



Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo February 20, 2026

Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Friday, Trinity Lions! Please see below for lots of important information. As a reminder, these communications, as well as all school-related news and calendars, can be found on our school website: [Holy Trinity Catholic School | North Myrtle Beach, SC](#). You can also follow our [Facebook Page](#) for quick reminders and photos of all the exciting things happening in our classrooms!

26-27 Re-enrollment - Thank you to all those who have already completed their re-enrollment for the 26-27 school year via FACTS. Accurate enrollment numbers early on help us plan appropriately to ensure every student has the resources they need to thrive—especially as we prepare to pilot the new **DoCurious** program! Thank you for your continued commitment to our school community.

Social Outreach Success - Thank you for supporting our impromptu social outreach project! Because of your generosity, we collected a significant amount of items for the **OLSS Food Pantry**. It is beautiful to see our students and families living out our mission of service.

Winter MAP Results - We are proud to share the results of our recent winter MAP testing. Once again, our students outperformed the national and Diocesan norms in both math and language. The faculty and leadership team met last Friday to analyze the data and discuss how we will use this information to further our students' academic success and growth.

Referral Program - Current families who refer a new **PK–5th grade** family for the **2026–2027 school year** will receive a **\$100 tuition discount**. Families who refer a new **6th grade** family for the **2026–2027 school year** will receive a **\$400 tuition discount**. The referral discount will be applied to your overall tuition balance and credited to your **FACTS account** once the new family has officially enrolled and begun attending HTCS. Word of mouth is a powerful motivator, and we are truly grateful to our families for speaking positively about HTCS within 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.**

Mini Masters - Please see attached for our 1st annual Mini Masters golf outing on **Monday, 2/23**, for all students. Permission slips have gone home and need to be returned ASAP. Special thanks to the PTO for organizing this fun event!

5th Grade Family Meeting - The leadership team is hosting a brief meeting for our 5th grade families on **Tuesday, 2/24 at 8 AM**. At least one representative from each family is encouraged to attend this meeting to gain information about the upcoming school year and to ask any questions you may have.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Grant - It is time for our Catholic families who are seeking tuition assistance, grants, or scholarships to complete the SEAS grant application. *Note... this grant has nothing to do with Seton Catholic, the middle/high school in Carolina Forest. It just happens to share the same name.* Forms are due by **Friday, 2/27**.

Yearbooks - Don't forget to order your 25-26 yearbook! Place your order on or before **Friday, 2/27**, to be eligible for a discount. Yearbooks are \$37.50. **After 2/27**, the price increases to \$42.50.

Lenten Literacy Activities - Due to the church renovations, we are unable to host our annual Lenten Literacy event in the mpr this year. Please enjoy the information and activities that were sent home this week. **The only thing we ask to be returned is the slip of paper where children write a message/prayer to Jesus. We will attach these to the cross here at school.**

No school - School will be closed on **Friday, 3/6**, as teachers attend a mandatory Diocean training on AI in the classroom, followed by training on the new DoCurious program we are piloting.

Blood Drive - Our annual CSW Blood Drive has been rescheduled for **Monday, 3/9**. Please see the attached information for more details.

Cereal Box Collection - Our annual Lenten social outreach project, our cereal box collection, has begun. Please send in as many boxes of cereal as you can from now until **Thursday, 3/11**. We will be arranging them for a giant cereal box domino drop prior to blessing them and sending them on their way to the OLSS Food Pantry. Thank you for partnering with your children to make this event a huge success.

Scholarships - Ms. Durante, Marketing and Development Coordinator for HTCS, will be sending home information for families who need to apply for scholarships in order to afford the annual tuition. Please be on the lookout for this information and return the application by **Friday, 3/27**.

2nd Grade Families - Save the Dates - First Reconciliation has been scheduled for our 2nd grade Catholic students **after the 9 AM school Mass on Wednesday, 4/22**. First Communion has been scheduled for **11 AM on Saturday, 5/2**. More information will be coming home once it is finalized.

New Spirit Wear - If you haven't been on their site lately, please note that some new items have been added to our Spirit Wear selections. See attached for a sample of one of the new t-shirts available. <https://843printingandmore.com/collections/holy-trinity-catholic-school>

First Sunday of Lent

Reading 1: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7: *The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being. Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made various trees grow that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals that the LORD God had made. The serpent asked the woman, "Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?" The woman answered the serpent: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman: "You certainly will not die! No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil." The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.*

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17: R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me. R.

For I acknowledge my offense, and my sin is before me always: "Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight." R.

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me. R.

Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. R.

Reading 2: Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19: *Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned— for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come. But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many. And the gift is not like the result of the one who sinned. For after one sin there was the judgment that brought condemnation; but the gift, after many transgressions, brought acquittal. For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous.*

Verse Before the Gospel: Matthew 4:4b: *One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11: *At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone." Jesus answered him, "Again it is written, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, ""All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.*

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.*