



Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo

August 8, 2025

Don't forget to ROAR!

Special thanks to all our families who attended last night's annual back-to-school event. It was great to see everyone's enthusiasm and excitement for the upcoming 25-26 school year. Something I neglected to mention at the meeting is that our new pastor, Fr. John Zimmerman, would have liked to have been there, but he has been on sabbatical for the past few weeks. He is due back this weekend and we might see him at the 10 AM Mass this Sunday. He has expressed his wishes to partner with us for the success, growth, and long term viability of Holy Trinity Catholic School. It looks like it's going to be a GREAT 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!

Parent/Student Handbook - Please be sure to read the handbook carefully as it contains important information about school policies, procedures, and expectations. These things are in place to help the school run efficiently and to keep everyone safe. We thank you for abiding by the items outlined in the handbook.

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**. The 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.

First week of school uniforms - Please note the change in uniforms for the first week of school due to Mass on **Friday, 8/15**, versus on Wednesday. Students should wear their regular uniforms every day EXCEPT for Friday. On **Friday, 8/15**, K-5 students should wear their Mass day uniforms.

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).

K3-K4 Students Only - The first day of school for our **littlest 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.

Sports and Clubs - As a means of educating the whole child, we will continue to hold afterschool sports and clubs again this year. We would love to have parent involvement in accomplishing this task. If you would like to volunteer to coach cross country (fall), basketball (winter), or cheer (winter), please contact Mrs. Hines at ehines@holyltrinitynmb.org.

Cross Country - Students in grades 2-5 will be eligible to participate in cross country in the fall. More information will be coming home to those students soon.

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 nealey@holyltrinitynmb.org.

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

- The car line is a cell phone free zone - even hands free - so full attention can be 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 dashboard.
- 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.

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. We need parent volunteers to assist with this event. If interested, please contact Mrs. Hines at ehines@holytrinitynmb.org.

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

ESTF Grants - All SC families who have received tuition assistance and/or a scholarship in any amount for the 25-26 school year who have not already done so **MUST** apply for the ESTF grant by clicking [here to apply](#). Please send proof of application to me once complete. 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 school cannot provide additional subsidies to families who receive grant funds as funds for subsidies, sibling discounts, religious affiliation discounts, etc. are extremely limited and place a financial burden on the school. We do not have money set aside for these things and any amount given out must then be recouped during the school year through cuts in teacher salaries, reduced purchasing of materials, fundraising efforts, and parish support. We need to reserve such assistance for those not receiving outside grants so that more families are able to attend HTCS and we may become financially stable and viable long-term.

School Supply Lists - Please utilize this link for information related to student supply lists: <https://holytrinitynmb.com/important-links/academic-programs>

Annual Review of the Mission and Vision Statements - Thank you to all families who approved the school's Mission and Vision statements for another year.

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.*