

From the desk of Mrs. Luzzo: February 6, 2023

- **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. All projects will be sent home on **Monday, February 13**.
- **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.
- **Family STREAM event** – Information went home last week regarding the STREAM event we are hosting in the multipurpose room at **3 PM on Thursday, February 16**. If your family is interested in attending, please complete, detach, and return the bottom portion of the flyer by **Friday, February 10**.
- **Tuition and Grant Info for the 23-24 School Year** – 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 a few weeks ago. Completed forms should be returned to me prior to **March 1**.
- **Text Alerts** – All schools in the Diocese of Charleston use the FACTS management system for grades, tuition, attendance, and messaging. Because of this, our text alerts come from the same system. This may appear as the same number to your phone. There has been some confusion between our alerts and Seton for families who have students at both. When Seton sends out an alert it will have: "SEASAlert" in the beginning, whereas ours will have: "IMPORTANT". We just wanted to make families to be aware so that we can help you stay better informed.
- **Box tops 4 Education** - Help our school: download the app and snap! It's that easy!
<https://www.boxtops4education.com/s/how-to-earn>
- **News about Ms. P** – Many may know that a few months ago, Ms. P took over *all* bookkeeping responsibilities for the school in addition to her Administrative Assistant responsibilities. She is an asset to the daily operation of the school, as well as to the



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viability of the school's long-term success. Beginning on **Monday, February 13**, she has requested to work part time, remotely, focusing only on the bookkeeping portion of her job. She will continue to handle all matters related to FACTS, banking, account payments for hot lunch, after care, and tuition, payroll, and other such financial matters. She can still be reached at her school e-mail, spaterchak@charlestdioocese.org for inquiries related to these topics. We know she will absolutely rock this new structure of her role as bookkeeper and we are happy to honor her request.

- Mrs. DiCapua, our school nurse, has agreed to cover answering the phones and front office and will be backed up by Mrs. Hines, Mrs. Carman, and me. Mrs. DiCapua's main focus will continue to be the health and well-being of our students. She can be reached at edicapua@charlestdioocese.org.
- Parents should contact Mrs. Hines (ehines@charlestdioocese.org) for all matters related to guidance, BIPs, field trips, clubs, hot lunch, after care, and attendance.
- Parents should contact Mrs. Carman (ccarman@charlestdioocese.org) for all matters related to academics, SAPs, Title I, ACES, Catholic Café, and homework help.
- Parents should contact me (kluzzo@charlestdioocese.org) for all matters related to enrollment, tuition assistance, Catholic identity, grants, and marketing the school.

Catholic Faith Formation: Hell is a *choice*. It's a Catholic thing. We're afraid of hell. We should be! But it should come as comfort that hell isn't something we just "fall" into by accident. It's not something that should take anyone by surprise. To go to hell, a person must make choices that land them there. That's due to the nature of sin. Mortal Sin is any kind of sin that puts a person in danger of damnation. For a sin to be mortal, it must satisfy three conditions. It must be a grave sin, (e.g., it violates a Commandment), it must be freely chosen, and it must be chosen with the knowledge that it is a sin. Sins that do not meet these three requirements are venial, but not mortal. Therefore, to choose hell you must choose sin, and you must choose it freely and in the knowledge that it is a sin. To this, there is a fourth condition. You must refuse to repent of the sin. However, such sins can be forgiven through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Therefore, no matter what one has done, if you are genuinely sorry, you can avoid hell by asking for forgiveness.

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.*