



## Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo January 28, 2025

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

*Happy Tuesday, HTCS families. I am sending the weekly communication this evening as I am having elbow surgery tomorrow morning and I will be out of school for the rest of this week. My hope is to be able to make the Saturday matinee of Not Your Average Joe and then to return to work on Monday. If you need anything during my absence, please contact Mrs. Hines or Mrs. Carman. Thank you.*

**ESTF Grant Application** - All SC families with students going into Kinder and up who will be seeking tuition assistance and/or scholarships for the 25-26 school year MUST apply for the ESTF grant by clicking the link: [ClassWallet](#).

**2025-2026 School Year** - Information about tuition rates and assistance opportunities is coming home on **Wednesday, 1/29**, for all current families (except our 5th graders moving onto middle school). Please read each document carefully and note deadlines. On **Friday, 2/1**, you will receive an email from FACTS/Renweb with instructions for completing the online re-enrollment process. As noted in my previous email, registration fees for re-enrolling students have been waived. We look forward to welcoming back all current families as well as many new families for a new and exciting 25-26 school year.

**Science Fair Project Parent Viewing** - Please see the attached information for parent viewing of students' science fair projects after school on **Wednesday, 1/29**.

**Blessing of Throats** - Deacon Richard will do a blessing of throats for all students on the Feast of Saint Blaise on **Monday, 2/3**. Please see below for information about this blessing.

**First Reconciliation** - Catholic students in 2nd grade will make their First Reconciliation on **Wednesday, 2/5**, after the 9 AM Mass. Please keep them in your prayers on this special day.

**Seton State of the School Address** - I encourage all families to attend Seton's State of the School Address on **Wednesday, 2/5**, at **6 PM** at Seton in Carolina Forest. As we continue to strengthen the partnership between our two schools, it is good for families to hear the exciting things happening for our students when they are ready for middle and high school.

**Half Day - Friday, 2/14**, 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, 2/17**, in recognition of President's Day. We will reopen on **Tuesday, 2/18**, at our normal time.

**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](#)

**Catholic Faith Formation - *The Blessing of Throats*** - *The blessing of throats traces back to the 8th century. This is one of the most popular blessings from the Ritual. St. Blaise was bishop of Sebaste in Cappadocia, and was martyred by beheading about A.D. 316. Not much more can be affirmed of him with any degree of historical accuracy, but legends about him are numerous. One day--so goes the legend--Blaise met a poor woman whose only pig had been snatched up in the fangs of a wolf but at the command of the bishop the wolf restored the pig alive to its owner. The woman did not forget the favor, for later, when the bishop was languishing in prison, she brought him tapers to dispel the darkness and gloom. To this story may be attributed the practice of using lighted candles in bestowing the blessing of St. Blaise. While in prison he performed a wonderful cure on a boy who had a fishbone lodged in his throat and who was in danger of choking to death. From this account we have the longtime custom of invoking the Saint for all kinds of throat trouble.*

Prayer: After [blessing the candles on the feast of St. Blaise](#), the priest holds two candles fastened like a cross to the throat of the person before him, and says: By the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every malady of the throat, and from every possible mishap; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. R. Amen. [Liturgical Year : Prayers : Roman Ritual: Blessing of Throats on the Feast of St. Blaise | Catholic Culture](#)

**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.*