



Holy Trinity

Catholic School

A Ministry of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

From the desk of Mrs. Luzzo: March 13, 2023 – Thank you to all those who kept me in their prayers last week while I was attending the annual Principals’ Retreat. Your support and kindness are always so very much appreciated.

- **Wear Red** – Students, faculty, and staff are asked to wear red on **Tuesday, March 14**, in recognition of our annual American Heart Association fundraiser dance-a-thon.
- **Stations of the Cross** – Please join us in the multipurpose room after the 9 AM Mass on **Wednesday, March 15**, for a beautiful musical interpretation of the Stations to be sung by Mrs. Laura Boronski. Families are also invited to join us in the church after the 9 AM Mass on **Wednesday, March 22, 29**, and **April 5** for the traditional Stations of the Cross.
- **Treat Sale** – Please see the attached form with information about the basketball and twirlers treat sale taking place at lunchtime on **Friday, March 17**. Forms and money (cash only) are due on **Thursday, March 16**.
- **Field Trip** – **5th grade** students will be going on a field trip to IHOP on **Friday, March 17**, to enhance their learning of math concepts about decimals and money. Permission forms need to be returned by **Wednesday, March 15**.
- **Field Trip** – **4th grade** students will be going to the Museum of Coastal Carolina and the Ingram Planetarium on **Tuesday, March 21**. **3rd and 5th grade** students will be going on **Wednesday, March 22**. Permission forms need to be returned by **Friday, March 17**.
- **St. Patrick’s Day Attire** – Students, faculty, and staff may wear their favorite St. Patrick’s Day wear or green on **Friday, March 17**, in recognition of St. Patrick’s Day.
- **Sunglass 5k Run** – Join Mrs. Rand, Miss Carman, our Trinity Twirlers, and our cheer squad on **Saturday, March 25**, for the NMB Sunglasses Run (<https://coastalraceproductions.com/race/run-north-myrtle-beach-the-sunglasses-half-and-5k/>). If you would like to run, visit the website listed above and use the discount code HTCS.
- **Lenten Social Outreach Project** – Please feel free to keep sending in (new) boxes of cereal to be utilized for our next social outreach project (Cereal Box Dominoes). Currently, we are behind in the number of boxes we had hoped to gather. The more boxes we have, the more exciting the project will be for our students and the more we can donate to Our Lady’s Pantry. We will accept boxes until **Tuesday, March 28**.
- **Spelling Bee** – Parents are invited to join us for our annual Spelling Bee in the multipurpose room on **Thursday, March 30**. Students in **1st and 2nd grades** will participate at **10 AM** and students in **3rd-5th grades** will participate at **1 PM**. Words for each grade have been sent home with the students. They can



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also be found on the school website. Parents can assist students practicing at home by ensuring they use the “sandwich technique” required for the bee... they will step up to the microphone, they will be given a word, the student then says the word, spells it, says the word again. They will be allowed to ask for the word to be repeated or used in a sentence for clarification. All students will be expected to participate as HTCS is a safe place to practice the skills the Spelling Bee teaches.

- **Annual Fund Campaign** – Thank you to all those who have already returned their donation card. If you need an additional card, please let me know. If you would like to make monthly payments, you may elect to do so via FACTS. Just write the amount you would like drafted each month on the donation card and return it to me. Funds raised via the campaign will be used for projects around the school to enhance the learning experience and facility, as well as for tuition assistance for families in need. **We are seeking 100% participation from all families and faculty.** Any amount given allows us to reach that goal, and when added together makes a HUGE impact on what we can do here at HTCS. Please visit: https://issuu.com/htcs/docs/htcs_21-22_annualreport to view the annual report/annual fund campaign.
- **Whodunit** – Tickets are now on sale for the dinner/show being presented by HTCS students and staff taking place in the multipurpose room at **6 PM on Friday, May 5**, and at **1 PM on Saturday, May 6**. Tickets are \$25/adult, \$15/kids 10 and under. A form will be coming home if you would like to purchase tickets, or you may stop by the school office between 9 AM and 2 PM to purchase them.
- **Fiesta 5k Run** – Join Mrs. Luzzo, Mrs. Rand, Miss Carman, our Trinity Twirlers, and our cheer squad on **Saturday, May 6**, for the [3rd Annual Fiesta 5K Run/Walk \(runsignup.com\)](https://www.runsignup.com). These events are great opportunities for our school to be more visible in the local community, which in turn helps increase enrolment. If you would like to join Mrs. Luzzo by running the 5k, visit the website listed above and use the discount code GOTRSC. Note... this run will be over before the Whodunit curtain call that afternoon.

Catholic Faith Formation: - *Why do Catholics tell their sins to a priest?* The sacrament of reconciliation (also called penance or confession) was created by Jesus himself when he said, “As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained” (John 20:21–23). The idea of confessing our sins to another person is also in the Bible. In James 5:18, the Apostle tells us, “Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed.” The sacrament of reconciliation is known in the Church as a sacrament of healing. [What do Catholics believe? | Diocese of Lansing](#)

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.*