



Holy Trinity

Catholic School

A Ministry of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo: August 13, 2022

Thank you to those who were able to make it to our Back-to-School meeting on Thursday night. It was wonderful to see our returning families, and to welcome our new families. The faculty and staff of HTCS are excited to begin this new school year and we look forward to partnering with you to ensure the success of your children. Below are some important recaps from the meeting, as well as some additional pieces of information.

- **Monday, 8/15** – The first day of school is a half day. On half days, we dismiss at noon, there is no lunch or after care, and we ask families to form two car lines coming around the back of the church for pick up. This helps get everyone safely off 8th Avenue during the dismissal process. Some notes about pick up:
 - Please stay in your cars and do not call out to your children. We will assist them in coming to you.
 - If you need to buckle your children in car seats, you will be able to do that once they are in your car and you pull up and off to the side.
 - Please watch directions from faculty/staff on when to move. Safety of all is our priority.
- **Morning Drop Off – 7:35-7:55 AM** – Families should drive down 8th Avenue, past the church, to the last parking lot entrance on the left. Follow it straight to the end, take a left, and go behind the church. You will see us outside waiting to welcome your children. Please stay single file and do not pass unless directed to do so by faculty/staff. **Gates close promptly at 7:55 AM.**
 - If you arrive after the gates close, you will need to go to the front office to sign your children in.
 - **First day of school** – All students are to be dropped off using the car line. For security purposes, and to allow students to develop a positive drop off habit, parents are not allowed in the building. We will make sure students get to their classrooms safely and we will take picture of them for you.
- **Afternoon pick up – 2:50-3:05 PM** – Same procedure as morning drop off (except on half days – see above). **Please have your family car tag on the driver's side of your front windshield so we can easily see it.** This allows us to call students out for dismissal in a timely manner and keeps the car line flowing smoothly. If you did not receive your car tag and packet of information at the Back-to-School meeting, your child will come home with it on the first day of school.
 - If you arrive after 3:05 PM, you will need to park behind the church, go to the after care door, and ring the bell. An after care teacher will bring your child to you.
- **Hot Lunches** – There are several steps that must be completed before we can reopen the hot lunch program. We anticipate being through all the required steps sometime in September. Thus, we hope to open our hot lunch program in October. We will send more information as soon as possible. Until then:
 - On full days of school, students should bring a morning snack and drink, and a lunch and drink for the afternoon.
 - On half days of school, students only need a morning snack and drink.
 - Please be sure to send in the utensils and napkins your child needs for lunch. We do not have these items on hand. If you would like to donate some to the lunchroom, please feel free to do so.



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Hot Lunches – continued

- For the security of our school, and to avoid disruptions in the front office, at no time should parents have food deliveries made to the school. If a child forgets his or her snack or lunch, they will be provided one and their FACTS account charged.
- **Lunch/Recess Volunteers** – There are many ways you can help at HTCS. Our biggest need is with lunch and recess coverage each day. If you can help even one day a week from 11:45 AM-12:45 PM, we would be so grateful. Please contact Ms. P for more information or to sign up.
- **Spirit Fridays** – Spirit Fridays are back! For \$1/Friday, students may dress out of uniform, as long as they are wearing an HTCS shirt of some sort with jeans or solid navy, black, or tan shorts/pants – any sneakers are acceptable just like on PE days. Students who do not wish to participate should wear their regular uniform. This is not a dress down day for all, but rather a Spirit Day for those who want to participate.
- **ROAR** – Respectful, Organized, Appropriate, and Responsible... words that our Trinity Lions strive to live by. Our ROAR program recognizes the positive behavior of our students through the use of ROAR coins from their teachers and administrators. Students collect ROAR coins all month. Each month they can use the coins to “shop” in our ROAR store. On shopping day, the PTO also provides the students with a special treat or gift.

Welcome back!

Have a wonderful first week of school!

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.*