his ascension into heaven, early Christians understood that the Holy Spirit was also God. Yet Jesus was clear when he talked about the Holy Spirit that the Holy Spirit was someone other than himself or the Father.

Jesus was also clear that there is only one God, however. While he spoke to the Father as someone other than himself, he did also claim to be one with the Father. Jesus was the Messiah promised by the God of Israel, and that God was one God. Israel knew that there was only one God. Early Christians realized through what God had said through the Jewish prophets and through what Jesus said and did that God is one, but that God exists in three Persons.

[The Trinity: A Catholic Explanation of Father, Son and Holy Spirit \(aboutcatholics.com\)](#)

**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.