



Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo

January 9, 2026

Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Friday, Trinity Lions! We are now officially more than half way through the current school year. Before we know it, it will be time to start thinking about re-enrollment for the 26-27 school year. There are several grant opportunities with deadlines of which families should be aware. 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](https://www.holytrinitycatholic.org/)). You can also check our school Facebook page ([Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/holytrinitycatholic.org/)) for quick reminders and photos.

Q2 Survey - If you haven't already done so, we kindly ask that at least one family member complete the Q2 family survey located at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JVW9C9T>. This data helps us make informed decisions about HTCS.

ESTF Grant - 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. Those who did not receive the grant last year should plan to apply on **Thursday, 1/15**, when the next round of applications opens. 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.

- Award Amount (2026–27): \$7,634 per student. This is applied towards the actual cost to educate. Any difference is owed by the family. Our *current* tuition is \$7900.
- Families are typically notified within 2 weeks of applying and are to email the school immediately of the funds awarded.
- 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 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.

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 more information coming home soon.

Annual Golf Tournament - Look for information coming soon from the PTO regarding their major fundraiser being held at Long Bay Golf Course on **Saturday, 2/21**. They have streamlined their asks of our families to make it easier for everyone to support the event.

Sunday's Readings - The Baptism of the Lord

Reading I - Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 - Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. a bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching. I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 - R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Give to the LORD, you sons of God, give to the LORD glory and praise, Give to the LORD the glory due his name; adore the LORD in holy attire. **R.**

The voice of the LORD is over the waters, the LORD, over vast waters. The voice of the LORD is mighty; the voice of the LORD is majestic. **R.**

The God of glory thunders, and in his temple all say, "Glory!" The LORD is enthroned above the flood; the LORD is enthroned as king forever. **R.**

Reading II - Acts 10:34-38 - Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

Alleluia - Mark 9:7 - R. Alleluia, alleluia. The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, listen to him. **R.**

Gospel - Matthew 3:13-17 - Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

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.*