



# **LIONS PRIDE MONTHLY**

August 2025

**Living the Lion's Faith from Mrs. Luzzo** - August 15 is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This significant feast day honors Mary, the mother of Jesus, and recalls her spiritual and physical departure from earth when she was assumed into her heavenly glory. In the US, it is a Holy Day of Obligation and Mass attendance is required, therefore our first school Mass will be on Friday, 8/15, at 9 AM, and all students in Kindergarten through 5th grade will attend. As with all school Masses, families are welcome to join us and students may sit with their families during Mass.

**Lion's Learning Lessons from Mrs. Carman** - I am excited to start the 2025-2026 school year. We are in the final stages of developing our Gifted and Talented Project Based Learning for our high flyers. Students who score at least in the 90th percentile in either Math or Reading on MAP and achieve all A's on their report card will be considered. With teacher guidance, invited students will research and present on a topic of their choosing. Students may choose a new topic each quarter, or expand on their current topic. We will monitor the first quarter, collect data, and document our Fall MAP scores. More information will come as we end quarter 1.

Our ACES program will also continue to work with students who need a little extra support.

Please make sure students come to school prepared, well rested, and ready for learning! Thank you for your continued partnership.

## **Raising Lions from Mrs. Hines - The Importance of Attendance & Being on Time**

At Holy Trinity, we believe that every day — and every minute — counts. When students arrive on time and attend regularly, they build important habits that lead to academic success, stronger relationships, and a greater sense of confidence in the classroom.

It might not seem like a few minutes here or there would make a big difference, but over time, those small moments add up. Here are a few eye-opening facts:

- Being just 10 minutes late every day adds up to nearly 30 hours of missed instructional time over the course of a school year.
- Students who are frequently tardy are more likely to fall behind in reading and math, especially in the early grades when foundational skills are being built.
- Chronic tardiness can also affect a child's sense of belonging and participation, making it harder

for them to settle into routines and build friendships.

We know that life happens — and that occasional tardiness or absences can't always be avoided. Our goal is not to place blame, but to partner with you in building strong routines that help your child get the most out of their school experience.

If your family is facing challenges with morning routines, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to support your child every step of the way!

**The Healthy Roar from Nurse Rene - Keep your child protected - Stay up to Date on Vaccines!**

As we get ready for a healthy and successful school year, it's important to make sure your child's vaccinations are current. Vaccines help protect your child- and those around them- from serious illnesses like measles, whooping cough, and meningitis. Our school requires certain immunizations to attend, so staying up to date helps avoid any interruptions in learning. If you are unsure about your child's vaccine records I am here to help. Please check with your child's healthcare provider or contact myself for any questions or assistance. Let's work together to keep our school community safe and healthy!



**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.