



# Holy Trinity

Catholic School

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

## From the desk of Mrs. Luzzo: January 23, 2023

- **Report Cards** – Please be sure to return your signed report card envelope if you have not done so already.
- **MAP testing** – Winter MAP assessments will wrap up 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.
- **100<sup>th</sup> Day of School** – We will celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **Catholic School Choice Rally** – 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, as well as members of the Cheer Squad and Twirlers attending the Rally should meet their teachers in the front parking lot at **6:15 AM** on **Wednesday, January 25**.
- **Clubs** – Completed sign up forms for upcoming clubs are due this **Wednesday, January 25**.
- **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 our students will read and bring up the gifts as well.
- **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!
- **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](https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/198262)  
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- **Car line** – PLEASE, I have two reminders regarding morning and afternoon car line:
  - Do not cut through the parking lot entrance after the church on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue N where the handicap parking spaces are located. We have been asked to use the last parking lot entrance after the church. This is especially important in the morning when parishioners are trying to get to the 8 AM Mass while we are doing morning arrival.



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- Please do not use cell phones when in car line, even hands-free. All focus should be on following faculty directions so they, and our students, stay safe at all times.
- **Dress Code** – Please reference the uniform policy to ensure your child comes to school in proper uniform every day. This includes ties on Mass day and appropriate shoes. The only time a student should be out of uniform is when he/she has a dress down pass or the school has a special no uniform day (like the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school this week).
- **Hot Lunch** – Please mark your calendars now... There will be no hot lunch service on **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday** of next week (**January 31, February 1, and February 2**). Students should bring their own lunches on those days.
- **School website** – As always, please 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.
- **Tuition and Grant Info for the 23-24 School Year** – Please look for information regarding tuition rates and a grant for Catholic families seeking assistance coming home today. Assistance will be extremely limited and given based on family needs and their support of the school on a first-come, first-served basis. Completed forms should be returned ASAP, prior to March 1.

## **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.*