



## Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo February 6, 2026

***Don't forget to ROAR!***

***Happy Friday, Trinity Lions!*** Thank you for your continued support and partnership during our recent winter weather and virtual distance learning days. We know these unexpected shifts can be challenging for families, and we truly appreciate your flexibility, patience, and commitment to keeping students engaged and learning.

We are also grateful to everyone who took the time to complete our Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 family surveys. Your feedback is incredibly valuable and helps guide our ongoing work to support students and families. Below are a few themes we heard, along with how we are responding:

***After-School Clubs, Workshops, and Events - Many families shared how much they enjoy our after-school activities, while some asked for clarity on why additional offerings are limited.***

- *We strive to offer as many activities as possible while balancing existing after-school commitments such as sports, choir, and CCD.*
- *Our teachers and leadership team lead these activities while also balancing professional and family responsibilities, which can limit availability.*
- *We are actively exploring suggestions shared in the surveys, including ideas for clubs such as cooking, math, and science, as well as a possible spring family event or cookout.*

***School Mass - Families expressed appreciation for the opportunity to attend Mass with their child, while a few requested clarification on why students do not attend the 8:00 AM Mass.***

- *Due to morning drop-off (gates close at 7:55 AM), we would not have sufficient time to complete arrival procedures, prepare the choir and altar servers, and ensure all students are seated before the 8:00 AM Mass begins.*

***We truly value your partnership and your honest feedback. Please know that your input is reviewed thoughtfully and used to inform our decisions as we move forward together. Thank you again for your continued support of our school community. As always, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.***

Reminder, these communications, as well as all school related news, can be found on our school website ([Holy Trinity Catholic School | North Myrtle Beach, SC](#)). You can also check our school Facebook page ([Facebook](#)) for quick reminders and photos.

**Security** - PLEASE do not hold open the front office door for anyone unless you know they are clearly affiliated with the school. With the increased number of people coming to this side of campus, we must be **extra diligent about who has access to the school**, including the front office area. While we value kindness and good manners, **the safety of our students and staff must always come first**. If someone needs access, they should be directed to ring the bell and wait for Ms. Nicole to assist them. Thank you for your continued vigilance and for helping keep our campus safe.

**Re-enrollment** - All families should complete the online **FACTS re-enrollment process** ASAP. We have been touring many new families and anticipate limited space in some classrooms for the upcoming school year. In fact, some rooms are full or close to full at this time. The Leadership Team is already planning many new and exciting opportunities for our students and families, and we are especially looking forward to being able to welcome everyone back as we expand to include **6th grade this fall!**

**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.* Look for forms coming home today and note the deadline as late forms cannot be accepted.

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

**Reading Club** - Please see the attached information about the upcoming Harry Potter reading club.

**Half day** - School will close at noon on **Friday, 2/13**, as teachers attend a mandatory Diocesan professional development day.

**No school** - School will be closed on **Monday, 2/16**, in recognition of Presidents Day.

**Ash Wednesday** - The school will attend the **9 AM** Mass on **Wednesday, 2/18**, to celebrate Ash Wednesday. As always, families are encouraged to attend Mass with their students if/when possible.

**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.

**Family Lenten Literacy Event** - Due to the unavailability of the mpr due to the Church renovations, our annual Lenten Literacy event will be handled differently this year. Look for information and materials coming home on **Thursday, 2/19**.

**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!

**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>

#### **Sunday's Readings - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Reading 1 - Isaiah 58:7-10:** Thus says the LORD: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed; your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer, you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am! If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech; if you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday.

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9: R. The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.**

Light shines through the darkness for the upright; he is gracious and merciful and just. Well for the man who is gracious and lends, who conducts his affairs with justice. **R.**

He shall never be moved; the just one shall be in everlasting remembrance. An evil report he shall not fear; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD. **R.**

His heart is steadfast; he shall not fear. Lavishly he gives to the poor; His justice shall endure forever; his horn shall be exalted in glory. **R.**

**Reading 2 - 1 Corinthians 2:1-5:** When I came to you, brothers and sisters, proclaiming the mystery of God, I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of Spirit and power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

**Alleluia - John 8:12: R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. **R.**

**Gospel - Matthew 5:13-16:** Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a

lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

**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.*