



Holy Trinity

Catholic School

A Ministry of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

From the desk of Mrs. Luzzo: January 17, 2023 – I hope you all had a wonderful, long weekend. Thank you to those families who came out to support our basketball team and cheerleaders last week. Although we did not come away with the win, we sure did show our Trinity school spirit!

- **MAP testing** – Winter MAP assessments continue this week. Parents can support student success by ensuring their children get a good night's rest, eat a healthy breakfast, and arrive at school on time each day. Thank you for your support.
- **Spring Show** – Our school, under the direction of Mrs. Cornelius and Ms. Carman, will be presenting a whodunnit open to the public on **Saturday, May 6**, and **Sunday, May 7**. Auditions for our third through fifth grade students interested in participating in the show will be this **Tuesday, January 17**. This will be a major fundraiser for the school. Look for more information about ways to participate for students not acting in the show, and for families to support the event coming home soon.
- **Cheer and Basketball** – We are asking our cheer squad and basketball team to wear their uniforms to school this **Thursday, January 19**. Basketball players need only wear their jersey with solid navy or khaki bottoms. A crew from the Diocese will be here to make a marketing video for Catholic schools and our school will be a part of the video. If you do not wish your child to be filmed, he/she may wear his/her regular school uniform or their PE uniform if they are in 1st or 4th grade.
- **Hot Lunch forms** – Hot lunch forms are due on **Friday, January 20**. No late forms can be accepted.
- **100th Day of School** – We will celebrate our 100th day of school on **Tuesday, January 24**. Students, faculty, and staff are welcome to dress down wearing a shirt (either purchased or made) reflecting 100 days of learning. Teachers will have additional activities planned for the day.
- **Basketball** – There are two more games scheduled for the month of January. **Thursday, January 26 at 5 PM** at Palmetto Academy and **Monday, January 30 at 5:30 PM** at North Myrtle Beach Christian School. All are welcome to attend the games and support our students.
- **Catholic Schools Week** – CSW 2023 kicks off at the **10 AM** Mass on **Sunday, January 29**. All families are asked to attend this Mass and be seated by **9:45 AM** at the latest. We will sit as a school community on the left front side of the church facing the altar and students should wear their Mass Day uniforms. The school choir will sing at this Mass and more information will be coming home soon about that.
- **CSW Open Houses** – There will be an open house from **11 AM-noon** on **Sunday, January 29**, and from **3-5 PM** on **Wednesday, February 1**. Any new family who attends one of the open houses during CSW and subsequently enrolls will receive a \$100 credit towards their 23-24 tuition. Any currently enrolled family that refers a new family that subsequently enrolls (whether they attend an open house or not) will also receive a \$100 credit towards their 23-24 tuition. Please pass the word about our open houses and let's fill every open seat for the upcoming school year!



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- **CSW Blood Drive** – As part of CSW 2023 we are hosting our next blood drive on **Monday, January 30**, from **7:45 AM-1 PM** in the multipurpose room. Visit our website (under lunch and other forms) or use the link below to schedule your appointment. All students who have a family member make a donation will receive a dress down pass. We appreciate your support with this social outreach project.
https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/198262
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- **Annual Science Fair** – Be on the lookout for information from your child’s teacher regarding the annual science fair being held during Catholic Schools Week on **Thursday, February 2**. For an interesting perspective on the benefits of science fairs, check out the on-line *Stem Wizard* article at:
<https://www.stemwizard.com/benefits-competing-science-fairs-students-perspective/>
- **School website** – Please be sure to check the school website at <https://holytrinitynmb.com/> for all information about events, clubs, hot lunch, forms, etc. Everything you could ever need to know can be found on our website.

Catholic Faith Formation: Eight Surprising Things About Catholic Education to Know and Share

1. The Catholic Church runs the largest private educational system in the United States.
2. With 200,000 members, the National Catholic Educational Association is the world’s largest private professional educational organization.
3. Of the nearly 150,000 teachers in Catholic schools, only around 3% are clergy and religious brothers or sisters. This makes the laity comprising 97% of teachers in Catholic schools that much more crucial when it comes to supporting and promoting a Catholic school’s Gospel-centered mission and fostering its Catholic identity.
4. Catholic schools have a low teacher-to-student ratio of 1:13.
5. 99% of students in Catholic high schools will graduate, and 88% will attend four-year colleges or universities.
6. Catholic schools save taxpayers over \$20,000,000,000 (yes, billion) annually.
7. Graduates of Catholic high schools are more likely to vote in political elections upon turning eighteen.
8. 1 out of every 10 Catholic teens in the United States attends a Catholic high school.

HTCS Mission: *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.*

HTCS Vision: *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.*