



## Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo January 15, 2026

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

*Happy Thursday, Trinity Lions! I am sending this week's communication today, as I will be out of the school building tomorrow. Thank you to everyone who took the time to provide such thoughtful and valuable feedback on the recent surveys. Once all of the data has been carefully reviewed and analyzed, we will share the results with our school community. This feedback will play an important role in guiding decisions that support the well-being and future of our school. We are grateful for your continued partnership and engagement.*

*Please see below for lots of important information about those, as well as other important school events. 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.*

**ESTF Grant - TODAY'S THE DAY!** All families seeking tuition assistance of any kind must apply for the SC ESTF Grant. This grant is for SC residents with students going into Kindergarten through 12th grades. Those who received the grant last year should have already reapplied in November. Those who did not receive the grant last year should plan to apply today, **Thursday, 1/15**, as the next round of applications has now opened. 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 is a highly sought after grant and funds are limited, so please apply ASAP when the appropriate date for your family arrives.

- Please let me know once your family has submitted your application.

**Church Renovations** - The Church renovations are set to begin on **Monday, 1/19**. Please note, while we decided not to reverse our flow of traffic, there will be parishioners coming in for morning Masses as you are driving out from drop off. We will do our best to manage traffic flow behind the mpr. We kindly ask our families to stay on the proper side of the road at all times. We also ask our families who need to access 8th Avenue after drop off/pick up to please do so via the last lot on the left closest to Hwy 17. Do not cut through the closer lots as these will be used for Mass, church, and school parking. Thank you for your anticipated support and continued prayers for the success of this major and necessary project.

**Aftercare and Club Pick Up** - Beginning on **Tuesday, 1/20**, and continuing through the entire Church renovation project, families picking students after school should follow the directions below:

- **Aftercare:** Please park in a spot behind the Church and come to the back door to sign out your students.
- **Clubs:** Please pull alongside the sidewalk/awning area and wait for the teachers to bring the students to you.

**Please be aware that traffic, including the Seton bus, needs to be able to get around cars parked in the back after school. Thank you!**

**Parking Lot** - Just a friendly reminder that all HTCS car line traffic for morning arrival and afternoon pick up should go down 8th Avenue past the Church to the last parking lot entrance on the left. Also, please stay on the correct side of the road at all times. This will help us avoid potential accidents with parishioner traffic coming to Masses. Thank you!

**Front Office Reminders:**

- **Late Arrivals** - If your child arrives after the gates close at 7:55 AM, a responsible adult must bring them into the front office to sign them in.
- **Doors** - Please do not hold the doors open for people you do not know. While we appreciate the kindness displayed, for security reasons Ms. Nicole must know who is coming in and out at all times.
- **Parking** - Please always park in a parking spot when coming into the front office for school business.

**SC First Steps 4K Grant** - All SC residents with students entering our K4 program in the fall should apply for the SC First Steps grant on **Tuesday, 1/20**. With First Steps 4K, qualifying children can attend our full-day four-year-old preschool program for free! Breakfast, snack, and lunch as well as a full academic program are included. For more information and application details, see the First Steps website at: [First Steps 4K+ - SC First Steps](#). Please let me know when you submit your application.

**Half day** - School will dismiss at **noon** on **Friday, 1/16**. There will be no after care and no Seton bus that day. We will form two car lines for dismissal and all students should be picked up at noon. Teachers will spend the afternoon in a professional development workshop with Dr. Lisa Meyers.

**No school** - School will be closed on **Monday, 1/19**, in recognition of MLK, Jr. Day.

**100th Day of School** - Students, faculty, and staff will celebrate the 100th day of school by sporting crazy hair and lots of flair on **Tuesday, 1/20**. Please see attached for more information about this day of fun and learning.

**Catholic Schools Week** - Please plan to attend the **10 AM Mass** in the MPR on **Sunday, 1/25**, as we kick off Catholic Schools Week. Students should wear their Mass day uniforms to this Mass and sit wherever you can. Arrive early to guarantee you have a seat.

**Blood Drive** - Please see attached information regarding our annual Catholic Schools Week blood drive on **Monday, 1/26**. All students who have a family member or friend donate that day will receive a dress down pass.

**School Choice Rally** - All 3rd-5th grade students and faculty will attend the annual school choice rally in Columbia on **Wednesday, 1/28**. Look for the information that was sent out yesterday for more details.

#### **Sunday's Readings - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Reading 1: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6:** The LORD said to me: You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory. Now the LORD has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb, that Jacob may be brought back to him and Israel gathered to him; and I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD, and my God is now my strength! It is too little, the LORD says, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel; I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10: R/ (8a and 9a) Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry. And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God. **R.**

Sacrifice or offering you wished not, but ears open to obedience you gave me. Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not; then said I, "Behold I come." **R.**

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, O my God, is my delight, and your law is within my heart!" **R.**

I announced your justice in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know. **R.**

**Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3:** Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Alleluia: John 1:14a, 12a: R. Alleluia, alleluia.** The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. To those who accepted him, he gave power to become children of God. **R.**

**Gospel: John 1:29-34:** John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove

from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

**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.*