



Holy Trinity

Catholic School

A Ministry of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

From the desk of Mrs. Luzzo: March 6, 2023 – Thank you to all families for supporting and praying for our faculty and staff last Friday as we attended the teacher education conference sponsored by the Diocese of Charleston. We were able to attend various workshops where we learned lots of new tips, techniques, and strategies related to the field of education. We are excited to try some of these new ideas in our school!

- **American Heart Association** – This important social outreach fundraiser has been extended one more week. It is important that every student signs up, even if he/she can't collect any donations. This allows the classes to earn baskets full of new recess play items. Please contact Mrs. Rand with any questions.
- **Stations of the Cross** – Families are invited to join us in the church on **Wednesday, March 8, 22, 29,** and **April 5** after the 9 AM Mass for this beautiful Lenten activity. Families are also invited to join us in the multipurpose room after the 9 AM Mass on **Wednesday, March 15,** as the Stations are sung by Mrs. Laura Boronski.
- **Field Trips** – Our 4th grade students will be going to the Museum of Coastal Carolina and the Ingram Planetarium on **Tuesday, March 21.** Our 3rd and 5th grade students will be going on **Wednesday, March 22.** Permission forms and information are being sent home today. Completed forms need to be returned by **Friday, March 17.**
- **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 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



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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 7**. 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: - Are Sundays part of Lent? NO, SUNDAYS ARE NOT PART OF LENT. Many Catholics maintain their sacrifice on Sundays. There is no rule against this, but it isn't required. Every Sunday is a mini-Easter and should be celebrated as such. In the spirit of celebration, which is entirely appropriate, you may refrain from your sacrifice on that day. So, if your sacrifice is social media, then you can catch up on Sundays. If you gave up chocolate or sodas, Sundays are your friend. There are no brownie points for maintaining your sacrifice on extra days and there are no demerits for refraining from your sacrifice on Sundays. Sunday is a day of celebration, not fasting. ([Are Sundays part of Lent? And a few other fast facts about the season - Easter / Lent News - Easter / Lent - 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.*