



Holy Trinity

Catholic School

A Ministry of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

From the desk of Mrs. Luzzo: January 9, 2023

- **Welcome** – We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Sydney Harrelson to the team. She will be working with Mrs. Carman in the ACES program, focusing on students in grades K4 through 2nd. She will also assist Mrs. Carman with the Catholic Café program.
- **MAP testing** – Winter MAP assessments will take place for Kindergarten through 5th grade between **January 9** and **January 27**. 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.
- **Field trips** – Students in Kindergarten through 5th grade will be enjoying field trips to Home Depot this week. Monday – 1st and 3rd, Wednesday – 2nd and 4th, and Thursday – K and 5th. Students should wear their regular uniforms (yes, even 2nd and 4th – no Mass day uniforms needed) when attending the field trips.
- **Spirit Day - Support our basketball team** – This **Thursday, January 12**, is our basketball team's first game. To show our support for the team, everyone is invited to wear their HTCS spirit wear. No \$1 needed. All are also invited to attend the game in their spirit wear at 5:30 PM at North Myrtle Beach Christian School on Highway 90.
- **Half day** – This **Friday, January 13**, is a half day with dismissal at **noon** and **no after care**. Parents should form two lines for dismissal to ensure no one is waiting on 8th Avenue. It is also Spirit Friday, so those who have paid their \$1 may wear their HTCS favorite spirit wear.
- **No school** – There is no school on **Monday, January 16**, in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- **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.
- **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/198262https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/198262

- **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: What are the three main sources of Catholic faith? They are:

- The Pope and the other bishops of the Church make up what is known as the Magisterium, which is the teaching authority of the Catholic Church.
- Scripture is the Bible, which is known as the Word of God and contains both the teachings of Christ and other biblical figures.
- The teachings of Christ that were revealed to the apostles and have been carried down as tradition are referred to as apostolic tradition.

For more information, check out: [What Is Faith Formation In The Catholic Church? \(elrenosacredheart.com\)](https://elrenosacredheart.com/)

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.*