



# Holy Trinity Catholic School

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

**From the desk of Mrs. Luzzo: November 28, 2022** – I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to our amazing families for not only participating in the National #iGiveCatholic campaign last Tuesday (we ended up exceeding our \$10,000 goal), but for also joining us at our first Family Literacy Night on Friday (what fun we had) and at the NMB Christmas Parade on Saturday (we had a great turnout). These are just three examples of the wonderful community we have built that makes HTCS such a great school!

- **Christmas Show Attire** – All Christmas clothing was due last week. If you have not sent it in yet, please do so by tomorrow. For information about what each grade is wearing, please see previous Weekly Communications on our school website at: <https://holytrinitynmb.com/>. **Note: the website is a great place to find information and forms for everything happening at HTCS.**
- **Lunch forms** – January lunch forms are due on **Friday, December 9**. No late forms can be accepted.
- **"Rockin' Around the Forest"** – Join Mrs. Luzzo, Mrs. Rand, and our HTCS ROAR Squad at **8 AM on Saturday, December 10**, at the Tanger Outlets on 501 in Carolina Forest. This is a very family friendly event. We've been given a 15% off discount code (htnmb15) for anyone who wants to participate. For more information, please e-mail Mrs. Rand at [jrand@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:jrand@charlestondiocese.org) or visit their website at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/SC/MyrtleBeach/RockinAroundtheForest5K>.
- **Survey results** – Thank you to all families who completed the annual *Catholic Identity Program Effectiveness* survey. We are very pleased with the results. Not only is this data important for us to retain our accreditation, but it also provides insights into what we are doing well and what we can improve. Please see attached for more information about the results.

**Catholic Faith Formation: Second Week of Advent:** The first advent candle ("The Prophet's Candle") is purple and represents hope. The second advent candle ("The Bethlehem Candle") is also purple and represents peace. In some traditions, the second candle and the fourth one ("The Angel's Candle," representing love) may be interchanged. Peace is a central theme of the advent season but the main focus of the second week of Advent. One of the prophecies about Jesus calls him "the Prince of Peace" ([Isaiah 9:6-7](#)). When the angels appeared to the shepherds, they ended their message by saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests" ([Luke 2:14](#)). When Simeon saw baby Jesus in the temple, he thanked God that he could now die in peace for he had seen the Messiah ([Luke 2:29-33](#)). On a broader level, the Bible talks in various places about a spiritual war going on between goodness and evil (or "powers and principalities" [[Ephesians 6:12](#)]). The combination of Satan fighting against goodness, and humans fighting against God, has made the earth a battleground in an ongoing fight. <https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-study/topical-studies/what-is-the-second-advent-candle-meaning.html>

**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.*