

## Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo August 22, 2025

## Don't forget to ROAR!

Congratulations to our K3 and K4 students and their families for a successful week! We are all very excited to have them with us as we continue to move through the new school year.

Just a reminder, these weekly communications, as well as all school related news, can be found on our school website (Holy Trinity Catholic School | North Myrtle Beach, SC). You can also check our school Facebook page (Facebook) for quick reminders and photos. Thank you!

**ROAR Program** - Coming home today in your child's folder is a copy of our ROAR program brochure. This program was designed several years ago to highlight and encourage students' positive behaviors while at school. Please review the information with your student, sign the brochure and return to school on **Monday**, 8/25.

**ROAR Week** - Please see attached for next week's daily special events. We look forward to seeing our students, faculty, and staff showing off their school spirit.

**Incidentals** - Please be sure to check your FACTS account to ensure you have set up an incidentals account and that you have turned on autopay for all charges related to incidentals (school photos, clubs, sports, field trips, etc.). This is separate from your tuition payments.

**K-5 Spanish** - I'm excited to announce that our Kindergarten through fifth grade students will be participating in Spanish with both Mrs. Trexler and me during this first quarter of the school year. Mrs. Trexler will be focusing on the Spanish culture, while I will be focusing on the Spanish language - speaking, reading, and writing. Please feel free to ask your students about what they learned in Spanish this week.

**Car Line** - Thanks to all families for helping us get our students in and out of school safely these first two weeks. Below are a few reminders/bits of information about car line:

- When you go past the church on 8th Avenue to get in line, please do not cut through the lot closest to the church. Go to the last entrance past the church on the left. This will avoid the traffic of parishioners trying to get to the 8 AM Mass.
- If at all possible, have students get out on the left side of the car. If they must get out on the right, they should always walk around the front of your car.

- Please be sure students are ready to exit the car once you have pulled through the gates and are stopped.
- Students in car seats need to be unbuckled before pulling up. Please feel free to pull off to the right side before pulling up to the gates if you need to help them do this.

**Homework / Communication Folder** - Please be sure to check the two-pocket folder that is coming home with your child every day. This is where you will find important information from school, where you can return things to school, and where you will find homework and completed work. The pockets are labeled so you know what everything is.

**Family Business Directory** - As a school, we like to encourage our families to support others in our school community who have businesses. If you would like to add your family's business to our directory, please submit the information (name, contact info) to Mrs. Hines by **Friday**, **8/29**. Last year's businesses will roll over into the update directory.

**Girls' Uniforms Dress, Rompers, Skirts** - If your daughter wears a dress, romper, or skirt, please be sure she is wearing shorts underneath. We've had a few girls wearing dresses, rompers, and skirts with no shorts. It makes it difficult when they want to play if they don't wear shorts.

**Lunch and Recess Volunteers** - We still have several days where we need volunteers for lunch and recess duty (11:45 AM -12:45 PM): **Wednesdays** - lunch duty for both lunches, **Thursdays** - lunch and recess duty with 3rd-5th grades, and **Fridays** - lunch and recess duty with Kinder-2nd. We also always need back-up volunteers that can be "on-call". Lunch and recess duty is also GREAT for grandparents or other family members. If you are able to volunteer or want more information, please contact Ms. Nicole at nnealey@holytrinitynmb.org.

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 at noon and we will utilize a double car line for dismissal (provided Lake Trinity has subsided by then). Students from K3-5th grade will participate in a faith-based retreat that day with various activities planned for their spiritual development. We need parent volunteers to assist with this event. If interested, please contact Mrs. Hines at <a href="mailto:eheines@holytrinitynmb.org">eheines@holytrinitynmb.org</a>.

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

**Pelican's Game** - Please see the attached information for the HTCS Family Night scheduled at the Pelican's ball field on **Friday**, **9/5**.

**No Hot Lunch** - Due to a Dioesan meeting scheduled in the mpr (multipurpose room), there will be no hot lunch for **K-5th grades** on **Wednesday**, **9/10**. These students need to bring their own lunch that day. **PK** breakfast, lunch, and snack will still be provided that day.

**Non-Uniform Picture Day** - **Friday, 9/12**, is fall picture day. Students may dress out of uniform for these photos as long as they wear shoes that are safe for outdoor play (no heels, crocs, or slides). These photos make great Christmas gifts!

**ESTF Grants** - If your child was awarded the ESTF grant this school year, please be sure you have received the HTCS invoice from me and you have uploaded it to Class Wallet. This is the process that needs to be followed each quarter for the school to be reimbursed. Thank you!

**Email Responses** - Teachers and administrators do our best to respond to emails as quickly as possible. Please note, we will typically not respond to emails sent over the weekend as we try to reserve this time for recharging for the coming week, for prayer and attending Mass, and for spending time with our families. We greatly appreciate your understanding.

## Sunday's Readings - Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 - <u>Isaiah 66:18-21</u>

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 117:1, 2 - Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Reading 2 - <u>Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13</u>

Gospel - <u>Luke 13:22-30</u>

**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.