



Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo July 11, 2025

Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Friday, Trinity families. I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the summer break. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new families who will be joining us for the 25-26 school year, and to extend a special thank you to all our returning families. The leadership team and staff have been very busy all summer preparing for the upcoming school year and we have lots of new and exciting things already planned for our students and families. For more details on some of these plans, please see below.

New Pastor - We are happy to welcome Fr. John Zimmerman as the new pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church. I met with him yesterday and he is very excited about our school and the great things happening here. He looks forward to being present at different school events throughout the year and to providing us with support and spiritual guidance.

Back to School (BTS) Night - All families are invited to attend our annual Back to School Night from **5-6:30 PM** on **Thursday, 8/7**, in the school's multipurpose room (mpr). The front office doors will open at **5 PM** and the event will begin promptly at **5:10 PM** with a welcome from the PTO and me. We kindly ask that all families attend as we will welcome our new families and introduce the faculty, staff, and PTO Board that night. Families will have time to visit the classrooms, meet the teachers in person, and drop off their children's school supplies. It's always a great way to kick off a new school year! We will end promptly at **6:30 PM**.

Back to School Mass - All families and students are asked to attend our Back to School Mass at **10 AM** on **Sunday, 8/10**. We will sit as a school community on the front left side of the center aisle facing the altar. Students are asked to wear their school uniforms to this Mass.

K-5 Students Only - The first day of school for our **Kindergarten through 5th grade students** is **Tuesday, 8/12**. Morning car line will operate as normal utilizing a single file line between **7:35-7:55 AM**. All cars need to be through the gates before they close at **7:55 AM**. Note, this is a half day with dismissal at **noon**. There is no aftercare and all students need to be picked up by **12:15 PM**. We will do a double car line in the afternoon as we do on all half days to help keep cars off 8th Avenue N. during the pick-up process.

K3-K4 Students Only - The first day of school for our **littles Lions (K3 and K4)** is **Monday, 8/18**. This is a regular day of school. Parents, you may utilize the morning car line (recommended) or you may walk your students in on the first day. We simply ask that you drop off and head out in a timely manner to make the drop off transition a positive and easy one for your child. The first day is always harder on the parent than the child and I promise, we will take good care of your babies.

Notes About Car Lines - For all arrival and dismissal car lines, we ask parents to keep the following in mind:

- Car line is a cell phone free zone - even hands free - so full attention is on safety.
- Adults must remain in their cars at all times.
- Watch for faculty directions and do not call out to your children.
- In the morning, students should be ready to exit their cars. Once through the gates and cars are stopped, students may exit their cars and head to the sidewalks. They do not need to wait to pull up to the covered walkway area.
- In the afternoon, we will let students know when they can safely go to their cars. If they need parent assistance to be buckled into car seats, we ask you to pull forward out of the car line to take care of that.
- Car tags must be clearly displayed on the left side of the front window.
- Items that cannot be carried in by the students should be dropped off at the front office. We cannot take them in the car line.
- Important information should be emailed to the appropriate faculty or staff member, not conveyed to faculty in the car line.

Please be sure everyone who will be picking up is aware of these rules. Thank you for helping us make arrival and drop off safe and efficient for everyone involved.

School Masses - Our first school Mass will take place at **9 AM** on **Friday, 8/15**, in honor of the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. Note: this date is a change to our normal 9 AM Wednesday Masses which will begin on **Wednesday, 8/20**. Families are invited to join us for all school Masses and students may sit with their families. We ask that they go to Communion/Blessing with you and return to their class at the end of the entire service (after the priest has walked down the aisle and into the narthex).

Half Day / All school Retreat - **Friday, 8/29**, is a half day with dismissal at **noon** and no after care. All students need to be picked up by **12:15 PM** and we will utilize a double car line for dismissal. Students from K3-5th grade will participate in a faith-based retreat that day with various activities planned for their spiritual development.

No School - School will be closed **Monday, 9/1**, in recognition of Labor Day.

ACES Updates - Beginning this year, our ACES (Academic Curriculum Enhancement for Students) program is being enhanced. Under the guidance of Mrs. Carman, Director of Learning Support Services, the ACES team (Ms. Bach, Learning Support Assistant/PE teacher,

and Mrs. Horton, Title I teacher) will not only work with students who need academic support, but they will also provide additional opportunities for students who need to be challenged. Students who qualify for the ACES program will receive more information from Mrs. Carman in the near future.

Seton Bus - All families living in the Carolina Forest, Myrtle Beach areas are eligible to utilize the transportation provided between Seton Catholic and HTCS. Please contact Mrs. Hines ASAP if your student will be utilizing this service.

Spirit Rock - Please see attached for information about renting the Spirit Rock for special shout outs to your student.

ESTF Grants - All SC families who have received tuition assistance and/or a scholarship for the 25-26 school year who have not already done so MUST apply for the ESTF grant by clicking [here to apply](#). You will be placed on a waitlist and notified if additional funds are released. Those receiving the grant must utilize the funds to pay tuition based on the annual published tuition rate (\$7900) as this is the actual cost to educate per pupil. The difference owed for remaining tuition, registration, and materials fees remains the financial responsibility of the family. The parish cannot provide additional subsidies to families who receive grant funds.

HTCS Team - Please see the attached document for contact information for the entire HTCS team. I ask for your prayers for us throughout the school year as we work diligently to ensure your children's academic growth, spiritual development, and emotional well-being.

Annual Review - Please review the school's mission and vision statements below and email me by August 1st with any suggestions for revisions you may have. At our back to school meeting, suggestions will be presented and families will be asked to vote on leaving the statements as they are or making changes based on suggestions received.

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. [Holy Trinity Catholic School | North Myrtle Beach, SC](#).

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.*