



Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo November 13, 2025

Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Thursday, Trinity Lions! Because tomorrow is a half day and we will be busy with our mini retreat for students, I wanted to send this message out today. Thank you for your continued support of HTCS and your partnership in helping us to ensure each student receives the very best faith formation and academic education possible. I recognize the many challenges you face as parents of young children in today's world and your commitment to Catholic education is commendable. In an effort to lighten your burden just a bit, we wanted to let you know that we have evaluated our new Make-Up Work policy put in place this year to meet one of the required goals of our recent accreditation visit (helping parents and students recognize their role and responsibility in the learning process) and we have extended the dates when make up work is due. Hopefully, adding a bit more time makes it easier for parents to support students with make-up work when an absence is necessary.

I also want to give a special shout out to our fabulous PTO Board. This morning they met and I was amazed at the amount of projects on their plates! Between the Sees Candy Fundraiser, Spirit Nights, the student Christmas party, the Snow Ball, and the golf tournament, they are working diligently to support the faculty and staff by enhancing the student/family experience at HTCS. They will be reaching out to our families for help in the coming months and I respectfully request that you support them as much as you can.

Just a reminder, these communications, as well as all school related news, can be found on our school website ([Holy Trinity Catholic School | North Myrtle Beach, SC](https://www.holytrinitynmb.org)). You can also check our school Facebook page ([Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/holytrinitynmb)) for quick reminders and photos.

Marketing and Development Coordinator - I am happy to welcome Ms. Sheila Durante back to the HTCS team as our part-time Marketing and Development Coordinator. Ms. Durante was Holy Trinity's principal for six years prior to her retirement, and my leadership. Ms. Durante will begin work effective December 1 and she will focus on Marketing and Development efforts for the school. She can be reached at sdurante@holytrinitynmb.org.

Parent Survey for Our School Accreditation Retention - Thank you to those who have already completed the annual parent survey. We are asking at least one adult from each family to click this link: [eProve™ surveys](https://www.eProve.com/surveys) to complete the required annual survey by **Friday, 11/14**. All faculty and 3rd-5th grade students will be required to complete similar surveys as well. This is required for us to retain our accreditation status with Cognia. Thank you in advance for your support and valuable feedback.

Save The Date - This year, the annual #GiveCatholic Giving Day is on **Tuesday, 12/2/25**. Advance giving opens on **Monday, 11/17/25**. Please see the attached information about our goals and please, please, please share this information with your family and friends, as well as on your social media outlets. We are looking for 100% support from all families.

ESTF Grant - Please utilize this link: [2026-27 School Year ESTF Eligibility - SC School Choice](#) for all information related to the **26-27 ESTF (School Choice)** grant. This grant is for SC residents with students going into Kindergarten through 12th grades. All families who have children currently receiving the ESTF grant should have already applied for next year. If you have not done so, please do so today. For those not currently receiving the grant, please mark your calendars to apply on **Thursday, 1/15/26**. This is a highly sought after grant and funds are limited, so please apply ASAP when the appropriate date for your family arrives.

- **Nov. 1** – Renewals for current recipients and siblings (must reapply with 2023/24 tax return).
- **Jan. 15** – Best date for all families to apply. Priority applications (active military and public-school students under 300% poverty).
- **Feb. 9** – Open to all applicants (up to 500% poverty level, IRS 1040 line 11).
- Award Amount (2026–27): \$7,634 per student. This is applied towards the actual cost to educate. Any difference is owed by the family. Our *current* CTE is \$7900.
- Families are typically notified within 2 weeks of applying and are to email the school immediately of the funds awarded.

Labeling Student Items - Please, please, please... label all of your child's items with his or her names. We find lots of clothing, water bottles, lunch bags, etc. without names and we don't know to whom they belong so we can't return them to their rightful owners.

Party Volunteers Needed - We are looking for volunteers to help run stations for our *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* Party on **Tuesday, 11/25**. If you would like to volunteer please contact Mrs. Hines at ehines@holytrinitynmb.org. We still have a few decoration items that need to be made for the *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* Party. These are things that can be made at home with the supplies we will provide. If you can help with this important task, please contact Mrs. Hines at ehines@holytrinitynmb.org. This is a great opportunity for families who cannot necessarily do things at school due to other responsibilities during the day.

As a school, we are reading the book "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" by Roald Dahl. Once each class has finished the book, students will watch the 1971 original "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory."

Save the Dates: Mark your calendars for some upcoming family events that you are invited to attend:

- **Friday, 11 /14** - Half day, noon dismissal, no aftercare - Teacher catechesis afternoon
 - Please form two lines for afternoon car line and watch for faculty directions
- **Monday, 11/18** - Operation Christmas Child boxes due
- **Thursday, 11/20** - 3:10 PM - Family advent activity in the mpr
- **Saturday, 11/22** - 4 PM - Alumni and Current Families School Mass
- **Tuesday, 11/25** - Half day, noon dismissal, no aftercare
- **Wednesday, 11/26-Friday, 11/28** - No school, Thanksgiving break
- **Friday, 12/5** - 1:45 PM - K3/K4 Gingerbread Event w/Leadership in the mpr
- **Thursday, 12/18** - 5:15 PM PTO activities/meeting, 6 PM - Christmas show in the mpr
- **Friday, 12/19** - Half day, noon dismissal, no aftercare
- **Monday, 12/22-Friday, 1/2** - No school, Christmas/New Year break

Sunday's Readings - Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: Malachi 3:19-20a

Lo, the day is coming, blazing like an oven, when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire, leaving them neither root nor branch, says the LORD of hosts. But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98:5-6, 7-8, 9: R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and melodious song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn sing joyfully before the King, the LORD. **R.**

Let the sea and what fills it resound, the world and those who dwell in it; let the rivers clap their hands, the mountains shout with them for joy. **R.**

Before the LORD, for he comes, for he comes to rule the earth, he will rule the world with justice and the peoples with equity. **R.**

Reading 2: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Brothers and sisters: You know how one must imitate us. For we did not act in a disorderly way among you, nor did we eat food received free from anyone. On the contrary, in toil and drudgery, night and day we worked, so as not to burden any of you. Not that we do not have the right. Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us. In fact, when we were with you, we instructed you that if anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat. We hear that some are conducting themselves among you in a disorderly way, by not keeping busy but minding the business of others. Such people we instruct and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to work quietly and to eat their own food.

Alleluia: Luke 21:28

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All that you see here— the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." Then they asked him, "Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?" He answered, "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky.

"Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute. You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

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.*