



Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo January 25, 2024

Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Thursday! Because I will be with our students in Columbia at the School Choice Rally all day tomorrow, I am sending this communication a day earlier than normal. I hope you all have a great weekend!

Annual Report Booklet - Coming home today is our 22-23 annual report booklet. Many thanks to Kristina Parella for partnering with me (again) on this project. Inside you will find information about the 22-23 school year, as well as our 23-24 annual fund appeal. We hope that all members of the Trinity community (families, faculty, and staff) will consider and pray on the many benefits Holy Trinity provides, and then make a donation to the annual fund using the envelope and donation card provided. Every gift, large or small, when added together makes a huge difference in the lives of our students. All funds collected will be used to support the academic programs we offer, as well as to provide tuition assistance to families in need. Thank you for your anticipated support.

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 (except for choir, you will follow the directions previously sent home)** 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.

CSW Agenda of Events - Please see below for daily activities planned for the 2024 Catholic Schools Week.

*Sunday - Celebrating our Faith - **Join us for the 10 AM Mass**, followed by an open house*

*Monday - Celebrating the Community - **Blood Drive - Schedule your appointment and save a life!***

See the flyer coming home today for more information about how to sign up. We need your help. Please share the info with family and friends in the area as well. Dress down passes will be given to all students who have a family member (or friend) make a donation. Thank you!

Tuesday - Celebrating Students - Science Fair presentations w/alumni judges, ice cream treat at lunch

Wednesday - Celebrating the Nation - Schoolwide Rosary for our Nation, Virtual Mass with the Bishop

Thursday - Celebrating Vocations - Visits with Deacon Richard and Sr. Marie, Open House for new families interested in touring HTCS at 3 PM

*Friday - Celebrating Faculty, Staff, Volunteers, and Families - Join us for breakfast at morning drop off
See the flyer for more information. We hope you can join us!*

101st Day of School - We are celebrating our 101st day of school on **Monday, 1/29**. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to dress in black and white (or Dalmatian print) clothing as we recognize the 101st day of this school year.

5th Grade Field Trip to Playcard - Permission slips are due back on **Friday, 2/2**.

Front Office Construction - Construction is almost done to create a vestibule area in the front office! We ask for your continued patience during this time as we continue our on-going efforts to ensure a safe and nurturing school environment for all. If you need to come to the temporary office (located in the multipurpose room), please knock and stand back from the door so we can see you through the window. We won't open the door unless we know who is out there.

Stations of the Cross - This beautiful Lenten activity will be held with Deacon Richard in the church after the **9 AM** school Masses on **2/21, 2/28, and 3/6**. They also will be presented by Laura Boronski in the multipurpose room on **Wednesday, 3/20** at **1:45 PM**. All are welcome to join us for these Lenten faith formation opportunities.

Yearbooks - Don't forget to order your yearbook by **Thursday, 2/29**. The price goes up to \$40 on **Friday, 3/1**. For questions, contact Mrs. Hines at ehines@charlestdiocese.org.

An excerpt from Bishop Robert Barron (2023) about why Catholic Schools Matter - I would like to take this opportunity to sing the praises of Catholic schools and to invite everyone—Catholic and non-Catholic alike—to support them. I attended Church-affiliated educational institutions from first grade through graduate school, from Holy Name Elementary School in Birmingham, Michigan, to the Institut Catholique in Paris. That years-long immersion massively shaped my character, my sense of values, my entire way of looking at the world. I am convinced that, especially now, when a secularist, materialist philosophy largely holds sway in our culture, the Catholic ethos needs to be inculcated. Certainly, distinctive marks of the Catholic schools I attended were the opportunity for Mass and other sacraments, religion classes, the presence of priests and nuns (a bit more common in the early years of my formation), and the prevalence of Catholic symbols and images of saints. But what was perhaps most important was the manner in which those schools showed the integration of faith and reason. ***We interpret everything—politics, the arts, culture, etc.—from the standpoint of the sacrifice of the Son of God.*** To read more, please see: [Why Catholic Schools Matter - Word on Fire](#)

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.*