



Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo February 9, 2024

Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Friday, Trinity Lions! Below please find some important information about upcoming events and happenings at HTCS. I hope you all have a great weekend!

MAP - Winter MAP testing continues next week for all Kindergarten through fifth grade students. Teachers will send home more information regarding their specific testing days. Thank you for your support in helping your child do their best on these assessments.

Tickets Are On Sale - Please see the attached flyer regarding the spring fundraiser our students are presenting - *Last Will & Testament*. Limited seating at both shows is still available, but going fast!

Book the Rock - Please see the attached flyer for more information about booking the rock for your student's special day and/or accomplishment.

Valentine's Day - Because Valentine's Day falls on Ash Wednesday this year, students are asked to wear their Mass day uniforms as usual on Wednesday, 2/14. They may enjoy a Valentine's dress down day on **Tuesday, 2/13** instead.

Half day - We will dismiss at **noon** on **Friday, 2/16**. Please see attached for more information.

No School - There is no school on **Monday, 2/19**, in recognition of Presidents Day.

Uniform Picture Day - Please see the attached flyer for information about uniform picture day on **February 21**.

Stations of the Cross - This beautiful Lenten activity will be held with Deacon Richard in the church after the **9 AM** school Masses on **2/21, 2/28, and 3/6**. They also will 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.

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

Strategic Plan - Every year, the school's leadership team, in conjunction with the faculty and school Advisory Council, establish a strategic plan for the continuous improvement and growth of the school. This plan outlines the goals the school hopes to accomplish during the school year in the areas of Mission & Catholic Identity, Academic Excellence, Governance & Leadership, and Operational Vitality. Our current plan can be viewed on the school website.

Cell Phones - For the safety of all, we ask everyone to avoid cell phone use of any kind when dropping off and/or picking up students via car line. We appreciate your support and understanding.

The Virtues - We all think we have virtues, but so many people can't name more than a few of them. In the Catholic Church, there are three very distinct categories of virtues which we all should be praying to have more of. The first category is known as the Cardinal Virtues, the second is known as the Theological Virtues, and the third is the Capital Virtues.

- **The Cardinal Virtues** - The Cardinal Virtues are four moral virtues that are the foundation for the others. Cardinal comes from the Latin "cardo", which means "hinge." The Cardinal virtues can all be acquired through practice, and by observing others who are older and wiser than you are. All other virtues hinge on the following four Cardinal virtues are: **Prudence, Justice, Fortitude and Temperance**
- **The Theological Virtues** - The 3 Theological Virtues are straight out of the Bible ([1 Corinthians 13:13](#)), and can only be acquired as a free gift from God. God pours these virtues into our very being through sanctifying grace, which we all know is obtained through the seven sacraments and through prayer. They are also called supernatural virtues. They are as follows: **Faith, Hope, and Charity.**
- **The Capital Virtues** - The seven capital virtues are the virtues which overcome the seven deadly sins of lust, greed, gluttony, envy, anger, pride, and sloth. Most other sins like murder, for instance, begin with one or two of the seven deadly sins. And once we let one of these sins take over our lives, the other six are only too happy to creep into our lives as well. By praying to obtain all seven of the capital virtues, we can put a stop to satan and his plan to destroy our lives. The seven capital virtues are: **Chastity, Generosity, Temperance, Brotherly love, Meekness, Humility, and Diligence.**

So, let today be the day that we start praying to acquire all of the virtues in abundance, and to lose all of the vices which we have in our life. The reward for acquiring all of the virtues is out of this world! [The Catholic Virtues \(catholic365.com\)](http://catholic365.com)

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.*