



## Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo March 27, 2024

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

*Happy Wednesday, Trinity Lions! Please see below for important information about upcoming events and school happenings as we move into the final quarter of the 23-24 school year. I pray you all have a wonderful, blessed Easter and a relaxing spring break.*

**Special thank you** - Please click the link: [2024 HTCS 2nd Annual Lenten Cereal Box Domino \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) to watch the video of our domino cereal box drop and blessing this morning. Thank you to all those who helped us collect 242 boxes of cereal to be donated to the OLSS Food Pantry. What a wonderful Lenten social outreach project to teach our students about caring for those in need in our community.

**Half day / No uniforms** - School will dismiss at **noon tomorrow, Thursday, 3/28**. All students may wear their favorite Easter attire (with shoes safe for outside play) and they must be picked up at noon as there is no aftercare. Please form two lines to ensure we keep all cars off 8th Avenue.

**Seton bus** - There IS transportation FROM Seton tomorrow morning, **Thursday, 3/28**. There is NO afternoon transportation. Please plan to pick your child up at HTCS at noon tomorrow.

**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.

**Credit on Tuition** - We are offering a \$100 credit on your 24-25 tuition for every family you refer to us who enrolls for next year. Attached is a flyer that can be posted in your clubhouses, doctor offices, etc. We are happy to provide more flyers for those who want them.

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

**Book the Rock** - Please see attached for information about reserving the rock for your child's special day. Spaces/dates are limited and they fill up quickly.

**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 \(holytrinitynmb.com\)](#)

**Car line** - Please, please, please... do not cut through the parking lot closest to the church. Go to the last entrance off 8th Avenue N and follow it around to the back of the church for drop off and pick up. Also, please do not give us items to bring in or messages to deliver. Items should be dropped off at the front office (Ms. Nicole is here at 7:35 AM) and send an email or a note in your child

***Holy Week - Holy Week is the week before Easter Sunday, beginning seven days before with Palm Sunday. It ends with Holy Saturday. Easter is not part of Holy Week, but rather the beginning of the Easter season of the Liturgical year.***

*Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. On this day, we celebrate the triumphant entry of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, into Jerusalem, riding a donkey. On that day, the people laid palms before Him, a gesture reserved for triumphant leaders. We celebrate this at Mass by distributing palms to the faithful who may keep them for a time for use as devotional objects. The palms are blessed at Mass. The faithful sometimes craft portions of palm fronds into crosses. Eventually, these palms are returned to the Church where they are burned. Traditionally, their ashes are saved and distributed at next year's Ash Wednesday services. Later, when Jesus entered the Temple, he angrily drove out the money changers who had turned the Temple court into a place of business instead of devotion. Once the court was cleared, Jesus began teaching the masses. Meanwhile, His enemies drew plans to kill Him.*

*The next major event in Holy Week is Holy Thursday. On this day, Jesus celebrated the Passover feast with the disciples. We know this feast as the Last Supper. This is the night He was betrayed by Judas and arrested.*

*The Last Supper is celebrated at every Mass, and especially on Holy Thursday. After supper, Jesus went to the Mount of Olives and prayed. From this event comes inspiration for our practice of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, where we are invited to spend one hour in prayer with Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist; Body, Blood, and Divinity. Jesus was arrested on the night of Holy Thursday.*

*The next day is Good Friday, and on this day, we commemorate the trial, punishment, and crucifixion of Our Lord. On that morning, Jesus was brought before Annas, a powerful Jewish cleric who condemned Jesus for blasphemy. From there, Jesus was presented to Pilate for trial. Although Pilate found no guilt in Jesus, he agreed to have him crucified to appease the crowd of people and prevent a riot. Christ was stripped, flogged, and crowned with thorns. He was then forced to carry His Cross to the place of His execution. There, He was nailed to the Cross between two thieves who were likewise crucified. Late that afternoon, seeking to ensure Christ's death, a Roman guard stabbed him in his side with a spear. When Jesus died, an earthquake is said to have occurred as well as a great darkness which covered the land. Suddenly, many people knew Jesus was the Son of God.*

*Jesus was taken and laid quickly in a borrowed tomb, in accord with Jewish law, which required the dead be buried by sundown before the Sabbath. In our churches, the Tabernacle is left empty, to show that Christ is departed. On Holy Saturday, there is no Mass. Parishes may hold services, but there is no distribution of Communion. On Holy Saturday, we remember that Jesus was descended into hell where He preached the Gospel to those who died before and opened the way to heaven for all those who were worthy.*

*This concludes Holy Week. The following day is Easter Sunday, the day on which it was discovered the Tomb was empty, and our Lord was resurrected, triumphing over death once and for all time.*

**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.*