



# Holy Trinity Catholic School

*A Ministry of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish*

**From the desk of Mrs. Luzzo: September 19, 2022** – Welcome to another week! I'm happy to share some exciting news related to our on-going efforts to provide a safe and nurturing environment for our students. We recently received approval to have permanent fencing installed around the outside play area behind the church. The work should begin in the next few weeks and, once completed, will prevent cars and people from accessing the play area during school hours.

- **MAP testing** – Our students are doing an amazing job with the standardized MAP testing. So far, students in Kindergarten, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> have completed their assessments. This week, students in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> will be testing, and we will be conducting make up tests for any students who were absent on their original test days. Teachers use the data gathered from these assessments to set goals with their students. They will share all this information with you at our parent-teacher-student conferences in October.
- **Hot Lunch Help Needed** – We are still looking for a few more parent volunteers to help in the kitchen with food prep, serving, and clean up. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Mrs. Hines at 843-390-4108 or [ehines@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:ehines@charlestdiocese.org).
- **Pet Blessing** – The annual blessing of the pets is scheduled for **10 AM on Tuesday, October 4**. All are welcome to join us on the side of the church by the far parking lot for this special celebration.
- **Absences** – Please note, as per our parent/student handbook, “if a student is going to be absent from school, a parent **MUST** call the front office or send an e-mail to the homeroom teacher, Administrative Assistant, and Director of Student Services (ALL three (3) people) by **8:00 AM** each day of the absence. Missed assignments due to absences are the student’s responsibility. Teachers are not required to provide assignments beforehand or to administer make-up work. Quizzes/tests will be made up at the teacher’s discretion.”
- **Items Needed** – Mrs. Trexler is still collecting paper towel tubes and empty Clorex wipe type containers. Please feel free to keep sending these items in until we say otherwise. Students can drop them off on their way in from morning arrival. Thank you for your help with this.
- **Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser** – Information about this annual fundraising event will be coming home sometime this week. It is important that we get 100% support from our families to make this a success.

**Catholic Faith Formation:** The Holy Eucharist is the most important of the seven sacraments because, in this and in no other sacrament, we receive the very body and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. Innumerable, precious graces come to us through the reception of Holy Communion. Holy Communion is an intimate encounter with Christ, in which we sacramentally receive Christ into our bodies, that we may be more completely assimilated into his. “The Eucharist builds the Church,” as Pope John Paul II said (*Redemptor Hominis* 20). It deepens unity with the Church, more fully assimilating us into Christ (1 Cor. 12:13; CCC 1396). *Christ* in the Eucharist also strengthens the individual because in it, Jesus himself, the Word made flesh, forgives our venial sins, and gives us the strength to resist mortal sin. It is also the very channel of eternal life: Jesus himself. <https://www.catholic.com/tract/who-can-receive-communion>

**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.*