Weekly Communication from Mrs. Luzzo
November 13, 2026

Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Friday, Trinity Lions! It's been a busy week here at HTCS! Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Veterans Day program and the Advent family activity. We always love having family and friends on campus to witness the wonderful things our students are learning and accomplishing. As we move closer to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, there will be even more to share. As they say, "It's the most wonderful time of the year!"

Please continue to check your child's take-home folder, your email, our school website (https://www.holytrinitynmb.com), and our Facebook page for ongoing updates and information about all the exciting things happening at HTCS.

Educational Scholarship Trust Fund (ESTF) - Please note that applications for the Education Scholarship Trust Fund (ESTF) for 2027-2028 will be processed in three (3) windows:

- **Window 1 (November 1, 2026):** *Returning Awarded Students and Their Siblings*
- **Window 2 (January 15, 2027):** *Priority Students meeting certain criteria*
- **Window 3 (February 16, 2027)**: *All Eligible Students*

It is important to note that the ESTF Application Window for Returning ESTF Students and Their Siblings opened on November 1, 2026, at 8 AM. Families with returning ESTF students **MUST** renew their application each year. **For more information about the program or when to apply, please click this link: SC ESTF Program.**

- **NOTE:** If you plan to request a scholarship or tuition assistance, you *MUST* apply for the ESTF grant during the appropriate window. Proof of your application will be required when applying for scholarships and/or tuition assistance. Scholarships and/or tuition assistance will not be awarded to families that have not applied for the ESTF grant on time.
- **NOTE:** If you plan to request the parish discount, proof of registration, weekly Mass attendance, and support will be required from your home parish. A form will be provided to each family as we get closer to the reenrollment period after the holidays.

Q1 Survey - We have extended the survey deadline to **11/16**. I kindly ask that one person from every family take a few moments to complete the Q1 Survey found at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FKH3P96. Your feedback provides valuable information for us as we plan activities, clubs, and special events for the coming months. Thank you in advance for your support!

#iGiveCatholic Giving Day Event - Monday, 11/16, is the day… advanced giving begins for the annual giving event. **Holy Trinity Catholic School** is participating in **Giving Tuesday**, a global movement that celebrates generosity. While the official Giving Tuesday is **December 1,** we are thrilled to let you know that advanced giving begins on **Monday, November 16**! This year, we invite you to be a part of this global movement by

supporting our school's efforts. Your generous contribution—whether big or small—will have a direct and meaningful impact on our students and our school community. **How You Can Get Involved:**

1. **Donate:** Every donation brings us one step closer to our goal. You can make a donation on our #iGiveCatholic page: [Holy Trinity Catholic School (North Myrtle Beach) | #iGiveCatholic](#).
2. **Spread the Word:** Share our campaign with family and friends to help amplify our message of generosity. The more people who know, the greater the impact we can have!



We believe that when we come together, we can achieve extraordinary things. This year, we hope to raise funds for **added campus security**, **classroom upgrades for our middle school expansion**, and **additional signage**. **All donations are tax deductible.** Let's make this an event of extraordinary generosity! Please see attached for more details and school-wide challenges.

Half Day - Please make a note… **Friday, 11/20,** is a half day of school. Dismissal is at noon and there is no aftercare. All students must be picked up at **noon**. Please form two lines for dismissal to expedite the process and prevent back up onto 8th Avenue.

Annual Literacy Party - Please see attached and contact Mrs. Hines at ehines@holytrinitynmb.org if you would like to help with this event. Thank you!

No School - Thanksgiving Break - School will be closed the **week of 11/23** in honor of Thanksgiving. We will reopen on **Monday, 11/30**.

The Penguin Patch Holiday Shop - This year, students will have an opportunity to shop for their families (including their pets) at our Penguin Patch Holiday Shop. The shop will be open on **Monday, 12/7, Wednesday, 12/9, Thursday, 12/10,** and **Friday, 12/11, between 8-10 AM.** The shop will be closed on Tuesday, 12/8, as we will attend Mass that day in honor of the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Parents Night Out - Please see attached flyer for information about an upcoming Parents Night Out. Please note… this event is hosted by Mrs. Kalani Morrow, OLSS Youth Ministry Coordinator and friend of HTCS. All communications about this event should be directed to her.

See's Candies Fundraiser - The PTO is holding a See's Candies fundraiser, and information was sent home with students earlier this week. Please take a moment to visit the site and consider making a purchase—whether for a treat for your family or as delicious Christmas gifts for friends and neighbors! Feel free to share the QR code with others as well. Let's help support our PTO so they can continue doing the amazing work they do for our students and school community!

Annual PTO Golf Tournament - Please see the attached flyers for our annual PTO sponsored golf tournament. This is the PTO's biggest fundraiser of the school year and all families are asked to support this event as much as possible to make it a huge success.

Additional Save the Dates - Mark your calendars now and look for more information about these upcoming events:

- **Monday, 11/2 - Monday, 11/16** - Operation Christmas Child social outreach family project
- **Monday, 11/23-Friday, 11/27** - No school, Thanksgiving break

- **Tuesday, 12/1 - 5:30 PM** - Junior Beta Induction Ceremony (note time change from 5 PM)
- **Tuesday, 12/8** - Immaculate Conception - students will attend Mass (not on Wednesday, 12/9)
- **Thursday, 12/17** - 6 PM Annual Christmas Concert, family social time at 5:30 PM
- **Friday, 12/18** - 1/2 day, no aftercare
- **Monday, 12/21-Friday, 1/1** - No school, Christmas break

Faith for Families: **Catholic Parenting: Nurturing Faith and Values in the Family Journey:** Family prayer traditions boost children's worship participation by 78%. This highlights the significant impact of Catholic family life on spiritual growth. Catholic parenting involves nurturing faith and values at home. In the U.S., 20.8% of people identify as Catholic. Many families struggle to raise faith-filled children in a secular world. Our role goes beyond basic care to include spiritual formation. Creating a sacred home environment is crucial. By leading through example, we build the foundation for our children's **religious education**. This sets the stage for their lifelong faith journey. Daily prayer routines are essential in **Catholic family life**. **Family traditions** and active participation in sacraments strengthen our bonds. These practices help develop a deep connection to our faith. As parents, we're both teachers and students. We grow spiritually alongside our children. This journey of faith is a shared experience for the whole family. *Catholic Parenting: Nurturing Faith And Values In The Family Journey - Practical Catholic Living*

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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 high 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.*