



Holy Trinity

Catholic School

A Ministry of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

From the desk of Mrs. Luzzo: March 27, 2023 – Thank you all for your continued support as we move into the final quarter of this school year. It's hard to believe we are less than 40 days from summer break. Some parents have asked recently, but unfortunately, no, we will not have any camps here at school this summer. We will, however, be offering FREE tutoring for our rising first through fifth grade students (those currently in kindergarten through fourth grades). More information will be coming home soon about this tutoring.

Just a reminder... Signed tuition assistance letters were due back today if you are claiming the assistance awarded. If you did not send it in, please do so by tomorrow. Also, all currently enrolled students (except 5th graders and those who have told me they are not returning) will be automatically re-enrolled for the 2023-2024 school year on March 31. Only registration fees will come out in April. Families do not need to do anything to re-enroll for the new school year. It's going to be a great 23-24 year! We have lots of fun things already planned and more in the works. Thank you to all our families for your continued support and trust. 😊 We love partnering with you and watching your children grow!

- **Stations of the Cross** – Families are invited to join us in the church for the **9 AM** Mass on **Wednesday, March 29** and **April 5** followed by Stations of the Cross led by Deacon Richard.
- **Lenten Social Outreach Project** – Thank you to all those who sent in boxes of cereal for our social outreach STREAM project. We will accept (new) boxes of cereal through tomorrow, **Tuesday, March 28**. 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.
- **Choir Practice** – ONLY students singing on Palm Sunday should plan to attend choir practice this **Wednesday, March 29**. Students not singing on Palm Sunday should not attend choir this week. There is no choir for any students next week, **Wednesday, April 5**. Regular choir resumes after Spring break.
- **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**.
- **Play Practice** – The practice scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, has been moved to **Wednesday, April 5**.
- **Talent Show** – All are welcome to join us in the multipurpose room at **1 PM** on **Thursday, May 18**, to enjoy the various talents of our amazing students. If your child would like to sign up to participate in the talent show, please complete the form that was sent home last week. Forms are due by **April 19**.



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- **Whodunit** – Tickets are 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.
- **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 \(runsignup.com\)](http://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.

Please note... picture day is coming up in April. All students will be in their Mass day uniform. Please ensure that your child has a uniform tie. If not, they can be purchased on-line from French Toast as we have none in the used uniform store.

Catholic Faith Formation: *The Sign of the Cross* - The sign of the cross is a form of Catholic blessing whereby a person traces a symbolic cross on their body, or in the air in commemoration of the crucifixion of Christ. The sign of the cross is used in several Christian traditions, but it is most prominent in Catholic and Orthodox tradition. The sign of the cross represents the victory of Jesus Christ over death. It is also used as an improvised prayer to ward off evil or to bless oneself in a time of prayer or need. In its most common Roman Catholic form, the sign of the cross is made by touching one's forehead with a finger or a few, then the chest, then the front of the left shoulder, and finally the front of the right shoulder. The formal and proper form of the sign of the cross includes the use of three fingers, especially when entering the church. The sign is a reminder of one's baptism. Using Holy Water, found in fonts at the entrance, further connects the sign to Baptism. In contemporary Church design, the Baptismal font is in the front to further signify the connection. In the Roman Catholic Liturgy, also called the Holy Mass, when the gospel reading is announced by the Priest or Deacon, Catholics use their thumb and forefinger to make a cross, then trace a tiny cross - first on their forehead, then their lips, and finally over their heart. This is a prayer, asking God to indelibly imprint the message of the Gospel in the mind, on the lips, and in the heart. In other words, inviting the Lord to sanctify their thoughts, their speech and their way of life through His Holy Word. [Sign of the Cross - Prayers - Catholic Online](#)

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.*