



Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo January 10, 2025

Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Friday, HTCS families! It was a great first week back after the Christmas break, although the weather is causing some issues today. As of now school will remain open with aftercare and all after school activities canceled - EXCEPT FOR THE PTO SNOWBALL which is still on for this evening.

Winter MAP Testing - Students in grades K through 5th will take the winter MAP assessments between **January 13** and **January 31**. Teachers will provide more information as to specific testing days for their individual classes. As always, parents can help students do their best by ensuring they get a good night's rest, eat a healthy breakfast, and arrive at school on time every day. We thank you for your support.

Report Cards - 2nd quarter report cards will be sent home on **Monday, 1/13**, for all grades EXCEPT K4 (they run on a separate schedule). Please review and discuss the information with your student. Then, sign the envelope and send it back to school.

Half Day - Friday, 1/17, is a half day with **noon** dismissal and no aftercare. All students must be picked up at noon. Please form two lines at dismissal and watch for faculty instructions so we can keep everyone safe.

No School - School will be closed on **Monday, 1/20**, in recognition of MLK, Jr. Day. We will reopen on **Tuesday, 1/21**, at our normal time.

100th Day - Our 100th day of school is on **Wednesday, 1/22**. This is a Mass day, so students should wear their Mass day uniforms. Teachers will let families know how they will celebrate the 100th day in their classrooms.

Catholic Schools Week - The annual celebration of Catholic schools will be held January 26-February 1. Each day's theme highlights the things that make Catholic schools so special.

Sunday, 1/26 - Celebrating Your Parish - Join us for **10 AM Mass** followed by an Open House

Monday, 1/27 - Celebrating Your Community - Annual blood drive **10 AM-1 PM** - see attached

Tuesday, 1/28 - Celebrating Your Students - Science Fair for all students

Wednesday, 1/29 - Celebrating the Nation - Parent viewing of Science Fair at dismissal **2:45-3:15 PM**

Thursday, 1/30 - Celebrating Vocations - Conversation with Deacon Richard, Sr. Marie, and Fr. Frances

Friday, 1/31 - Celebrating Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers - PTO treat for families, faculty/staff luncheon

Saturday, 2/1 - Celebrating Families - Enjoy the day together doing something fun

2025-2026 School Year - Open enrollment for new families and re-enrollment for current families (except current 5th graders moving onto middle school) will take place via FACTS at the end of January into early February. Information about tuition rates, tuition assistance, and scholarships will come out then as well. We look forward to welcoming back all current families as well as many new families for a new and exciting 25-26 school year.

Not Your Average Joe - 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. Tickets are almost gone! Contact Ms. Nicole (nnealey@charlestdioocese.org) to purchase your tickets.

Volunteer Opportunity - If you would like to volunteer to help with the annual dinner show, either day or both, please contact Mrs. Carman at ccarman@charlestdioocese.org. She would love to have your help!

13th Annual PTO Golf Tournament - Please see attached information about the PTO's annual golf tournament taking place at The Long Bay Golf Course on **Saturday, 2/22**. This is the PTO's largest fundraiser and your support is greatly needed to make it a success.

School Website - As always, please refer to the school website for all the information you could need regarding school events, clubs, sports, etc. [Holy Trinity Catholic School | North Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

Uniforms - One of the key identifiers of a Catholic school, outside of the rigorous academics and faith formation they provide, is the uniform their students wear. Please take a moment to review the uniform dress code to ensure your student is following the HTCS policies. With the inconsistent weather we have been experiencing, please make a special note of the following:

- If it is too cold for shorts, students should wear pants. Please do not put leggings under shorts. Girls may wear leggings and/or tights under a jumper or skirt.
- Sweatshirts, sweaters, and fleece worn in the classroom must be Trinity logo items or solid navy or white. The only logo allowed on the sweatshirt, sweater, or fleece is the Holy Trinity logo.
- Please label all clothing, outerwear, water bottles, etc. so if they are misplaced, they can be returned to the owner.
- Students may wear Spirit Wear on Fridays, if they have paid to do so. This is the only day, outside of scheduled dress down days, that jeans are allowed for students.

If you need additional uniform pieces, the PTO has new and "gently used" options in their used uniform store. See the website for days the store will be open for families to shop.

Hot Lunch - Please see attached information regarding how to order hot lunches on FACTS.

Catholic Faith Formation - What is “Ordinary Time” in the Catholic Church?

Christmas Time and Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery, namely, the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ. Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. [Ordinary Time | USCCB](#)

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.*