



Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo March 22, 2024

Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Friday, Trinity Lions! I hope you all had a great week. Please keep all those involved in the Last Will and Testament dinner show fundraiser tonight and tomorrow in your prayers. Thank you to the many hands involved in making this event happen. From the food, to the acting, directing, and lighting, to the set design, to set up and clean up - everyone's help is greatly appreciated. Have a wonderful weekend.

Popcorn Sales - On **Tuesday, 3/26**, as part of their ELA studies, the 4th grade students will be operating their own popcorn businesses. There will be four different booths each featuring their own special flavor popcorn. Everyone is invited to purchase a bag (or two) of popcorn at lunch time for \$1/each (cash only, please). All proceeds will be used to help beautify the front entrance of the school.

Outreach Project - Our annual Lenten Outreach project (cereal box dominoes) will be wrapping up next week, but we are still collecting additional boxes until the morning of **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.

Seton Bus - There will be no Seton bus to/from HTCS on **Thursday, 3/28**.

Easter Wear - Students may enjoy a dress down day and wear their favorite Easter clothes/colors on **Thursday, 3/28**. Please be sure students still look "Catholic school appropriate" and shoes are rubber-soled and safe for outdoor play.

Half Day - School will dismiss at **noon** on **Thursday, 3/28**. All students must be picked up at noon as there is no aftercare. Please form two lines to ensure we keep all cars off 8th Avenue.

Spring Break - School will be closed **Friday, 3/29**, through **Friday, 4/5**. We will reopen on **Monday, 4/8**. I pray you have a blessed Easter and a relaxing spring break.

24-25 School Year - Just a reminder... all families will be automatically re-enrolled for the 24-25 school year unless you have already emailed me, or email me, **by 3/31**. We need an accurate number of students to plan budgets and staffing, as well as to determine scholarship awards for the 24-25 school year. Thank you for your understanding.

Yearbook - Please see the attached for information if you are interested in ordering a 23-24 school yearbook.

Save the Date - Join Deacon Richard and the HTCS faculty and staff for a talk on a Catholic saint after school on **Thursday, 4/25**. More details and an RSVP form will be coming home soon.

Stay informed - Please check the school Facebook page and/or our website's calendar for all the information you might need on daily happenings at HTCS - especially for choir, clubs, sports, dress down days, and special events. 😊 Thank you!

[Facebook](#) and [Academic Calendar | Holy Trinity Catholic School \(holytrinitynmb.com\)](#)

Holy Week - What is Palm Sunday? *Palm Sunday, a week before Easter, commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Catholics carry blessed palm branches into church, symbolizing the crowd's welcoming gesture. The Gospel readings recount the story of Jesus' death and Passion, evoking reflection on His sacrificial love and the profound significance of Holy Week. You can reflect on this passage by reading the Gospel of Mark Chapter 11, verses 1-11.*

How to Observe Palm Sunday - *Sunday Mass on Palm Sunday includes two readings from the Gospels. We hear about when Jesus entered Jerusalem at the start of Mass. And we read the entire Passion account during the Liturgy of the Word. A great way to start your Holy Week is by reflecting on Jesus' passion.*

After attending Mass it's common to display the palm branch you received at Mass! Some place it behind a crucifix, some take several palm branches and weave them together to create a palm cross. Since palm branches are a blessed item they should not be thrown in the trash. If you do not want to keep your branch you can return it to the church where it will be burned for ashes the following Ash Wednesday.

It's also common to deep clean your home on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. This tradition arises from the Jewish custom of preparing the home for Passover. Holy Week is also a great time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation - many churches have increased opportunities for Confession during this time. [A Catholic Guide to Holy Week 2024 | Dynamic Catholic](#)

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.*