

Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo April 23, 2025

Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Wednesday, HTCS families. I hope you all had a wonderful Easter Sunday and that you are enjoying the spring break so far. As I will be heading out of town tomorrow, I wanted to send this message today. Enjoy the rest of the break and I'll see you when school reopens on Monday, 4/28.

Virtual Day - Please see the attached document for the assignment and form that need to be completed and returned by **8 AM** on **Monday**, **4/28**, for your child to be counted present for **Friday**, **4/18**.

First Communion for Catholic Second Graders - Information about the upcoming celebration of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion was sent home a few weeks ago. Students should attend the rehearsal at **6 PM** on **Friday**, **5/2**. Mass is scheduled for **11 AM** on **Saturday**, **5/3**. We ask all families to gather at the Mary statue behind the church at **10:15 AM** that morning for photos prior to the Mass. Please be on time as these photos must be taken before Mass in order to make it into the annual yearbook.

MAP Testing - Our final round of MAP testing for Kindergarten through 5th grade begins the week of **Monday, 5/5**. Please look for more specific details for when your child will be testing from their teachers.

Teacher Appreciation Week - We will be honoring our amazing faculty and staff between **Monday, 5/5 and Friday, 5/9**. I kindly ask you to pray in a special way for your child's teachers during this week. They willingly give of their time, talents, and treasures for the well-being and success of each and every student. We are so blessed to have them on the HTCS team.

Library books - All books need to be turned in the second week of May. For **3rd-5th grades**, this means books are due by **Monday**, **5/5**. For **Kindergarten** - **2nd grades**, this means books are due by **Wednesday**, **5/7**.

Talent Show - The annual talent show is scheduled for **Friday**, **5/9**, at **1:30 PM** in the mpr. This activity is open to all students and families are invited to attend. Forms were sent home two weeks ago and need to be returned by **Wednesday**, **4/30**. No late forms will be accepted.

Sneakers for St. Jude - Although Lent is over, our collecting new and gently used sneakers for St. Jude is not. Please feel free to drop your donations in the box located in the front office between now and the end of the school year.

EOY Ceremony - Our annual end of year ceremony will take place in the mpr at **8:30 AM** on **Friday, 5/23**. The front office will close promptly at **8:30 AM** so that all faculty and staff may attend the ceremony. All are invited and students will be dismissed immediately afterwards (approximately 9:30 AM).

Re-enrollment - At this time, all families intending to re-enroll for next year should have completed the on-line FACTS re-enrollment process. If you are not re-enrolling, you MUST go into FACTS and indicate that.

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. <u>Holy Trinity Catholic School | North Myrtle Beach, SC.</u>

Catholic Faith Formation - What is Easter About? On Christmas, we celebrate the Incarnation—God becoming human — with Jesus's birth. During Lent, we recall the cross—Jesus's crucifixion and death. At Easter, we rejoice in the empty tomb—Jesus's resurrection. Easter is the day Jesus rose from the dead after being crucified. The empty tomb means that Jesus's words rang true. He fulfilled the promises of Scripture and conquered sin and death. Had Jesus not risen from the dead, the world would have seen Him as just a prophet or teacher instead of who he is: the Son of God, the Messiah. Jesus overcoming death is the reason we know His name today. It's the foundation of all Christianity. With His death and resurrection, Jesus opened heaven to all of us. Because of Easter, we know that no matter what sufferings we experience or what sins we struggle with, God is always with us. Easter is everything. And its significance is clear from the start in the Bible.

The Easter Season - You won't find Easter candy or decorations for sale at the supermarket much past Easter Sunday. While the secular world moves on from bunnies and chocolate, the Church continues to celebrate Easter long after the final ham leftovers are eaten. The Easter season is the second-longest liturgical season. Only ordinary time is longer. The Church celebrates the Easter season (also known as "Eastertide") for 50 days, culminating with the feast of Pentecost, where Scripture (Acts 2:1–31) tells us that the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles. Divine Mercy Sunday and the Ascension, a holy day of obligation, take place during the Easter season. Easter 2025: The Complete Guide to the Catholic Season of Easter | Hallow

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.