

Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo November 10, 2023 Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Friday! Thanks to all those who donated candy for the Christmas parade. We believe we have enough at this time. Please see below for important information about upcoming events and activities at HTCS. Have a wonderful weekend!

Copy paper - So much learning is going on here at HTCS that we have found ourselves in need of more copy paper. Please feel free to drop off donations of paper in the front office. Thank you so much!

Spirit Night - The PTO is sponsoring a Spirit Night at the NMB Chick-fil-A on **Monday, 11/13,** from **3-5 PM**. Mobile orders need to be placed prior to picking up your food. Please see attached flyer for more information.

Operation Christmas Child - Our annual Advent social outreach activity is taking place this month. Information and boxes were sent home last week and are due back by **Wednesday**, **11/15**. Please contact Mrs. Hines for more information and/or additional boxes.

Surveys - An email was sent out last week asking all families to complete a brief survey as part of our annual accreditation process. We need 100% participation so we can retain our accreditation. Please complete the survey prior to **Wednesday**, **11/15**. I thank you for your time and valuable input in helping us make HTCS the best it can be.

Forgiveness Mini-Retreat - Please join the HTCS faculty and staff and Deacon Richard from **3:15-4 PM** on **Thursday, 11/16**, in the multipurpose room as we learn more about forgiveness and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All are welcome!

Hot Lunch - All hot lunch forms are due back by Friday, 11/17. No late forms can be accepted.

Safe Environment Program (Empowering God's Children/Teaching Safety) - HTCS faculty will once again present our annual Diocesan-wide safe environment program to all students in grades K-5 on **Tuesday, 11/21**. This year we will present lesson #2. Forms were sent home last week. More information can be found on-line at: <u>VIRTUS® Online (virtusonline.org)</u>.

Half Day - We have a half day scheduled for **Tuesday**, **11/21**. As with all half days, there will be no aftercare and all students must be picked up at **noon**. Please form two lines for dismissal to keep cars safely off 8th Avenue N.

No school - School will be closed from **Wednesday**, **11/22**, through **Friday**, **11/24**, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. This holiday, as always, we are thankful for our amazing students and their families, as well as our caring faculty and staff. I pray God's blessings on each and every one of you.

#iGiveCatholic Giving Tuesday - **Tuesday, 11/28**, is National Giving Day. Our goal is to raise \$20,000 (hopefully more) towards the purchase of our own bus. To reach this goal, we need the support of *every* HTCS faculty, staff, and family, as well as all their families and friends. Be a bus booster and spread the word about Giving Tuesday by sharing the link to our Giving Day page: <u>Give to Holy Trinity Catholic School (North Myrtle | #iGiveCatholic</u>.

PTO Spirit Orders - The deadline to order has been extended to **Tuesday, 11/28**. These items make Christmas gifts! See attached flyer for more information.

Family Faith Formation - Our annual Advent faith formation activity is taking place after school on **Thursday**, **11/30**. Deacon Richard will teach us about the Jesse Tree, and we will make ornaments to take home for a family Jesse Tree. If your family would like to join us, please complete and return the form by **Friday**, **11/10**. Space is limited and no late forms can be accepted as supplies need to be ordered in advance. Thank you for your understanding.

Shoeboxes - Both Mrs. Trexler and Mrs. Gallo are requesting shoeboxes (not the ones for Operation Christmas Child) for projects they are working on with their students. If you have any empty boxes to donate, please feel free to drop them off to the front office or send them in with your child. Thank you in advance for your support.

Golf Tournament - The PTO is gearing up for their 12th annual golf tournament. This is their major fundraiser for the year, and all proceeds go to support the mission of the school and our students. They are seeking a golf committee chairperson who, along with the PTO and school Leadership team, can help organize the event. You do not need to be a golfer to fill this role. If you, or someone you know, can help the PTO, please contact Mrs. Marisa Slawiak at mslawiak@charlestondiocese.org. More information can be found on our school website: https://holytrinitynmb.com/get-involved#panel--10.

Harry Potter Club - Please see the attached flyer regarding the upcoming Harry Potter book club. Students must read the books in order to attend the club.

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.