



Holy Trinity Catholic School

A Ministry of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo: August 21, 2023

Facebook - If you have not already done so, please like our school Facebook page ([\(5\) Facebook](#)) and check it frequently. Reminders about and photos of school events are often shared through our Facebook page.

Website - The school has a VERY informative website ([Holy Trinity Catholic School | North Myrtle Beach, SC \(holytrinitynmb.com\)](#)). PLEASE... check the website for answers to questions about school events, hot lunch, volunteer opportunities, and PTO information.

Water bottles - All students should bring a refillable, sealable water bottle to school every day. No fast-food drink containers (or food items) should be brought to school due to the amount of technology we have throughout the building that can be damaged by accidental spills.

Snack - All students (except First Steps students who are provided with one through the First Steps program) should bring a snack every day - even on half days.

Non-OLSS Catholic Families - You should have received a form to take to your pastors regarding the subsidy the Bishop has asked them to pay to HTCS to help offset some of the subsidy OLSS provides for them to attend HTCS. These forms are due back by **Friday, 9/1**.

Clubs - Play-doh club is full. Forms for other clubs are due back by Friday, 8/25.

Choir - Information about our student choir will be coming home soon.

Back-To-School Packets - We are still seeking some families' signed forms from the packets. If you have not returned your signed forms, please do so ASAP.

ROAR Week - Next Monday, 8/28, we kick off our annual ROAR Week. Information was in the BTS packets. Please be sure to check the theme for each day so your child can participate.

Catholics and Saints - We'll start this explanation on saints in Catholicism with an explicit answer: **Catholics do not worship saints**. This is a common misconception especially among other religions and unbelievers. It goes hand in hand with the false claim that 'Catholics worship idols', directly against the first commandment. However, when you hear Catholics mention the venerated Saint, Virgin Mary, in many of their prayers, they are not praying to her. Rather, they are asking her to intercede for them because of her closeness to God. The same applies to all other Saints. To understand why saints are so important in the Catholic Church, let's examine the origin of the term and what exactly it means. Saint comes from the Latin word *sanctus* that means Holy. The common definition of a Saint is someone who is holy and set apart. You may be surprised that the application of the term is both general, as well as reserved for special highly venerated individuals. In the general definition, all Christians are sometimes referred to as saints. Paul does so in Colossians 1:2 - **To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.** [Why Do Catholics Worship Saints? — Catholics & Bible \(catholicsbible.com\)](#)