



Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo November 7, 2025

Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Friday, Trinity Lions! It's hard to believe that we have already finished the first week of November and that Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner. There will be lots of information coming out over the next few weeks, so please be sure to read all Friday communications as well as school emails and text alerts carefully so your child and family can fully participate in these school events. Thank you.

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

Parent Survey for Our School Accreditation Retention - We are asking at least one adult from each family to click this link: [eProve™ 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 #iGiveCatholic 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.

Retreat for Parents of Children with Special Needs - Parents of children and adults with special needs are invited to a day of faith, rest and renewal on Friday, Nov. 8 (10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) at St. Philip Neri Church, Fort Mill. The retreat will feature Father Jim Collins, a priest with cerebral palsy, sharing his powerful witness of perseverance and joy, along with Kristen McGuire on rediscovering God's gifts through extraordinary children. The day includes Mass, rosary, confession and adoration. [Register in advance](#): \$20 individual | \$30 couple | Limited childcare available. Register at: [Come to Christ: A Retreat for Parents of Children and Adults with Special Needs on November 8, 2025 | Flocknote](#)

25-26 Tuition Updates - In order to align with other Catholic schools, and to highlight the value of what HTCS offers with our safe and nurturing environment, outstanding faculty and staff, daily faith formation and sacramental preparation, and our proven academic results,

please note that tuition will be handled differently beginning next year. All students (Catholic and non-Catholic) will be charged the full “cost to educate” tuition rate. All applicable discounts, scholarships, assistance, and grants will be deducted from that rate. More information about tuition and grant opportunities will be published to the school community as soon as possible.

Note: It is very important that families apply for all available grants (ESTF, First Steps 4K, Diocesan) as soon as they open. *No tuition assistance will be given to families who have not applied for all grants for which they are eligible to apply. Thank you for your support in helping our school become financially viable and sustainable long term.*

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.

Note: I spoke with our FACTS representative and she is not sure why the SC Department of Education advises renewing families to apply for this grant on FACTS. Even though ClassWallet is using a FACTS form, the application can only be accessed via the ClassWallet website. ClassWallet will still be the best point of contact if you have any questions about the ESTF application itself. Please see below for contact information:

HELP & SUPPORT

Need help with the Education Scholarship Trust Fund (ESTF) Program or the ClassWallet platform?
Contact our support team for assistance.

CALL CLASSWALLET

[\(877\) 313-1299](tel:(877)313-1299)

Monday through Friday from 8 am – 8 pm ET
Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm ET

EMAIL CLASSWALLET

help@classwallet.com

CONTACT OUTBRIDGE SUPPORT

For help connecting with a provider, or for additional support using your ESTF funds.

[\(803\) 598-2776](tel:(803)598-2776)

<https://www.outbridge-sc.org>

Reminder... no tuition assistance can be awarded to families who do not apply for all grants for which they are eligible. We appreciate your support in helping HTCS become financially sound and viable long-term, making it possible for us to continue to provide quality Catholic education to all students.

- **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

Items Needing to be Made - 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:

- **Tuesday, 11/11** - 1:30 PM - Veterans Day Program in the mpr
- **Friday, 11 /14** - Half day, noon dismissal, no aftercare - Teacher catechesis afternoon
- **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** - 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 - Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

Reading 1 - Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

The angel brought me back to the entrance of the temple, and I saw water flowing out from beneath the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the façade of the temple was

toward the east; the water flowed down from the southern side of the temple, south of the altar. He led me outside by the north gate, and around to the outer gate facing the east, where I saw water trickling from the southern side. He said to me, "This water flows into the eastern district down upon the Arabah, and empties into the sea, the salt waters, which it makes fresh. Wherever the river flows, every sort of living creature that can multiply shall live, and there shall be abundant fish, for wherever this water comes the sea shall be made fresh. Along both banks of the river, fruit trees of every kind shall grow; their leaves shall not fade, nor their fruit fail. Every month they shall bear fresh fruit, for they shall be watered by the flow from the sanctuary. Their fruit shall serve for food, and their leaves for medicine."

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 - R. (5) The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High!

God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress. Therefore, we fear not, though the earth be shaken and mountains plunge into the depths of the sea. R.

There is a stream whose runlets gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High. God is in its midst; it shall not be disturbed; God will help it at the break of dawn. R.

The LORD of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob. Come! behold the deeds of the LORD, the astounding things he has wrought on earth. R.

Reading 2 - 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17

Brothers and sisters: You are God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building upon it. But each one must be careful how he builds upon it, for no one can lay a foundation other than the one that is there, namely, Jesus Christ. Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God, which you are, is holy.

Alleluia - 2 Chronicles 7:16 - R. Alleluia, alleluia. I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord, that my name may be there forever. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel - John 2:13-22

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money-changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables, and to those

who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me*. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his Body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

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.*