

Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo December 12, 2025 Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Friday, Trinity Lions! Thank you to those who supported us during the recent #iGiveCatholic campaign. Because of the generosity of 51 donors, we raised \$20,178! We will be able to get both buses wrapped, purchase some items for the playground, and add additional funds to the Richard M. Flenke, Jr. Scholarship Fund. We also earned an extra day off at the end of the school year because we had 100% faculty support! Please see the attached revised calendar outlining the remainder of the school year and a date change for the EOY show. I pray you all have a wonderful weekend as we move into the third week of Advent, a week of JOY as we grow closer each day to the celebration of Jesus' birth. Thank you for your continued support, trust, and partnership.

Reminder, these 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.

Car Line Reversal - Please be sure to review the information sent out via email yesterday regarding car line reversal during the upcoming Church renovation project. We will begin this temporary procedure when we return from the holiday break on **Monday, 1/5/26**.

Christmas Show - Students and parents should plan to arrive at 5:15 PM on Thursday, 12/18, for PTO sponsored activities, information, and socialization. Please do not arrive before that as the faculty, staff, and PTO need time to prepare. At 5:45 PM, students will be sent to their homerooms to get ready for the show. The show will begin promptly at 6 PM and there will be no one at the front office to let in late arrivals.

Student Christmas Party - The PTO is hosting their annual Christmas party for the students on **Friday, 12/19**. Students may enjoy a dress down day and wear their favorite Christmas attire. Please be sure your student wears shoes appropriate for play... no heals, crocs, or boots. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe at school.

Half Day - We will begin Christmas break at **noon** on **Friday**, **12/19**. There is no aftercare that day so please plan accordingly. As we do for all half days, we will form two lines for dismissal. Please be sure your student's yellow car sign is in your front windshield until your child is in your car.

School Closed - School will be closed at noon on **Friday, 12/19,** and we will reopen on **Monday, 1/5/26**. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Save the Dates:

- Thursday, 12/18 5:15 PM PTO activities/meeting, 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, 1/25/26 Catholic Schools Week begins, 10 AM School Mass, Open House

Sunday's Readings - Third Sunday of Advent (Joy)

Reading 1: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10: The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10. R. Lord, come and save us OR: R. Alleluia.

The LORD God keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free. **R.**

The LORD gives sight to the blind; the LORD raises up those who were bowed down. The LORD loves the just; the LORD protects strangers. **R.**

The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. **R.**

Reading 2: James 5:7-10: Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia: Isaiah 61:1 (cited in Lk 4:18): R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. R.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11: When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." As they were going off, Jesus

began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.* Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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.