

## September 6, 2024

## Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Friday, HTCS families! Today I want to give a shout out to our amazing, dedicated, and qualified faculty and staff who work tirelessly throughout the school year to support this important ministry of the Church. Not only do they plan engaging lessons, meet students' individual needs, and attend multiple meetings and school events, they also complete hours of professional development and faith formation training every year to keep them current with the latest techniques and practices. I ask for your trust, support, and prayers for them throughout this school year as they seek to do God's work on behalf of your children here at Holy Trinity. I thank you for partnering with us and for allowing us to help your children grow and succeed as God planned for them to do. I pray you have a wonderful, relaxing weekend.

**MAP Testing** - The standardized MAP testing window is officially open for all 1st through 5th grade students. The data gathered from this round of testing will be used to inform future instruction and to set goals for student growth. Parents can help students do their best by ensuring they get a good night's rest, have a nutritious breakfast, and arrive at school on time every day. We thank you for your support.

**Used Uniform Store** - The PTO will open the used uniform store today from **3-3:30 PM** for those who may need some additional uniform 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 has begun! Order forms and information were sent home earlier this week. We are looking for 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 sure to return your completed RSVP form so we know how many families to plan for at the event. Good news... You can head over to Chick-Fil-A afterwards to support the PTO's first Spirit Night of the school year.

**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 soon.

**Communication with Faculty/Staff** - Per school policy, communication to faculty and staff should only be done via email or by leaving a message on their school phone. Teachers are not allowed to send or receive school related texts on their personal phones.

**School Website** - Please refer to the school website for all the information and forms you may need for school related events and activities, as well as the school calendar. There is a lot happening at HTCS, so the website is always the best place to find what you need. <a href="Holy Trinity Catholic School">Holy Trinity Catholic School</a> | North Myrtle Beach, SC (holytrinitynmb.com)

**September 8 - Feast of the Nativity of Mary -** Mary was born to be the mother of the Savior of the world, the spiritual mother of all men, and the holiest of God's creatures. Because of her Son's infinite merits, she was conceived and born immaculate and full of grace. Through her, Queen of heaven and of earth, all grace is given to men. Through her, by the will of the Trinity, the unbelieving receive the gift of faith; the afflicted are tendered the works of mercy; and the members of Christ grow in likeness of their Head. In Mary all human nature is exalted.

We rejoice in her birthday, as the Church has done from the earliest times. This is one of the three birthdays in the Church Calendar — the Birth of Jesus (December 25), the Birth of John the Baptist (June 24), and the Birthday of Mary. All three were born without original sin, although Mary and Jesus were conceived without sin, and St. John was cleansed of original sin while in the womb at the Visitation of Mary. Feast of the Nativity of Mary - September 08, 2020 - Liturgical Calendar | Catholic Culture

**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.