



Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo September 29, 2023

Don't forget to ROAR!

Congratulations to our cross country team! They raced their hearts out at yesterday's meet against St. Michael and they came away with many 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons. We are so proud of the amazing performances and sportsmanship of our Trinity Lions. Special thanks to Coach Rand and Coach DeStefano, as well as to all our faculty, staff, and families who came out to support our team.

MAP Testing - Most students completed their MAP assessments this week. We are excited about the initial results we have seen. Once all make-up assessments are done, we will share the final results with our school community.

Cross Country Race - Come on out and support our 4th and 5th grade runners this **Thursday, 10/3**, at **4 PM** at Seton Catholic in Carolina Forest.

Pet Blessing - Families are welcome to join us for our annual pet blessing after the 9 AM Mass on **Wednesday, 10/4**. The brief service will take place on the far side of the church (not the school side).

Volleyball - Please join us at the Possum Trot Recreation Center in North Myrtle Beach at **4 PM** on **Wednesday, 10/4**, for a volleyball game against St. Michael.

Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser - All forms are due at **8 AM** on **Friday, 10/6**. The PTO is looking for 100% participation from all families for this fundraiser. People can order on-line by going to: <http://www.pizzakit.com/> and using the school fundraiser ID #: 415958. Please feel free to share this information with as many people as possible. Also, direct all questions related to this fundraiser to the PTO at ptohtcs@gmail.com.

Seton Bus - There is NO Seton bus transportation in the afternoon on **Friday, 10/6**. There IS morning transportation that day.

No Toys - Please, we kindly ask that you not allow your students to bring toys from home to school. The only exceptions are 1) a small stuffed animal for our K4 students for rest time and/or 2) if the teachers plan a special day for students to bring in toys. Thank you!

No School - There is no school on **Monday, 10/9**, in honor of Columbus Day. Please see information below for a Catholic perspective on Christopher Columbus.

Columbus: Separating Myth from Fact - In popular myth, Christopher Columbus is the symbol of European greed and genocidal imperialism. In reality, he was a dedicated Christian concerned first and foremost with serving God and his fellow man. Peering into the future, Columbus (1451-1506) could not have anticipated the ingratitude and outright contempt shown by modern man toward his discovery and exploration of the New World. It has become fashionable to view him not as a devout Catholic concerned for the eternal salvation of the indigenous peoples he encountered but rather as deliberately genocidal: a symbol of European imperialism and a bringer of destruction, enslavement, and death to the happy and prosperous people of the Americas.

In the United States, the vitriol directed against Columbus produces annual protests every Columbus Day. Some want to abolish it as a federal holiday, and a growing number of cities and states already refuse to acknowledge it and celebrate instead "Indigenous Peoples Day." This movement to brand Columbus a genocidal maniac and erase all memory of his extraordinary accomplishments stems from a false myth about the man and his times.

Most accounts of Columbus's voyages mistake his motives by focusing narrowly on economic or political factors. But in fact, his primary motive was to find enough gold to finance a crusade to retake Jerusalem from the Muslims, as evidenced by a letter he wrote in December 1492 to King Fernando and Queen Isabel, encouraging them to "spend all the profits of this my enterprise on the conquest of Jerusalem." In this, he believed he was fulfilling conditions for the Second Coming of Christ. Near the end of his life, he even compiled a book about the connection between the liberation of Jerusalem and the Second Coming.

Contrary to the popular myth, Columbus initially treated many of the native peoples with great respect and friendship. He was impressed by their "generosity, intelligence, and ingenuity." He recorded in his diary that "in the world there are no better people or a better land. They love their neighbors as themselves, and they have the sweetest speech in the world and [they are] gentle and always laughing." Columbus was a complex man and his actions in the New World reflected the complexities of his experiences and the time in which he lived. He was neither the saint nor the barbarian portrayed by different groups with their own agendas in the modern world. Columbus passed to his eternal reward on May 20, 1506.

For a complete viewing of this article, please refer to: [Columbus: Separating Myth from Fact | Catholic Answers Magazine](#)

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