



Holy Trinity

Catholic School

A Ministry of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

From the desk of Mrs. Luzzo: November 7, 2022 – Welcome to another week at HTCS! I hope everyone had a fantastic weekend. Halloween is over and we now enter that most wonderful time of the year... THE HOLIDAYS! Please read the notes below carefully as there is a lot of important information. Thank you!

- **3rd-5th Grade Field Trip to Ripley's Aquarium** – Students need to be dropped off promptly at **9 AM** tomorrow, **Tuesday, November 8**, at the Aquarium (1110 Celebrity Circle, Myrtle Beach - Broadway at the Beach). Students should wear their PE uniform and sneakers. They need to bring a snack and a drink, as well as a lunch that doesn't require heating and another drink. Parents, please pick up your children at the Aquarium promptly at **2 PM**.
- **5th Grade Field Trip to Seton Catholic** – Permission slips are due back by tomorrow, **Tuesday, November 8**, for the trip to Seton on **Tuesday, November 15**. Students should come to school at the normal arrival time that day. They will travel to and from Seton on the Seton bus. Pizza lunch will be provided while they are at Seton, so students need only bring a snack and drink that day. They will be back to HTCS before our regular dismissal time.
- **Family Faith Formation Activity** – Forms went home to sign up for the Chrismon ornament making activity with Deacon Richard scheduled for **Tuesday, November 15**. Please return forms by **Tuesday, November 8**, if you are interested in participating so we can plan supplies and seating accordingly.
- **Advent Social Outreach Project** – Boxes for *Operational Christmas Child*, our global outreach activity that helps spread the Gospel across the globe, are due back on **November 16**. You *can* certainly send them in before then if you like. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Hines at ehines@charlestdiocese.org.
- **Hearing Re-Screenings** – Students from Francis Marion University will be back on **Thursday, November 17**, to provide screenings for students who were absent on the initial screening date or to do re-screenings for students who need them. Results will be sent home after all screenings/re-screenings are complete.
- **Speech Screenings** – We are happy to share that students from Francis Marion University will be able to provide speech screenings for our K4 students. The EANS II grant we received did not provide this service for our K4 students, only K-5th grades, but fortunately, our new partnership with FMU does!
- **Mark your Calendars** – **Tuesday, November 22**, is a half day with noon dismissal and no after care. We will be holding our annual Teaching Safety class for all K-5th grade students and our biennial Native American Pow Wow celebration that day. Information about the Teaching Safety class for K-5th grade students was sent home last week. You don't need to do anything unless you want to opt your child out. In that case, please sign the form and return it ASAP. For the Pow Wow, all students need an oversized white t-shirt (an old one works perfectly) that will be used to make their "Native American" wear. If you would like to help with this event, please contact PTO President, Marisa Slawiak, at mslawiak@charlestdiocese.org.
- **Save the Date** – **Tuesday, November 29**, is National **#iGiveCatholic** Giving Day. All schools in the Diocese are participating in this event and we need your support to help our school shine! Our goal is to have 100% of our families and faculty make a donation of some amount to be used for various campus projects to improve security, as well as to provide assistance to families in need. On Tuesday, November 29, you can visit our landing page at: <https://charleston.igivecatholic.org/organizations/holy-trinity-catholic-school-573194c8-4994-4156-ade6-abd711e397ee> to make your donation. Thank you!



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- **Christmas Show Attire** – It’s hard to believe, but students are already practicing for this year’s Christmas Show – *Straight Outta Bethlehem*, which will take place at **6 PM** in the multipurpose room on **Thursday, December 15**. Please see below for what students are asked to wear for the show this year.
 - **K4:** Christmas colors and/or Sunday best attire.
 - **Kindergarten and 1st grade:** White t-shirt and solid pants (jeans ok). Please send in the white t-shirt by **Wednesday, November 29**. The shirt will be decorated for the theme of the Christmas play.
 - **2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th grades:** **OVERSIZED WHITE T-SHIRT** for all. Please send in the white t-shirt by **Wednesday, November 29**. The shirt will be decorated for the theme of the Christmas play.
 - **Girls:** Any leggings
 - **Boys:** Old pair of jeans that can be cut. Please send in the jeans by **Wednesday, November 29**.
- Please clearly write your child’s name on all clothing being sent in for the play. Clothes will be returned once they have been prepared for the play.***
- Don't forget to utilize our website (www.holytrinitynmb.com) for up-to-date information, calendar, and all forms.

Catholic Faith Formation: Baptism / Parents as the first and most important faith educators - In the sacrament of Baptism, the parents are asked: What name do you give your child? They respond with their child's name. Then they are asked: What do you ask of God's Church for your child? Parents respond: Baptism. Then the celebrant says: "You have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training him (her) in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring him (her) up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?" Parents respond: "We do." Parents have made this promise to God, and thus, cannot “forget” the seriousness of that commitment. This is why at HTCS we partner with our parents. You are the first and most important faith educators of your children.

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.*