Weekly Communication from Mrs. Luzzo
November 6, 2026

Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Friday, Trinity Lions! Thank you all for another wonderful week at HTCS, and a special thank you to our amazing PTO for a fun Trunk or Treat So People Can Eat event. We collected a lot of items to be donated to the OLSS Food Pantry!

We now move into one of the busiest times of the school year. In addition to continuing our rigorous academics and faith formation studies, we will be learning about and celebrating several holidays and participating in lots of additional fun activities.

As always, 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, please see: 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 - I kindly ask that one person from every family take a few moments **by Friday, 11/6,** 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!

Veterans Day Program - Please join us in Holy Family Hall at **10 AM** on **Wednesday, 11/11,** for our annual Veterans Day program. All are welcome!

Family Advent Activity - We're looking forward to having all the families who signed up join us after school on **Thursday, 11/12,** from **3:10-4 PM** for our annual Family Advent Activity. Learn a bit about this special liturgical season and work together to create a family Advent craft.

Basketball - Just a reminder that signup forms are due on **Monday, 11/9,** for all 4th and 5th grade boys and girls who are interested in playing on the HTCS team. *Note… transportation **TO** practices and games will be provided by the school. Parents are responsible for transportation back home **FROM** practices and games.* Please see attached for more information.

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

#iGiveCatholic Giving Day Event - I am excited to announce that **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**! Since its inception in 2012, Giving Tuesday has united communities worldwide through acts of kindness, collaboration, and giving. 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!

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.

- I am looking for volunteers to help students shop and wrap their purchases. If you can assist with any or all of these days, please email me, kluzzo@holytrinitynmb.org, and let me know. Thank you!

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.

Annual Fund Campaign - Hopefully you've had a chance to review the annual report/annual fund campaign booklet. If not, you can find it on our school website at: annualfund2026-27final_web_version.pdf.

- We kindly ask you to prayerfully consider a donation to this year's campaign to help enhance our programs and facilities, especially as we look to expand our grade offerings to include 6th grade in

the fall. To have your donation conveniently drafted from your FACTS account, simply email me with the amount and I will take care of that for you. We offer both one-time and recurring monthly drafts—whichever works best for your family - or you may send in your one-time donation via cash or check to my attention. **Every gift makes a big impact and we are hoping for 100% participation from all families.** Please feel free to share the information with family and friends, especially those who might be looking for a tax deduction before the end of the year.

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
- **Tuesday, 11/10 - 1:45 PM** - Mrs. Lowman's 3rd-5th State Fair
- **Monday, 11/16** - #iGiveCatholic Campaign advanced giving begins
- **Monday, 11/23-Friday, 11/27** - No school, Thanksgiving break
- **Tuesday, 12/1 - 5 PM** - Junior Beta Induction Ceremony
- **Tuesday, 12/8** - Immaculate Conception - students will attend Mass (vs 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* - The Power of Family Rituals -** Rituals are powerful; they help us see what we otherwise might forget to look for. The same is true at home. Daily rituals and family traditions serve to show us and our children who we are and what matters to us. Here are some good opportunities to introduce rituals into your family life.

Bedtime: Bedtime rituals can be a challenge at the end of a long day, but children often need help falling asleep as nighttime fears arise. Take this opportunity to introduce bedtime prayers to your children and to help them develop trust in God as our protector and provider. See this time spent as an investment in your child's spiritual and emotional wellness. As your children grow, don't abandon the bedtime ritual, but adapt it to suit their needs.

Birthdays and Baptismal Days: Birthday celebrations are great ways to emphasize that your children are unique and loved. Recognizing, in some significant way, your children's baptismal day is a great way to celebrate their relationship with God. A simple way to celebrate a baptismal anniversary is to light a candle, explain why you gave your child his or her name, and then spend a moment talking about the goodness you see in that child. In this way you will nurture the natural spirituality of your children and demonstrate that there is more to them than they probably know.

Every Day: Some of the best family fun can be had by developing little rituals that are unique to your lives together. There's many simple practices that celebrate the sacred. Perhaps every Friday night your family

eats pizza, piles on the couch together, and watches a movie. Or perhaps New Year's Day is your family's day to go on a long hike in the woods. Value these rituals and know that they are anchors for your kids in a turbulent world.

Meals: Eating a family meal on a regular basis is a profound ritual. Begin the meal with prayer. Make time for everyone to share something about their day. Try fun meal-time questions like those in *The Meal Box*, they will encourage conversation, laughter, and sharing. Above all, make the table a welcoming, come-as-you-are place. Welcome friends, neighbors, and those in need to your table as well. Jesus did some of his best teaching from the dinner table. You can too, just by passing the potatoes. Celebrating Rituals - Strong Catholic Family Faith

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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.*