



Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo August 30, 2024

Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Friday, HTCS families! Thank you for your support in successfully completing another week of school. I hope you all have a wonderful long weekend and a restful Labor Day. Please see below for some important information about the coming weeks at HTCS.

No School - In recognition of Labor Day, there is no school on **Monday, 9/2**.

MAP Testing - The standardized MAP testing window opens for all 1st through 5th grade students on **Wednesday, 9/4**. Your child's teacher will let you know what days your child will be testing and a calendar has been posted on our school website. Please note... Kindergarten will not start MAP testing until January.

Used Uniform Store - Now that we have a few weeks of school under our belts, we expect that all students will be in the appropriate uniform when they come to school each day. Thank you to our families for supporting us with helping students adhere to the school dress code policies.

To assist with this expectation, the PTO will open the used uniform store on **Friday, 9/6**, from **3-3:30 PM** for those who may need some additional pieces. Please park and come in through the front office after picking up your child from the car line.

Little Caesars - The PTO's annual Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser will be kicking off in September. Please be on the lookout for order forms and information coming home on **Friday, 9/6**. It is important that we get 100% participation from all families for this event to be a success. Thank you in advance for your support.

Family Math Event - Our first family academic event of the 24-25 school year is scheduled for after school on **Thursday, 9/19**. Please be on the lookout for information and an RSVP form coming home on **Tuesday, 9/2**. We hope to see as many families as possible at the event.

Annual Dinner Show - Auditions for this year's annual dinner show, *Not Your Average Joe*, will be taking place after school on **Thursday, 9/26**. Students in grades 3-5 who would like to audition should plan to attend. More information will be coming home in the next few weeks.

Working for a More Just Economy: *“You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.” - Matthew 20:4*

This Labor Day, let us recommit ourselves to building together a society that honors the human dignity of all who labor. Through the treasure of Catholic social teaching, we have a long history¹ of proclaiming the essential role labor plays in helping people to live out their human dignity.² Our Catholic faith calls us to pray, work, and advocate for protections that allow all laborers to thrive— both those newly arrived in our country and those whose families have been here for generations. We believe in the dignity of work precisely because each of our brothers and sisters is a beloved child of God, made in his own image and likeness, and imbued with inherent dignity. Throughout Scripture, we see time and again how God shows us we must care for those who are vulnerable and honor the sacredness of everyone—no matter his or her circumstances in life. In Matthew’s Gospel,³ we read the parable of the workers in the vineyard as an example of the Father’s overflowing love for each of his children. In that parable, the master pays all the workers a “just” wage despite working for differing lengths of time. Their remuneration is given simply because he desires that we all have the resources to thrive.⁴ Dignified work reflects that our humanity gives us an active role to play in cultivating the world around us. Through work, we exercise dominion over how we provide the material needs for ourselves and our families.⁵ God desires for us to do more than simply survive but to thrive. [Labor Day Statement 2024 | USCCB](#)

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.*