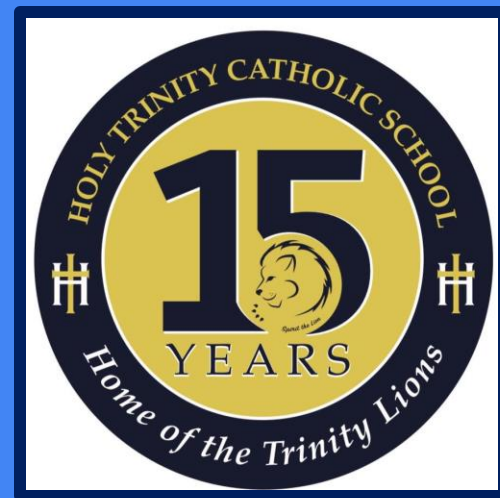


Holy Trinity Catholic School

State of the School – 2023-2024



15 Years and Still Growing



*What is our **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.

*What is our **Vision?***

Holy Trinity Catholic School students will be fully prepared to transition to middle school possessing critical thinking skills, and ability to work independently as well as collaboratively, and an awareness of what it means to actively live the Gospel values.



Who is a Trinity Lion?

All students of all abilities in grades K4 through fifth are welcome to become a Trinity Lion.

Currently, we have 96 students in the following grades:

K4: 16 K: 17 1: 10

2: 13 3: 14 4: 11

5: 15

Students get one-on-one individualized instruction from qualified, caring teachers. Whether they need to be challenged or provided extra support, our students' needs are met for their ultimate success.



Our *Catholic* Identity



First and foremost, we are a Catholic school. Providing quality academics within the framework of our Catholic faith is our number one priority. We accomplish this through various means throughout the school year:

- Religion class daily in all grades
- Weekly attendance at Mass for K-5th grade students
- Social outreach projects
- Community partnerships
- Faith formation activities

Academics

Our students take the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) standardized assessments three times each school year. Results from the first quarter of the 23-24 school year are shown below. Once again, our students have outperformed the national norms from Kindergarten-5th grade in both Math and Reading. This truly is a testament to the quality education our students are receiving in addition to their faith formation.



Grade	HTCS Mean RIT MATH	National Norm Mean RIT MATH		Grade	HTCS Mean RIT READING	National Norm Mean RIT READING
K	146.3	141		K	149.3	137.9
1	162.5	161.4		1	158.4	157.3
2	189.1	176.3		2	188.8	173.6
3	191.2	189.5		3	193.2	187.7
4	207.8	200.4		4	211.1	197.6
5	215.1	209.8		5	214.4	205.2

Sports

Thanks to the efforts of our Athletic Director, we offer several sports for our students to try such as golf, cross country, basketball, volleyball, cheer, and archery. We are actively partnering with St. Michael's and several other local schools so our students have the ability to play against other teams.



Clubs

Several after school enrichment clubs and workshops such as Dominoes, Legos, book club, Rubix cube club, Playdough club, card-making, cooking, and crafting are available for students to explore their creative and intellectual talents.



Choir and Drama

Students who express an interest in music and/or acting have opportunities to explore their talents as well. Our student choir sings at school performances and Masses. Our drama club presents a dinner show in the spring that is open to all families and parishioners.



Preschool at Holy Trinity

We welcome our littlest Lions to a full day preschool program when they are four years old and fully potty trained. Thanks to our partnership with SC First Steps 4K, many students qualify for free tuition!



Social Outreach

Since opening in 2009, our students, faculty, staff, and families have done hundreds of hours of social outreach, especially during Advent and Lent. It is vitally important to our mission that our school community understand the importance of helping others in need as Jesus taught us to do. Over the years, we have:

- Collected food for the OLSS Food Pantry
- Filled baby bottles with loose change and collected baby items for Grand Strand Citizens for Life
- Participated in bike-a-thons for St. Jude and Kidz in Lidz
- Visited residents of Summit Place and New Haven
- Hosted several blood drives
- Made sleep mats for the homeless



Funding our Ministry



Over the past 15 years, the school has significantly reduced the amount of subsidy from the parish. Our goal is to eventually eliminate this subsidy altogether. We are doing this by focusing on three main sources of income:

- tuition (full paying tuitions / reducing tuition assistance)
- scholarships from outside sources
- fundraisers (200 Tree, Giving Tree, Annual Fund Campaign, PTO Golf Tournament, #iGiveCatholic Giving Day)

2022-2023 Fundraising / Support Statistics

□ Outside Scholarships

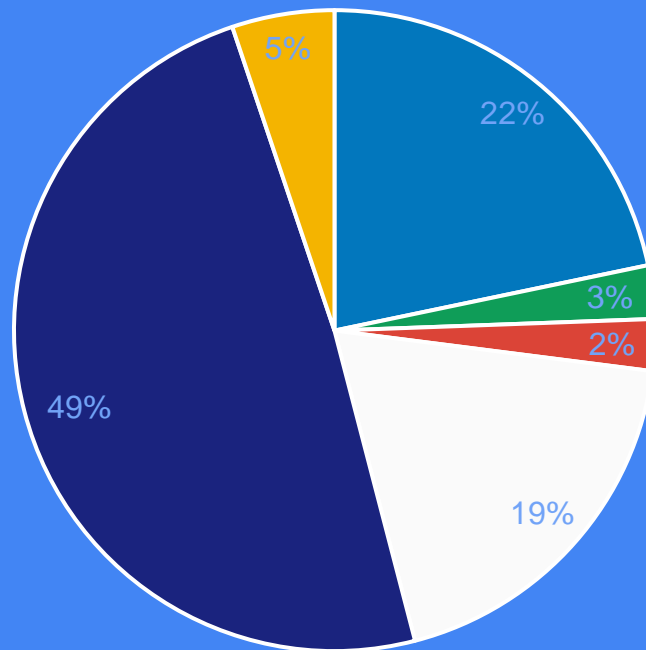
■ #iGiveCatholic

■ PTO

■ Development - Annual Fund

■ OLSS Subsidy

■ Second Collections



Partnering with Seton Catholic



When students finish their fifth grade year at HTCS, they can transition to our middle/high school - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic in Carolina Forest.

Bus transportation is provided both morning and afternoon between our two schools for families living in the Myrtle Beach, Carolina Forest, and Conway areas.



Ways to Help Support Our Ministry

Prayer - We greatly appreciate the prayers of those who support our work.

Richard M. Flenke, Jr. Scholarship Fund - Scholarship funds directly benefit students and make it possible for them to receive a quality Catholic education. Donations *of any amount* are greatly appreciated. They may be dropped off at the school or church office at any time. All donations are tax deductible.

Annual Fund – Donations to the school's annual fund can be made from Catholic Schools Week (end of January 2024) through the end of June 2024.

Volunteering - We are always in need of volunteers to help monitor the students during lunch and recess. Call Ms. Nicole in the school office for more information.



*Thanks for the first
15 Years!
Here's to the next 15+!*

