

From the desk of Mrs. Luzzo: January 30, 2023 – Happy Catholic Schools Week! A special thank you to the families who were able to attend the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, and blessings to those who were not well enough to do so. It was a beautiful celebration and a great way to kick off this special week.

- MAP testing Due to the number of students absent in our school community last week, we were not able to complete our MAP testing. The Diocese has graciously extended the testing window another week for us, so we plan to finish all MAP assessments by Thursday. Once all students have completed the testing, data will be analyzed and published to the school community.
- **CSW Open House** There is an open house scheduled from **3-5 PM** on **Wednesday**, **February 1**. Any new family who attends an open house 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 house so we can fill every seat in 23-24!
- Hot Lunch Reminder... There will be no hot lunch service on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday this week (January 31, February 1, and February 2). Students should bring their own lunches on those days.
- Harry Potter Club The HP Club will meet for their make-up day on Monday, February 6.
- Science Fair Due to last week's round of illnesses, we have moved the Science Fair from Thursday, February 2, to Thursday, February 9. There will be no car line on Friday, February 10, as we ask all families to park and come into the multipurpose room to pick up their children and view the projects.
- Valentine Grams Please see attached flyer for information about this fun way to send a treat to your favorite Valentine. HTCS gets a portion of the sales.
- Tuition and Grant Info for the 23-24 School Year This year, tuition assistance is extremely limited and will only be given to families who demonstrate a need and who actively support school fundraisers and events. ALL families (Catholic and non-Catholic) seeking tuition assistance MUST complete the online FACTS tuition aid application before March 1. Catholic families seeking tuition assistance MUST also complete the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Grant form that was sent home last week. Completed forms should be returned to me prior to March 1.



Catholic Faith Formation: Guardian Angels are Real! Most people know this one, but they don't really "know" it - if you catch the meaning. We've all heard about guardian angels, but many assume it is something we tell children, or that they are only associated with certain events, like dangerous situations.

In reality, each person has a guardian angel assigned to them. The Catechism has several paragraphs explaining this. *From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession. "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life." Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united in God* (Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 336). Your angel never leaves your side. Sadly, we learn to ignore them from a young age, but we can learn to listen again if we try.

<u>FIVE Amazing Facts about your Catholic faith you didn't know! - Living Faith - Home & Family - News -</u> <u>Catholic Online</u>

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.