



Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo February 21, 2025

Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Friday, HTCS families. Let's wish the PTO much success with their annual golf tournament taking place tomorrow. Below you will find lots of important information about other school events and activities. Have a great weekend!

2025-2026 School Year - Open enrollment for new families and re-enrollment for current families (except current 5th graders moving onto middle school) has begun online via FACTS! The \$100 registration fee has been waived for all returning families who re-enroll by **February 28**. **If your child is currently in K3-4, you must go into FACTS enrollment by February 28 and indicate whether or not your child will be re-enrolling for the 25-26 school year.**

Tuition Assistance/Scholarships - All families who will be seeking tuition assistance and/or scholarships next year **MUST** complete the 2025-2026 Application for Tuition Assistance Consideration form by **February 28**.

ESTF/ESLF Grant - 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](#). When applying, you should be able to select "other" for your current school. If necessary, you can upload a report card, but I have been told by the Diocese that families should be able to select "other" as an option.

Please see this update from the Diocese regarding the ESTF/ESLF grant: *We wanted to provide a legislative update. By a vote of 31-9 last Tuesday, the South Carolina Senate passed school choice legislation that would restore the payment of tuition and fees at private schools like ours. Additionally, the legislation would expand the scholarship amount to 90% of SC statewide per pupil spending. Next year, that would be around \$7,700, up from \$6,000. Perhaps most notably, the legislation removes the eligibility requirement that a student have been in public school last year. Also note that the legislation shifts the source of funds from the General Fund to the South Carolina Lottery. The legislation now goes to the SC House, where the first hearing has been scheduled for Committee next week. **While we expect changes in the House, we do not expect the restoration of private school tuition and fees or the prior public enrollment eligibility criteria to be changed from the Senate bill.** This presents a moment of opportunity for the students in our schools. Any students in SC resident families whose incomes fall below 300% of the federal poverty level ([HHS Chart here](#)) will now be eligible for the program. As a reminder – the student participation cap for 2025-26 is currently*

set at 10,000 students – and that is likely to stay in the final legislation. **That means there should be a sense of urgency among our families to get their 2025-26 applications in now before the cap fills up.**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Grant - All *Catholic* families with students going into grades K3-5 next year who will be seeking tuition assistance and/or scholarships **MUST** complete the attached St. Elizabeth Ann Seton grant application and return it to school by **February 28**.

First Steps Grant - All families with current K3 students going into K4 next year who will be seeking tuition assistance **MUST** apply for the First Steps grant by **February 28**.

Car line on 2/26 - Due to anticipated repairs on the mechanical unit in the back of the church, our morning and afternoon car line, as well as aftercare pick up will take place in the front parking lot on **Wednesday, February 26**. For arrival and dismissal, please stay in your cars and we will bring the children out to you. For aftercare, please park in a spot and come to the front office to sign your child out. Thank you.

Family Lenten Literacy Event - Be sure to RSVP for our next family after school event scheduled for **Thursday, February 27**. We hope as many families as possible will be able to join us in the multipurpose room for this event focused on Lent and literacy.

Yearbook - The last day to purchase a yearbook for \$35 is **February 28**. After that, the price increases to \$40. Place your orders soon!

Hot Lunch - Because **March 5** is Ash Wednesday, we will have vegetable soup versus chicken noodle soup for hot lunch that day.

Stations of the Cross - All are invited to join Deacon Richard and the school community for our annual tradition of walking the Stations of the Cross in the church after the 9 AM school Masses on **Wednesdays, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, and 4/9**. On **Wednesday, 3/12**, a musical version of the Stations of the Cross with Laura Boronski will take place in the multipurpose room after the 9 AM Mass. Please join us for this beautiful way of honoring and remembering Jesus' love and sacrifice for us.

Yearbook Pictures - All students will have their pictures taken for the annual yearbook on **Wednesday, 4/2**. Make-up photos and class pictures will be taken on **Wednesday, 4/9**.

