



## Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo November 8, 2024

***Don't forget to ROAR!***

*Happy Friday, HTCS families! Please see below for lots of important information about school events and happenings. As always, I appreciate your support. Have a great weekend!*

**After School Activity Info** - With our sports, clubs, and choir pick up location being different than last year, we didn't realize there would be a little snafu with basketball and aftercare. Basketball is TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS. All practices are listed on the school website: <https://holytrinitynmb.com/>. If your child is on the basketball team, pick up will be at 4:30 PM from the brown side MPR door. Due to multiple things going on in the back of the school after hours, we ask that you park in a parking space in one of the back lots and not pull up until 4:25 PM. We have to allow other traffic (Seton bus and aftercare) to be able to pick up as well.

If your child is in aftercare, please pull in the fenced in area slowly. Park in a space closest to the gates and walk down the sidewalk to the back door to get your child. The students who are at basketball practice will be aware of their surroundings. When leaving, please pull out and drive back the way you came to allow for the practice to continue as uninterrupted as possible. After 4:30 PM, we can go back to our regular procedures. Thank you for your cooperation with these pick up procedures.

**Veterans Day Program** - All families are invited to join us for a special program honoring our military Veterans on **Monday, 11/11**, at **1:30 PM** in the multipurpose room (mpr). Students may wear red, white, and blue clothing and shoes appropriate for recess that day. Students whose families attend the ceremony may leave as soon as the program is finished as long as they let their teachers know before leaving.

**Family Advent Social Outreach Project** - *Operation Christmas Child* has officially begun! All red/green shoeboxes have been distributed. If you would like to do more than one shoebox, you can use any shoebox that you have. We do have extra Boy/Girl labels, but not more red/green shoeboxes. Please contact Mrs. Hines or Ms. Nicole if you would like a label for any extra boxes that your family fills. All filled boxes are due back to school by **Tuesday, 11/19**. Thank you for partnering with your children to support this social outreach project.

**Family Advent Activity** - Forms went home this week for our annual Advent family faith formation activity taking place on **Thursday, 11/21**, at **3:05 PM** in the mpr. All are invited to join Deacon Richard as we learn about the season of Advent and make Advent wreaths for your homes. All materials are provided by the school, but families must sign up by **Monday, 11/11**, so we can order enough supplies for everyone. Thank you!

**#iGiveCatholic Campaign** - #iGiveCatholic will take place on #GivingTuesday, the global day of philanthropy, **December 3**, but advanced giving begins **November 18**. We have a HUGE goal to reach this year and we need everyone's support starting now. Please start sharing the link: [Give to Holy Trinity Catholic School \(North Myrtle | #iGiveCatholic\)](#) on your social media platforms now. You can let people know this is a great way to get in a last minute tax write off while supporting our school at the same time. It's a win-win for everyone!

**Surveys** - It is that time of year again. The time we ask all families to complete the **Catholic Identity Program Effectiveness: Parent Survey**. The data gathered from the survey responses helps us retain our accreditation, recognize our areas of strength, and note our areas for improvement. Your feedback is invaluable. Please click the link to complete the survey by **Friday, 11/22**. <https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/262535/p883>.

**Seton Bus** - There will be no Seton bus transportation or Seton sibling after care on **Monday, 11/25** and **Tuesday, 11/26**. All students will need to be transported to and from school.

**Thanksgiving Break** - We have a **half day** (noon dismissal, no aftercare) on **Tuesday, 11/26**. Students who have not opted out will participate in a brief safety program and then all will enjoy the return of the HTCS Pow Wow on Tuesday. School will be closed **Wednesday, 11/27** - **Friday, 11/29**. We will reopen on Monday, 12/2.

**Water Bottles** - We kindly ask that every student bring a refillable, resealable water bottle with them to school each day. We request that the bottle contain only water. So far this year we have had several spills and explosions with bottles containing soda, tea, and juices. This has caused some issues with carpeting and technology and we are hoping to avoid any more. Thank you for your understanding and support.

**Not Your Average Joe** - Tickets are now on sale for our annual dinner show fundraiser. This year's production, *Not Your Average Joe*, will take place on **Friday, 1/31**, at **6 PM** and **Saturday, 2/1**, at **1 PM**. Tickets are \$20/adult and \$10/child 10 and under. What a great way to wrap up Catholic Schools Week 2025!

**Catholic Faith Formation - What is Advent?** Advent is the Catholic liturgical season of preparation leading up to Christmas Day. The word *advent* is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, which means *coming*. During Advent we anticipate the coming of Jesus as a baby.

It's a penitential time full of reflection, excitement, and hope as we prepare to celebrate his birth.

***When Does Advent Begin?*** Advent officially begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on December 24. It marks the beginning of the Catholic Church's liturgical calendar year. This year Advent begins on Sunday, December 1, 2024. Four weeks isn't long, but that still leaves plenty of time to spend some quiet time preparing for Jesus' coming. [\*\*\*A Complete Guide to Catholic Advent | Dynamic Catholic\*\*\*](#)

***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.