



Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo

January 23, 2026

Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Friday, Trinity Lions! I pray this week has been a good one. We are continuing to track the weather closely and consulting with the other schools. We will send communication via email and text if school is closed next week.

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.

6th Grade - Our 5th grade families were officially informed on Wednesday evening that the Bishop has given us “conditional” approval to open a 6th grade at HTCS. This is very exciting news for our families, as well as for the growth of our school. This approval is “conditional” on two factors: 1) a re-enrollment commitment from our current families, and 2) enrollment of a few additional students. If you know of anyone who would be interested in 6th grade at HTCS, please refer them to our school website where they can complete a request for information and a tour. Thank you for your continued support as we grow and strengthen our amazing school.

Referral Program - Current families who refer a new family for the 26-27 school year will be entitled to a \$100 tuition discount. This discount will be applied to your overall tuition balance and will be credited to your FACTS account once the new family enrolls and begins attending HTCS. Word of mouth is a powerful motivator and we thank our families for speaking positively about our school in the community.

ESTF Grant - All SC families seeking tuition assistance of any kind should have applied last week for the SC ESTF Grant. If you have not done so, please do so ASAP. This grant is for SC residents with students going into Kindergarten through 12th grades. 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. Please let me know once your family has submitted your application.

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. 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.

Church Renovations - The Church renovations began this past Monday. While change of any kind is typically not easy, so far it has been manageable. We continue to monitor how the plans we put in place are working, and we will make adjustments as needed. We have just two reminders for families:

- Please stay on the right side of the road at all times. **If you need to access 8th Avenue after drop off/pick up, 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 traffic.**
- Pick up for all clubs, choir, and aftercare will be from the back of the school - where we have our car line. Aftercare families should park in a spot, while club and choir families should pull alongside the covered awning. This will allow traffic to flow for our families and the Seton bus.

Thank you for your continued support, patience, and prayers during this major project.

Catholic Schools Week - Due to possible inclement weather, the Bishop has suggested families take advantage of the Saturday Masses versus waiting for Sunday. Based on this, as well as our sister schools' decisions to cancel their weekend events, the **10 AM Catholic Schools Week school Mass** scheduled in the MPR on **Sunday, 1/25**, has been canceled. Students are encouraged to wear their school uniforms to whatever Mass they attend this weekend.

Knights of Columbus Student Basketball Free Throw - Please note, the Knights of Columbus sponsored Free Throw event originally scheduled for this Sunday, 1/25, has been postponed until **Sunday, 2/1**. Forms were sent home two weeks ago and should be turned in by **Friday, 1/30**.

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**. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel to represent our school among other schools in the state.

St. Michael Soup Bowl - Please see attached for information about our sister school's upcoming Soup Bowl on **Friday, 1/30**. Please support them if you can.

Basketball and Cheer Schedule - Please see the attached schedule for the most updated information. We encourage our families to come to the games to cheer on our players and cheerleaders.

Sunday's Readings - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: Isaiah 8:23—9:3: First the Lord degraded the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the end he has glorified the seaward road, the land west of the Jordan, the District of the Gentiles. Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness: for there is no gloom where but now there was distress. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14: R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid? **R.**

One thing I ask of the LORD; this I seek: To dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD and contemplate his temple. **R.**

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD. **R.**

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17: I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose. For it has been reported to me about you, my brothers and sisters, by Chloe's people, that there are rivalries among you. I mean that each of you is saying, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning.

Alleluia: Matthew 4:23: R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people. **R.**

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17: When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: *Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.* From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.

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.*