



Holy Trinity

Catholic School

A Ministry of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

From the desk of Mrs. Luzzo: October 11, 2022 – Welcome to a new week of fun and learning at HTCS! I hope everyone enjoyed the extra day off this past weekend. Teachers came to school on Monday to participate in a three-hour professional development session related to our STEM certification. We hope to receive this certification in the next year or so. More information will be coming home about this process in the near future. Please see below for some important notes for the upcoming weeks.

- **K-2nd grade Alligator Adventure Field Trip** – Our K-2nd grade classes are scheduled to meet at Alligator Adventure at **9:45 AM** on **Thursday, October 13**. Students should wear their PE uniforms and bring a lunch and drink with them. Parents should plan to pick up students at **2 PM**. *Note: We are hoping the rain holds off for this trip, but we are also working on back up plans just in case. Stay tuned for more information!*
- **Trunk or Treat** – Forms are due back by **Friday, October 14**. We need these back in order to plan appropriately for car spaces and treats.
- **Domino Club** – The make-up date for the missed day is **Monday, October 17**.
- **Red Ribbon Week** – In a study conducted by the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, the rates of substance abuse were lower among youth who agreed that religion and faith were an important part of their lives. Therefore, between **October 23-31**, our school will be making a visible stand against illicit drug use by displaying red ribbons around the school. Students and staff are asked to wear red on **Monday, October 24**, to show their support of Red Ribbon Week.
- **Annual Book Fair** – The book fair is coming! Students will get to preview the fair on **Tuesday, October 25**. All HTCS families are welcome to stop in and shop on **Thursday, October 27**, and **Friday, October 28**, during conferences. More information about e-wallet will be coming home soon.
- **3rd-5th grade Ripley's Aquarium Field Trip** – Permission slips were sent home with 3rd through 5th graders last week. Money and forms are due back by **October 28**.
- **Veterans' Day** – Students will be sending thank you notes and remembering all veterans in prayer on **Friday, November 11**. Please feel free to send in a copy of or e-mail a photo to Mrs. Hines by **Monday, October 31**, if you have a Veteran in your family that you would like us to honor/remember. Please include their name, branch, and if they served in any wars. Photos will be on display in the multipurpose room for students to view and thank you notes will be sent home on **Friday, November 11**.
- **Operation Christmas Child** – Please save your shoeboxes for our annual Advent social outreach project. The red/green boxes we are typically given to fill are limited this year, but that doesn't have to limit us! Any shoebox or clear (shoebox size) bin with a lid will work! Information will come home with students on **November 2**. Filled boxes will be due back on **November 16**. This is a great way for our families to partner with their children on a social outreach project near and dear to our school.



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Catholic Faith Formation: The Roman Catholic Bible contains all of the sixty-six books found in Protestant Bibles but also contains seven additional books in their Old Testament as well as expanded versions of Daniel and Esther. This larger canon was not officially codified until the Council of Trent in the 16th century, which met to respond to the Protestant Reformation. Both Jews and Protestant Christians reject these additional books as being inspired Scripture (though some Protestant Bibles have printed them as a non-inspired appendix to the Old Testament strictly for their historical and cultural value, just as they might include other non-inspired study aids like maps, marginal notes, or illustrations).

The Canon of the Catholic Bible

The New Testament of the Roman Catholic Bible is identical to that of Protestant Bibles. It contains the same 27 books, no more nor less. Catholic Bibles also contain all 39 books of the Protestant Old Testament (which are the same books that the Jews accept as Scripture). Thus, the Roman Catholic Bible does not *lack* any biblical books. It does, however, contain seven *additional* books in its Old Testament, often called the Apocrypha or the Deuterocanonical books. These books were composed during the intertestamental period (the time between the Old and New Testaments). They are:

- Tobit
- Judith
- 1 Maccabees
- 2 Maccabees
- Wisdom of Solomon (Also known simply as “Wisdom”)
- Sirach (Also known as “The Wisdom of Sirach” or sometimes “Ecclesiasticus”)
- Baruch

The Catholic Bible also contains longer versions of the books of Esther and Daniel, including additional material not found in the version of those books accepted by Jews or Protestant Christians. <https://carm.org/roman-catholicism/what-is-the-catholic-bible/>

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.*