



Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo November 17, 2023

Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Friday! I want to give a special thank you to all families who participated in our annual Advent social outreach project - Operation Christmas Child. Mrs. Hines delivered 55 boxes to her church where they will be prayed over and then sent around the world to children in need. What a beautiful Christmas blessing we have been to others in need - just as Jesus taught us we should be.

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 or send them in with your student. Thank you so much!

Surveys - Thank you to all families for completing the annual survey to help us retain our accreditation. Your time and input is invaluable to us as we strive each year to make HTCS the best it can be.

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. More information can be found on-line at: [VIRTUS® Online \(virtusonline.org\)](http://virtusonline.org).

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.

Harry Potter Party - Students may enjoy a dress down day if they dress as a character or a student from the book series (search images on-line for more information) on **Tuesday, 11/21**. If you would like to volunteer to help at the party, we would love to have you. Please contact Mrs. Hines at ehines@charlestandiocese.org for more information.

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: [Give to Holy Trinity Catholic School \(North Myrtle | #iGiveCatholic\)](#).

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.

Choir - There is no choir practice on **Wednesday, 11/29**. Please plan accordingly.

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.

Christmas Show - Please mark your calendars now for our annual Christmas show being held at **6 PM** on **Thursday, 12/14**. Students are asked to report to school at **5:30 PM** and parents are asked to head to the multipurpose room for a brief PTO meeting. More information will be coming regarding costumes/attire for the show.

Students' Christmas Party - The PTO is in need of volunteers for the students' Christmas party on **Friday, 12/15**. If you can help out for a few hours (it is a half day), please contact the PTO at ptohtcs@gmail.com.

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@charlestoneocese.org. More information can be found on our school website: <https://holytrinitynmb.com/get-involved#panel--10>.

A Catholic Perspective on Forgiveness - The concept of forgiveness is a key aspect in one's participation in the Catholic faith. This Catholic notion of forgiveness can find its origins in the Bible. The Psalmist writes in Psalm 103:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits;

He pardons all your iniquities, he heals all your ills.

He redeems your life from destruction, he crowns you with kindness and compassion.

Yet, while forgiveness originates in God, there are conditions for the one forgiven: He must pray for forgiveness; he must confess his sins; he must turn away from sin and repent, or teshuvah. Ultimately, God's abundant mercy and forgiveness become the grounds for the covenant, which is a catalyst for God's repeated act of forgiving his people.

As sure as the follower of Jesus experiences God's love by loving his neighbor, so too does that believer experience the forgiveness of God in the act of forgiving his neighbor. Forgiveness is both the result of God's action and a condition for it. As our appreciation for experiencing God's forgiveness grows within us, so our capacity for forgiveness expands.

[ONE Magazine A Catholic Perspective on Forgiveness | CNEWA](#)

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.*