



Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo December 29, 2023

Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Friday! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. It's hard to believe that 2023 is almost over and a new year is about to begin. I pray that 2024 brings blessings to all HTCS families and to our school as well.

School Reopens - We will return to school on **Tuesday, 1/2**. We look forward to welcoming all students back to school and we pray that they will return refreshed and ready for more learning and fun throughout the rest of this school year.

Volunteers - We still need recess and lunch volunteers. Sometimes our regulars have to be out and we are in desperate need of a list of backups. Please contact Ms. Nicole for more information. *Reminder.. If you received tuition assistance this year, this is a great opportunity for you to meet your obligation for giving back to the school.*

PTO Spirit Night - Please join us on **Wednesday, 1/10**, at Panera in North Myrtle Beach for the next PTO sponsored Spirit Night. See attached flier for more information.

Half Day - There is a half day scheduled on **Friday, 1/12.**, Dismissal is at noon and there is **no aftercare**. As we do on all half days, please form two lines for afternoon pick up to keep everyone off 8th Avenue N. Teachers will be attending an in-service professional development that afternoon, so please be on time for pick up.

No School - School will be closed on **Monday, 1/15**, in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. day. School will resume on **Tuesday, 1/16**.

Catholic Schools Week Mass - All families are asked to join us for the **10 AM Mass** on **Sunday, 1/28**, as we kick off Catholic Schools Week 2024. Students are asked to wear their MASS DAY UNIFORMS as they will be representing our school, as well as reading and singing at this Mass. We will sit together as a school community on the front left side facing the altar. Please plan to arrive by **9:45 AM** to secure a seat. There will be an open house in the school immediately following the Mass. Please tell your friends and neighbors about this event as all those who enroll during Catholic Schools Week receive free registration for the 24-25 school year as do all families who refer new families.

Science Fair - Be sure to be working on your Science fair project. All projects are due at the end of January, during Catholic Schools Week. More information will be coming soon.

School Choice - Our fourth and fifth grade students, as well as our third grade ROAR squad members will be attending the annual School Choice rally in Columbia on **Friday, 1/26**. Permission slips will be coming home soon. In the meantime, please check out these links for brief informational videos about School Choice. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9RfS4W2vSvI> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ALgtHKWwcz0>.

Snow Ball - All families are invited to attend the first annual PTO Snow Ball on **Friday, 1/26**, to celebrate the 15th year anniversary of HTCS. For more information, please see the attached flier or the school Facebook event page at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/6675397072528890>. Tickets are on sale now. Payments by cash, check, or FACTS are all acceptable.

Golf Tournament - The PTO is working hard on the 12th annual golf tournament. This is a major fundraiser for the PTO and all proceeds go to support the mission of the school and our students. They are still seeking sponsors, golfers, and auction items. Contact Mrs. Marisa Slawiak at mslawiak@charlestandiocese.org or check out our school website: <https://holytrinitynmb.com/get-involved#panel--10> for more information.

Save the Date - The annual "whodunnit" dinner show is scheduled for **March 22 and 23**. This year's show, *Last Will and Testament*, promises to be amazing! Please see the attached flier for more information. Tickets are limited so be sure to get your tickets now.

School Website - Please check our website for all the information on what's happening at HTCS – sports, choir, clubs, due dates, forms, important links, etc. - It's all there!

Tardies and Absences - Students who arrive after 7:55 AM (gate closing) are considered tardy. Per SC State Law: A student is considered truant: after three (3) consecutive all-day absences, five (5) cumulative all-day absences, or five (5) cumulative class absences within the same class period, which are not excused. - after ten (10) or more unexcused tardies or early release days. Please see the Parent/Student Handbook for more information:

https://holytrinitynmb.com/sites/trinitynmb/files/uploads/documents/23_24_parent_guardian_and_student_handbook_0.pdf

Beta Club - We now have a Beta Club at Holy Trinity! More information will be coming home soon for students who qualify. This is a wonderful opportunity for our older students, especially those preparing to head to middle school in the fall.

A New Year Prayer - God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly, thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others, mindful that our steps make an impact and our words carry power. May we walk gently. May we speak only after we have listened well. Creator of all life, help us enter the New Year reverently, aware that you have endowed every creature and plant, every person and habitat with beauty and purpose. May we regard the world with tenderness. May we honor rather than destroy. Lover of all souls, help us enter the New Year joyfully, willing to laugh and dance and dream, remembering our many gifts with thanks and looking forward to blessings yet to come. May we welcome your lavish love. In this new year, may the grace and peace of Christ bless us now and in the days ahead. Amen.

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.*