



Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo

February 27, 2026

Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Friday, Trinity Lions! It's hard to believe that February is drawing to a close and we are about to begin the month of March. Please see below for lots of important information about grants, enrollment, and upcoming events. 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.

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.**

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 **TODAY, Friday, 2/27**.

Scholarships - Ms. Durante, Marketing and Development Coordinator, sent home information for families who want to apply for potential scholarships. Please return completed applications by **Friday, 3/27**.

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

Lenten Literacy Activities - We hope you are enjoying the Lenten activities we sent home last 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.**

Stations of the Cross - Please join us after the **9 AM Wednesday school Masses** during Lent as we recite the Stations of the Cross with Deacon Richard. All are welcome.

Dr. Seuss Day - Students may dress in their favorite Dr. Seuss attire on **Monday, 3/2**, as we kick off our reading challenge in honor of Dr. Seuss' 122nd birthday. Students are being encouraged to read everyday and to log their reading all week long. Please see attached form that will be coming home with all students today.

No school - School will be closed on **Friday, 3/6**, as teachers attend a mandatory Diocesan 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.

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>

Second Sunday of Lent

Reading 1: Genesis 12:1-4a: The LORD said to Abram: "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you. "I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you." Abram went as the LORD directed him.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22. R. (22) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full. **R.**

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine. **R.**

Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you. **R.**

Reading 2: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10: Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began, but now made manifest through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Verse Before the Gospel: Matthew 17:5: From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9: Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone. As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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.*