



Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo

April 18, 2024

Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Thursday, Trinity Lions! Please see below for important information about upcoming events and school happenings. Have a great weekend!

Renweb Code for Email - Please add the new short code **317065** to your saved contact for our school so it does not display as an unknown sender when we send email communications.

Operation Christmas Child - Please see attached thank you from OCC, our annual Advent social outreach project.

Speech - If you received a packet from Mrs. Morrison, please complete it and return it ASAP if you would like to continue speech services next year.

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 flier that can be posted in your clubhouses, doctor offices, etc. We are happy to provide more flyers for those who want them.

Attendance - Just a reminder that according to SC Code of Law, students are only allowed to have up to 10 unexcused absences and only 10 unexcused tardies per school year. Please see our HTCS Parent/Guardian/Student Handbook for more information, or click the link below. https://holytrinitynmb.com/sites/trinitynmb/files/23_24_parent_guardian_and_student_handbook_1.pdf. If you would like a detailed copy of your student's attendance record, please contact Mrs. Hines. It is imperative that students are on time each day and in class, with the exception of illness or bereavement.

Yearbook - Last Call...If you want to purchase a digital copy of your child's yearbook photo or class photo for \$10/each, please contact Mrs. Hines. Deadline for purchase is **Friday, 4/19**. Last day to purchase a 23-24 yearbook for \$40 is **Tuesday, 4/30**. **NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED.**

Saint Talk - Join Deacon Richard and the HTCS faculty and staff at **3:10 PM on Thursday, 4/25**, in the multipurpose room for a talk on a Catholic saint. No sign up needed. We hope to see you there as we expand our knowledge of important people in the history of the Catholic faith.

Spirit Rock - The last day to book the rock for the 24-25 school year for the price of \$35 is **Tuesday, 4/30**. Payment by cash, check, or FACTS is acceptable.

Visit Day - Our annual visit day is scheduled for **Tuesday, 4/30**. On this day, all students (including new enrollments for next year) in grades K4-4th will spend a few hours visiting their upcoming grade.

Save the Date - Reserve your spot now to save lives! Our last blood drive of the 24-25 school year is set for **Monday, 5/13**. See attached flier for more details.

Talent Show - This year's show is scheduled for **1:30 PM** on **Friday, 5/17**. All are invited to attend. Sign up forms were sent home this week for students who would like to participate in the talent show. **All forms are due by Thursday, 5/2**.

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 \(holytrinitynmb.com\)](#)

Saints - One thing that unites the Catholic Church to the Eastern Orthodox Churches and separates it from most Protestant denominations is the devotion to the saints, those holy men and women who have lived exemplary Christian lives and, after their deaths, are now in the presence of God in Heaven. Many Christians, even Catholics, misunderstand this devotion, which is based on our belief that, just as our life does not end with death, so too our relationships with our fellow members of the Body of Christ continue after their deaths. This Communion of Saints is so important that it is an article of faith in all Christian creeds, from the time of the Apostles' Creed.

What Is a Saint? Saints, broadly speaking, are those who follow Jesus Christ and live their lives according to his teaching. They are the faithful in the Church, including those who are still alive. Catholics and Orthodox, however, also use the term narrowly to refer to especially holy men and women who, through extraordinary lives of virtue, have already entered Heaven. The Church recognizes such men and women through the process of canonization, which holds them up as examples for Christians still living here on earth.

Why Do Catholics Pray to Saints? Like all Christians, Catholics believe in life after death, but the Church also teaches us that our relationship with other Christians does not end with death. Those who have died and are in Heaven in the presence of God can intercede with Him for us, just as our fellow Christians do here on earth when they pray for us. Catholic prayer to saints is a form of communication with those holy men and women who have gone before us, and a recognition of the "Communion of Saints," living and dead.

Few practices of the Catholic Church are so misunderstood today as devotion to patron saints. From the earliest days of the Church, groups of the faithful (families, parishes, regions, countries) have chosen a particularly holy person who has passed into eternal life to intercede for them with God. The practice of naming churches after saints, and of choosing a saint's name for Confirmation, reflects this devotion.

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.*