



Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo February 7, 2025

Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Friday, HTCS families. As many of you may now be aware, St. Michael's, our sister school in Murrells Inlet, has been granted permission by the Bishop to reinstate their 7th and 8th grades. We are happy to support them and wish them well in their venture. While at one time, HTCS had a middle school and we did over the past two years request to add it back, the Bishop has asked us to focus on what we do best... providing quality early childhood and elementary education and fostering a strong partnership with Seton for middle and high school. Based on the plans that Mr. Barnett, President of Seton, and I have been working on recently, I am very excited about the coming years for our students and families. We will be scheduling a parent meeting soon to share some of these plans and to answer any questions our families may have. As always, I ask for and appreciate your trust and support as we continue to focus on the growth and success of our amazing school. Thank you.

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**.

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 Grant - All 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 or the attached letter, but I have been told by the Diocese that families should be able to select "other" as an option.

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**.

Half Day - Friday, 2/14, is a half day with **noon** dismissal, no aftercare, and no Seton afternoon bus. All students must be picked up at noon. Please form two lines at dismissal and watch for faculty instructions so we can keep everyone safe.

No School - School will be closed on **Monday, 2/17**, in recognition of President's Day. We will reopen on **Tuesday, 2/18**, at our normal time.

13th Annual PTO Golf Tournament - Please see attached information about the PTO's annual golf tournament taking place at The Long Bay Golf Course on **Saturday, 2/22**. This is the PTO's largest fundraiser and your support is greatly needed to make it a success.

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 will take place in the front parking lot on **Wednesday, February 26**. More info to come out soon.

Family Lenten Literacy Event - Be on the lookout for information about 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.

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 - *The Importance of Catholic Education in the Modern World*

by Joshua Nelson

The Unique Role of a Catholic-Minded Education - *In today's rapidly changing world, a Catholic education remains unique in its mission. It's not just about intellectual development; it's about nurturing the whole person—mind, body, and spirit. Catholic schools and universities aim to instill virtues like compassion, integrity, and morality alongside academic excellence. One of the standout features that a specifically Catholic education has is its focus on the inherent dignity of every individual. St. John Bosco, a renowned Catholic educator, emphasized, "Education is a matter of the heart." This principle encourages educators to recognize and nurture each student's unique gifts, fostering a strong sense of self-worth and purpose. Moreover, this educational framework emphasizes community and the common*

good. Students learn to see themselves as part of a larger community, promoting a supportive environment for academic, social, and spiritual growth. This sense of belonging fosters a responsibility towards others, emphasizing values such as subsidiarity and justice.

Faith and Career: Finding Meaning in Work - In a world increasingly focused on competition and material success, focusing one's education around the Catholic faith offers a refreshing and counter-cultural perspective. It emphasizes the intrinsic value of every human being and the importance of ethical conduct. Catholic institutions challenge students to consider how their professional choices can benefit society and the well-being of others. This deeply rooted understanding of seeking out your vocation sees work as a calling from God to use one's talents in service of the common good. This Catholic-based education plays a crucial role in helping students find meaning and purpose in their careers and working lives. By integrating faith into the educational experience, Catholic institutions encourage students to view their professional aspirations through a lens of spiritual and moral values. This perspective nurtures a sense of vocation, where career choices are not just about personal success but contributing to the common good of others and themselves.

Catholic social teaching provides a robust framework for understanding the dignity of work and the importance of ethics in professional life. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "Work honors the Creator's gifts and the talents received from him. It can also be redemptive" (CCC 2427). Viewing work as stewardship and service helps students approach their careers with a sense of mission and responsibility.

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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.