

## Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo February 15, 2024 Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Thursday, Trinity Lions! Please see below for important information about upcoming events and happenings at HTCS. I will be out of the building tomorrow, so I hope you all have a great weekend. See you on Tuesday!

**Lenten Outreach Project** - Our annual Lenten Outreach project (cereal box dominoes) has officially begun. Please feel free to send in as many boxes of cereal as you would like between now and **Wednesday, 3/27**. The more boxes we collect, the better the final project and the more we have to donate to the OLSS Food Pantry.

**Half Day** - Tomorrow, **Friday, 2/16**, is a half day. Dismissal is at noon, and no aftercare is available. All students must be picked up at noon. Please form two lines for pick up to avoid cars getting stuck on 8th Avenue N.

Reminder... Cell phone use, even hands free, is not allowed in the car line. Full attention during drop off and pick up is necessary to keep students and faculty safe, and to help move the process along efficiently. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**No School** - There is no school on **Monday, 2/19**, in recognition of Presidents Day. We will reopen on **Tuesday, 2/20**.

**MAP** - Winter MAP testing wraps up next week for all Kindergarten through fifth grade students. Early assessment data looks amazing! Teachers will send home more information regarding the results once we are done with all testing. Thank you for your support in helping your child do their best on these assessments.

**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 <u>ehines@charlestondiocese.org</u>.

## THE FIRST DAY OF LENT

Ash Wednesday marks the **first day** of the Lenten season! The penitential season of Lent lasts for 40 days (Sundays not included in this number). This day is marked by the spiritual practices of **fasting and abstinence**. While it is *not* a holy day of obligation, we are invited to attend **Mass** to receive Ashes and listen to the message of the **Gospel**.

ANYONE CAN RECEIVE ASHES!

Ashes Explained: Facts About Ash Wednesday Every Catholic Should Know – EWTN Global Catholic Television Network

**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.