



Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo February 29, 2024

Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Thursday, Trinity Lions! I want to extend a huge thank you to the members of the PTO and all the families, faculty, and staff who supported them and their annual golf tournament last Saturday. It was a fun day, the weather held out, and early results indicate it was a successful event. Well done, everyone!

I also want to recognize our amazing school nurse, Ms. Rene, for all her hard work and dedication this year, especially over these past few weeks as we have been hit by every illness, bump, bloody nose, loose tooth, and scraped knee possible. Ms. Rene takes extra special care of our students and staff, ensuring required protocols are followed and precautions are taken to keep everyone as healthy and safe as possible. And she does it all with the biggest, brightest smile! Thanks, Ms. Rene!

Yearbooks - Don't forget to order your yearbook by today, **Thursday, 2/29**. The price goes up to \$40 on **Friday, 3/1**. For questions, contact Mrs. Hines at ehines@charlestdiocese.org.

Reminder... No school - As per the school calendar, there is no school tomorrow, **Friday, March 1**. All contract HTCS teachers will be attending Mass and a retreat day with the Bishop. I ask for prayers for safe travels and a successful retreat day. I hope everyone has a wonderful long weekend as well.

24-25 School Year - All students currently in grades K4-4 will be automatically re-enrolled in March for the upcoming 24-25 school year unless an email is sent to me advising me that your child will not be returning.

Grants and Scholarships - There are several grant and scholarship opportunities this year and all are due back in March. Below is a listing and attached is the information.

- **Mary Gabelli Mazzolla Scholarship** - open to all families seeking tuition assistance
- **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Grant** - open to all Catholic families seeking tuition assistance
- **Educational Scholarship Trust Fund Grant** - open to all current K4 families going into Kindergarten in the fall and seeking tuition assistance

- **First Steps 4K Grant** - open to all families with students going into K4 who will be four-years-old on or before September 1 and seeking tuition assistance

Stations of the Cross - Thank you to those who joined us this past Wednesday for Stations of the Cross with Deacon Richard in the church after the **9 AM** school Mass. We will hold Stations again after the 9 AM Mass on **3/6**. Stations will also 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.

Lenten Literacy - Look for information coming home today for our rescheduled Lenten Literacy Family Afternoon taking place after school on **Tuesday, 3/12**. All are invited to join us for some family-friendly faith formation and literacy activities.

Uniform Pictures and Class Pictures - Order yours today for just \$10/each. If you want to purchase them you can send in cash or a check made out to HTCS with what you are ordering on the memo line. Feel free to email Mrs. Hines ehines@charlestdiocese.org if you would like us to charge your FACTS account.

Field Trip Form Due Dates - Please note the following field trip forms are due in March:

- **1st & 2nd Grade** EdVenture - due Tuesday, 3/5
- **Beta Club** Beach Clean Up - due Friday, 3/8
- **4th Grade** Landfill & Recycling Center - due Tuesday, 3/12

Hot Lunch - All hot lunch forms are due by **Friday, 3/15**.

Outreach Project - Our annual Lenten Outreach project (cereal box dominoes) is off to a good start, but we could definitely use more boxes of cereal. Please feel free to send in as many 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.

What are virtues and why are they important to teach our kids - Virtues are qualities of the spirit that we are born with. They are good and desirable because they are the foundation of a moral and ethical life. Virtues can be taught and nurtured in several ways. Teaching them is not just a pouring in of information, but also a drawing out of the divine qualities that are within us. Five of the most effective nurturing methods include:

1. **Set a good example.** Children learn by watching the adults in their lives. Be sure to model the virtues that you want to see them practice.

2. **Talk about the importance of virtues.** Explain to children why virtues are important and how they can help them to live a good, honorable life.
3. **Acknowledge a virtue when you see it.** When children do something virtuous, be sure to recognize the behavior that you saw and thank them. For example, if you observe orderliness, say "Thank you for being orderly when you put your toys away." This acknowledgement helps children to know the name and meaning of the virtue, feel good about themselves, and to continue to be orderly.
4. **Help develop virtuous habits.** There are several habits that can help children become virtuous; read to children every day, teach children prayers, practice mindfulness, and do acts of kindness.
5. **Be patient.** It takes time for children to develop virtues. Don't get discouraged if they don't get it right away. Keep encouraging them when they remember to practice the virtue and reminding them when they forget. They will eventually get there. This is the virtue of patience.

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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.*