FACTS - Per Diocesan expectations, we have moved to a completely cashless school. Please do not send in cash or checks for incidental expenses, sports, clubs, and/or tuition and fees. All expenses should be handled via a FACTS account.

School Website - As always, please refer to the school website for all the information you could ever need regarding the calendar, school events, clubs, sports, etc. [Holy Trinity Catholic School | North Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

Catholic Faith Formation - What is Adoration? When Catholics say they are “going to Adoration,” they are typically referring to Eucharistic Adoration. Which, in the most basic terms, is the worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass. The Eucharistic Host is displayed in a monstrance on the altar so that all can see and pray in the presence of Christ. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that, “Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator. It exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Savior who sets us free from evil. Adoration is homage of the spirit to the “King of Glory,” respectful silence in the presence of the “ever greater” God. Adoration of the thrice-holy and sovereign God of love blends with humility and gives assurance to our supplications.” (CCC 2628) We can show our adoration to God in many ways, but in Eucharistic Adoration, we spend time adoring the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

When Can I Go to Adoration? This depends on your parish. Some parishes are blessed to have perpetual Adoration, which means that you are able to pray before the Lord at any time, day or night. In order to have perpetual adoration, at least one person must be present in Adoration at all times because Jesus may never be left alone. For this reason, few parishes are able to offer it. If your parish does not have perpetual Adoration, there are usually specific times set aside for Adoration during the week. There is no need to sign-up or ask permission to attend, you can just show up and be with the Lord. You may also have the opportunity on retreats and at other special events hosted by your diocese. **What Do I Do During Eucharistic Adoration?** If you attend Adoration at your parish, it will most likely be in a small chapel or part of the Church. As a form of respect, you should always genuflect when you see the Lord in the Host. Maintain an attitude of respect, and if others are present, silence. On retreats or other special occasions, there may be music playing to help foster a spirit of prayer, worship, and Adoration. Always keep in mind that you are in the presence of God! Kneeling, sitting, standing, and even laying on the floor before the Blessed Sacrament are all appropriate forms of prayer. Let your posture reflect your worship of the King and do what is comfortable for you. You really don't have to “do” anything during Adoration. You can just sit there and look at Jesus. Take the time to be with Him. If you are the only person in the chapel, don't be afraid to pray or sing aloud. This is your personal time with Christ.

The Saints Encourage Us to Go to Adoration “Whenever I go to the chapel, I put myself in the presence of our good Lord, and I say to him, ‘Lord, I am here. Tell me what you would have me to do’ . . . And then, I tell God everything that is in my heart. I tell him about my pains and my joys, and then I listen. If you listen, God will also speak to you, for with the good Lord, you have to both speak and listen. God always speaks to you when you approach him plainly and simply.” – St. Catherine Labouré

The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth.” – St. Teresa of Calcutta

“Know also that you will probably gain more by praying fifteen minutes before the Blessed Sacrament than by all the other spiritual exercises of the day. True, Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, for He has made the promise, ‘Ask, and you shall receive,’ but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament will obtain a more abundant measure of grace.” – St. Alphonsus Liguori

O Christ, let my greatest delight be to see You loved and Your praise and glory proclaimed, especially the honor of Your mercy. O Christ, let me glorify Your goodness and mercy to the last moment of my life, with every drop of my blood and every beat of my heart. Would that I be transformed into a hymn of adoration of You. When I find myself on my deathbed, may the last beat of my heart be a loving hymn glorifying Your unfathomable mercy. Amen. – St. Faustina

Helpful Catholic Resources on Adoration

***10 Surprising Things That Happen When You Go to Adoration More
The Real Presence***

The History of Eucharistic Adoration

Guide to Taking Children to Adoration

How Will Your Life Change When You Go to Adoration?

[All Your Questions About Catholic Eucharistic Adoration Answered...](#)

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.