



Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo November 17, 2023

Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Tuesday! Special thanks to Mrs. Hines and her team for creating a wonderful Harry Potter Party for our students to enjoy today. I would dare to say a good time will be had by all. I'm sure we've sparked a new love of reading for many. Please see below for important information about upcoming events and activities at HTCS. Have a blessed Thanksgiving and a relaxing long weekend.

Copy paper - Thank you to those who have sent in copy paper. We are still in need of more. Please feel free to drop off donations of paper in the front office or send them in with your student. Thank you so much!

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

Reminder... If you take vacation time outside the school allotted days off, students need to make up the missed work when they return. As per the handbook, we do not give out work prior to vacations. Thank you for your understanding.

A Catholic Perspective on Thanksgiving - An interesting bit of trivia is that the first American Thanksgiving was actually celebrated on September 8, 1565 in St. Augustine, Florida. The Native Americans and Spanish settlers held a feast and the Holy Mass was offered.

A second similar "Thanksgiving" celebration occurred on American soil on April 30, 1598 in Texas when Don Juan de Oñate declared a day of Thanksgiving to be commemorated by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The Catholic origins of Thanksgiving don't stop there. Squanto, the beloved hero of Thanksgiving, was the Native American man who mediated between the Puritan Pilgrims and the Native Americans. Squanto had been enslaved by the English but he was freed by Spanish Franciscans. Squanto thus received baptism and became a Catholic. So it was a baptized Catholic Native American who orchestrated what became known as Thanksgiving.

[The Catholic Origins of Thanksgiving! \(catholiceducation.org\)](http://catholiceducation.org)

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.*