



## Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo September 20, 2024

***Don't forget to ROAR!***

*Happy Friday, HTCS families! I want to send a special thank you to all those who attended the Family Math event and the PTO sponsored Spirit Night at Chick fil A yesterday. We had so much fun at both events and we appreciate the family support!*

**Save the date** - The annual #iGiveCatholic Giving Day is **December 3, 2024**. The school has set a *huge* goal for this year... to raise \$100,000 to fund our *Richard M. Flenke, Jr Scholarship Fund* and to purchase new equipment and games for our outdoor play areas! Please spread the word about this day to all your friends, families, local businesses... anyone you can think of that might be able to help us reach our goal. We need all the help we can get! [Give to Holy Trinity Catholic School \(North Myrtle | #iGiveCatholic\)](#)

**P/T Aftercare Available** - HTCS is happy to expand its aftercare offerings for those who need scheduled part-time aftercare. The rate is \$9/day until 4 PM or \$12/day until 5:30 PM. If you only need a specific one or two days per week, please contact Mrs. Hines. (Please note, we still cannot do drop-in service.)

**Little Caesars** - The PTO's annual Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser is still on-going. If you need any additional order forms, please contact Ms. Nicole at [nnealey@charlestandiocese.com](mailto:nnealey@charlestandiocese.com). We are looking for 100% participation from all families for this event to be a success. Thank you in advance for your support.

**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 for a speaking part should plan to attend. All questions about this event can be directed to Mrs. Carman at [ccarman@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:ccarman@charlestandiocese.org).

**Cash** - Please do NOT send in cash money with your students. We are working towards being a cashless program and all charges for incidentals and tuition will go through FACTS. That is why it is so important for every family to have a current, working FACTS account. Thank you for your support and understanding.

**Lunches** - We kindly request that items sent from home be limited to cold items, or items that only need a quick reheat. Items such as Easy Mac, Cup 'O Noodles, etc. should be prepared at home the night before so they only need to be reheated during lunch. Students have a limited amount of time to eat and refill water bottles before returning to class or heading to recess.

**K4 class (Henderson/Lewis)** - These students will not have school on **Monday, 9/23**, due to a mandatory in-service day for all First Steps providers. ALL other classes (K3, K-5) are expected to be present that day according to the normal school schedule.

**RenWeb/FACTS and Google Classroom** - Please note... RenWeb/FACTS is a tool for parents to view grades and track financials. Google classroom is a tool for students to view their assignments.

### **Catholic Faith Formation - An example of the Virtue of Faith - Gianna Molla**



Feast Day: April 28

Patron: of mothers, physicians, and unborn children

Birth: October 4, 1922

Death: April 28, 1962

Beatified: April 24, 1994 by Pope John Paul II

Canonized: May 16, 2004 by Pope John Paul II

St. Gianna Beretta Molla was an Italian pediatrician born in Magenta in the Kingdom of Italy on October 4, 1922. She was the tenth of thirteen children in her family. At three-years-old, Gianna and her family moved to Bergamo, and she grew up in the Lombardy region of Italy. As a young girl, Gianna openly accepted her faith and the Catholic-Christian education provided to her from her loving parents. She grew up viewing life as God's beautiful gift and found the greatest necessity and effectiveness in prayer.

In 1942, Gianna began her study of medicine in Milan. She was a diligent and hardworking student, both at the university and in her faith. As a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Gianna applied her faith in an apostolic service for the elderly and needy. She received degrees in both medicine and surgery from the University of Pavia in 1949, and in 1950 she opened a medical office in Mesero, near her hometown of Magenta. In 1952, Gianna specialized in pediatrics at the University of Milan and from there on, she was especially drawn toward mothers, babies, the elderly and the poor.

Gianna considered the field of medicine to be her mission, and treated it as such. She increased her generous service to Catholic Action, a movement of lay Catholics dedicated to living and spreading the Social Teaching of the Catholic Church in the broader culture. The Catholic Action movement is still at work today, throughout the world. [St. Gianna Beretta Molla - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#)

**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.*