

## September 12, 2025

Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Friday, Trinity Lions! 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.

Little Caesars Fundraiser - Information was sent home earlier this week for our annual Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser. This event has been a staple of the school community for years, but this year, the PTO is upping the rewards for those who participate. Students have an opportunity to earn top seller medals, a lunch with leadership, and/or a class party. Please reach out to all those you know (even those out of town) and get those orders in. Paper forms are due on Friday, 10/10. On-line orders can be taken through Sunday, 10/12. We need 100% family participation for this event to be a success. Thank you in advance for your support.

**MAP Testing** - We will begin our annual fall MAP testing the week of **Monday, 9/15**. Please look for more information and ways to support your student(s) from the homeroom teachers.

**Cross Country** - The official season has started. Our first meet is for our 4th and 5th graders at Seton Catholic in Carolina Forest on **Tuesday**, **9/16**, at **5 PM**. Everyone is welcome to come out and support the team. We suggest bringing a chair and, of course, the athletes always love posters of support. You can find more information at: <a href="https://holytrinitynmb.com/athletics">https://holytrinitynmb.com/athletics</a>

**Social Outreach Opportunity** - Thank you to all those who have already signed up to join me at **5:30 PM** on **Thursday**, **9/18**, for a beach clean up with the NMB Rotary Club. We will meet at the Molly Darcy beach access at 17th Avenue S in NMB. I'm looking forward to partnering with our HTCS families and the NMB Rotary in making a positive difference in our community.

Chess Club - Please see the attached information regarding an after school Chess Club opportunity for K-5th. This club is independent of HTCS, but we will have a faculty member on store to monitor. Please contact US Chess Mates directly for more information and payments. HTCS is not managing sign ups and/or payments for this club.

Accreditation Report Review/State of School - Please join me at 3:10 PM on Thursday 9/25, for a brief overview of the school's recent accreditation visit and current state of the school. This is a great opportunity to hear about the school's current status and future plans for growth and development.

"Family PE Hour" - Please join our PE coaches (Shawna and Rob) in the mpr (multipurpose room) after school on Tuesday, 9/30, for some fun family PE activities. This is a great opportunity for parents to meet our new PE coaches and to spend some time with others in the school community. More information can be found on the attached flyer.

**Auction Baskets** - Each homeroom will be making a silent auction basket for Catholic Charities of South Carolina's upcoming *Fall Into Giving* event in October. Specific information about the theme of your child's class basket and items needed will be provided by the homeroom teachers. All items are due by **Friday**, **9/26**. Thank you for your support of this important social outreach project. For more information about Catholic Charities of South Carolina, please check out their website at: <u>Catholic Charities of South Carolina</u>

**Jr. Beta Club** - JBC is open to select 4th and 5th graders. Invitations will be sent out to eligible students at conferences in October. To learn more about Jr. Beta Club please reference the By-laws & Constitution found on the Student Services page on the school website at: <a href="https://holytrinitynmb.com/important-links/student-services">https://holytrinitynmb.com/important-links/student-services</a>

**Uniforms** - As we enter the half way point of Q1, all students should be wearing proper uniforms daily. You can always find the school uniform policy on our school website: <a href="https://holytrinitynmb.com/sites/trinitynmb/files/25-26">https://holytrinitynmb.com/sites/trinitynmb/files/25-26</a> uniform dress code 1.pdf. If you need to know which uniform your child should wear each day, it can be found at this link: <a href="https://holytrinitynmb.com/sites/trinitynmb/files/uploads/documents/uniform\_by\_class\_2.p">https://holytrinitynmb.com/sites/trinitynmb/files/uploads/documents/uniform\_by\_class\_2.p</a> df.

Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Student Party - We are so excited for our pre-Thanksgiving student party on Tuesday, 11/25, based on the novel, "Charlie & the Chocolate Factory" by Ronald Dahl. We are beginning to plan activities and work on decorations now. Do you have a crafty side? We can use your help. Do you like baking and/or cooking? We can use your help. Are neither of these things your jam? Don't fear, we can still use your help! There are plenty of things that can be done at home. This is a great way to get in your volunteer hours. Please contact Mrs. Hines at <a href="mailto:ehines@holytrinutynmb.org">ehines@holytrinutynmb.org</a> for more information.

Prevention Education (Empowering God's Children) - On an annual basis, the Diocese of Charleston will offer age appropriate prevention education on sexual abuse of minors and tools to prevent and report it for all students in grades K-5th. This year, we will present lesson # 4 - Secrets, Surprises and Promises. This curriculum is offered for preview by the parents of all minors, with the option for them to "opt out". As we do every year, we will present this program on the Tuesday morning before the Thanksgiving break. After Lesson 4, children should be better able to: Identify the boundary differences between secrets, surprises and promises, understand the safety rules with regard to secrets and promises, say "No!" when someone tries to make you keep a secret regarding safety, try to leave the situation if you feel uncomfortable, tell a safe adult as soon as possible (even if it didn't happen to you). They should also understand that similar boundary rules apply for online activities, too, and to know that if anybody does make them keep a secret, gives them an unsafe touch or shows them inappropriate material, it isn't the child's fault. You can view the video the students will

see here: <u>Empowering God's Children 1 Grades K-5</u>. The *Founding Principles and Description of the Program* document is attached for more information.

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

## Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Reading 1 - Numbers 21:4b-9

**Responsorial Psalm** - Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 - Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Reading 2 - Philippians 2:6-11

**Gospel** - <u>John 3:13-17</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.