



## Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo August 16, 2024

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

*Happy Friday, HTCS families. It's been a great start to the 24-25 school year as we welcomed back our Kindergarten through 5th grade students on Wednesday. We are looking forward to our littlest Lions, our K3 and K4 students, joining us on Monday, 8/19. Please see below for lots of important information about the coming weeks.*

**Monday** - Next **Monday, 8/19**, is a full day of school for everyone. Aftercare is available until 5:30 PM for those who have signed up. All students must be out of the building by 5:30 PM.

**School Masses** - We will attend Mass on most Wednesdays beginning on **Wednesday, 8/21**. As always, families are welcome to attend school Masses and children may sit with their families. They should go to Communion and/or receive a blessing with their families and they should stay with their families until the Mass is completely finished.

**PTO Paint Party** - Please use the link: <https://square.link/u/yy8taFLr> for information about and to sign up for the PTO Paint Party. This is a great opportunity to socialize with the school community and support the PTO's 24-25 fundraising efforts.

**Hot Lunch** - September hot lunch orders (for K-5th grade) are being accepted via FACTS until **Friday, 8/23**. All lunch menus can be found on our school website ([www.holytrinitynmb.com](http://www.holytrinitynmb.com)). Go to "Important Links" > "Student Services". If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Hines at [ehines@chalestondiocese.org](mailto:ehines@chalestondiocese.org).

**Back-to-School Blood Drive** - Social outreach is a key component of the HTCS school culture and we support our belief through various activities throughout the school year. One social outreach activity is our blood drive which we hold two to three times every year. Our first one is scheduled for **Monday, 8/26**, from **10 AM-1 PM**. Please see attached information to schedule your appointment. Donate and save a life!

**Choir Auditions** - Auditions for the school choir will be held on **Monday, 8/26**. Please see the attached for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Carman at [ccarman@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:ccarman@charlestondiocese.org).

**Mission and Vision** - Please see below for our current mission and vision statements. These statements guide and inform every decision we make here at HTCS.

**School Theme** - For the past nine years, our overriding school theme has been “Be These” - salt and light for the world. This comes directly from the Gospel of Matthew. At HTCS, we are forming future saints, children who live virtuously, who will go out into the world and make a positive impact on others. We encourage them to BE THESE at all times!



*Thank you to our families for a wonderful first week of school. We look forward to seeing our K3 and K4 students on Monday, as well as our Kindergarten through 5th graders. Thank you for trusting us with your most precious gifts from God - your children. We are excited to partner with you during this school year to ensure your children’s growth academically and spiritually. “Positive parent-teacher relationships have a significant impact on a child’s motivation and self-esteem. When parents and teachers demonstrate a united front, praising and encouraging the child’s efforts, the child feels valued and supported. This positive reinforcement boosts their confidence and fosters a love for learning. Positive connections between parents and teachers have been shown to improve children’s academic achievement, social competencies, and emotional well-being. When parents and teachers work as partners, children do better in school and at home.” [Establishing healthy parent-teacher relationships for early learning success – Early Learning Network \(unl.edu\)](#) If at any time, you have a concern or question, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child’s teacher right away. It is vital that families support and trust our teachers to maintain a positive and supportive school culture at all times. Thank you!*

**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.*