



# Holy Trinity

Catholic School

*A Ministry of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish*

**From the desk of Mrs. Luzzo: January 2, 2023** – Happy New Year! I pray your Christmas day was a joyous one, that your break from school was relaxing, and that 2023 is a year full of blessings for us all.

- **School Masses** – Please note, the choir will *not* sing at Mass this week (**January 4**) and there will be *no* choir practice after school that afternoon. Also, as a reminder, families are always welcome to join us at the 9 AM Mass each Wednesday and students may sit with their families at these Masses.
- **MAP testing** – Winter MAP assessments will be taking place for Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grades between **January 9** and **January 27**. Teachers will advise families of the specific dates their classes will be testing. Parents can support student success on the MAP assessments by ensuring they get a good night's rest, eat a healthy breakfast, and arrive at school on time each day. Thank you for your support.
- **100<sup>th</sup> Day of School** – We will celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on **Tuesday, January 24**. Look for more information coming home soon.
- **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 who 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!
- **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: The Season of Christmas** - In the United States in 2022-2023, the Catholic Christmas season begins with the Christmas Eve Vigil Masses, celebrating the Nativity of the Lord, and ends on Sunday, January 8, the Sunday Mass celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord. In 2022 – 2023, the Catholic Christmas season will be 14 days long. Epiphany has historically been celebrated on January 6, but in the U.S., Epiphany is celebrated annually on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. <https://hallow.com/blog/schedule-catholic-christmas-season-octave/>

**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.*