

Star of the Sea Catholic School



February 9, 2022

Dear Star Families,

I want to thank the numerous families that helped make Catholic Schools Week extra special! We truly exemplify the theme of faith, excellence and service! A special shout out to the Klein family, Hourigan family, Cook family, Kotchka family, and the Torres family for the special treats sent in for faculty and staff all week long as well as many others. We are blessed with wonderful faculty, staff, students and families.

This week we continue with Raise Craze by demonstrating Acts of Kindness. Due to the wet and cold weather, we have decided to postpone Chalk the Walk unit the Spring.

Just a reminder to continually log into your child's Raise Craze account to record each act! Names are announced daily along with prizes for three-in-a-row and full bingo cards.

Tickets are still available for our **SOS Mixer** on February 25 (adults only). Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship! You can purchase tickets online here: https://

staroftheseaschool.schoolauction.net/ casinonight/homepages/show

Ad majorem Dei gloriam,

Dr. Carey Averill, Principal

Upcoming Events!

February 11 SOUP-er Bowl Dress Down for 2 canned goods

February 15 Chalk the walk—postponed until

Spring

February 16 Spirit Night Beach Pub

February 17 1:30 pm Early Release

Parent Teacher Conferences

February 18 NO SCHOOL— Parent Teacher

Conferences

February 21 Presidents Day HOLIDAY

-NO SCHOOL

February 25 SOS Mixer! (Adults only)

February 28 – March 4 BOOK FAIR

March 1 HSA Meeting at Mary's (8am)

March 2 Ash Wednesday (Dress

Next week, Wednesday, February 16

BEACH PUB ~SPIRIT NIGHT!

Parent School Survey:

https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/ action/183876/p1470

If you or any of your immediate family members test positive for Covid, please notify our school nurse, Sam Wood, immediately. Sam will walk you through the updated diocesan protocol and can be reached at email Samantha.wood@sosschool.org

From the Business Office 2022-2023 School Year

FACTS IS NOW ACCEPTING FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS FOR Kindergarten-8th Grade for the 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR.

Your FACTS application and ALL supporting documents must be submitted by March 1st to be considered for round 1 grant awards. If you apply after March 1st, and qualify for aid, you will be considered for round 2 or round 3 awards, if funds are still available.

You may apply online at online.factsmgt.com/aid. FACTS service representatives are available to assist you if you have any questions regarding the online application process at 866-441-4637.

Please note that financial aid grants are NEVER carried over from year to year so you must apply each school year in order to be considered for a grant.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the financial aid process, please contact Donna Odanga at donna.odanga@sosschool.org.



FUN FACT:

Did you know that Mrs. Vonusa was a tax coordinator for a private corporation in a prior life before becoming a teacher?

Our new Admissions Coordinator!

Dr. Michelle Pereira grew up in Northern Virginia and always enjoyed having friends from around the world. She worked in private schools at varying capacities and in the Fairfax County Public School system as a teacher. Michelle earned her bachelor of science in Exercise Science while playing collegiate soccer. She later earned her Doctorate of Physical Therapy in St. Augustine, FL. With over a decade of dedicated customer service Michelle has always enjoyed building rapport with others.

She looks forward to working with families here at Star of the Sea because she strongly believes in Catholic education as a sound foundation for future leaders. In her free time she enjoys spending time with her family, attending yoga classes, painting, gardening and taking peaceful forrest hikes.



Development News

Friday, February 25

Star of the Sea Mixer!!

We are holding a Star of the Sea Mixer on Friday, February 25 at 6:30 pm in Crawford Hall! We will have signature cocktails, beer, wine and heavy Hors d'Oeuvres. We will play a heads or tails game and the winner will receive \$200 in local restaurant gift cards. We will tease our live packages for the online silent and live auction in May and we will have LIVE ENTERTAINMENT.

This is a ticketed event. Tickets will be \$35 for each person or \$70 per couple. You can purchase tickets now via cash, check or credit card. You can purchase tickets online here: https://staroftheseaschool.schoolauction.net/casinonight/homepages/show



Catholic Schools Week



















Open House













Development News (cont'd)

Sponsor our Auction!

We are actively seeking sponsors to our annual auction. Many sponsorships include tickets to our mixer on Feb 25. There is a donation form in this newsletter and another sheet describing the sponsor levels.

The silent auction will be conducted online the week of May 7-14. 15 minutes after the closing of the silent items, we will live stream our LIVE packages (hosted by two school dads), complete with online bidding and message board trash talk. Our live packages will feature many vacation homes both at the beach and in the mountains and even a Cherry Stone Halloween long weekend!

If you would like more information, please contact Jackie Ankley at Jackie.ankley@sosschool.org. Thanks!



Did you know that you can support our school through online giving? Donations here support our annual appeal. Just click the paypal donate button on the link below.

https://www.sosschool.org/support-our-stars/how-to-give/

Interested in Hosting a Sign Up Party for this Year's Auction?

A family or a couple of families volunteer to host a themed party. All party coordination and costs (food, drink, and festivities) are assumed by the host(s). This cost is considered a tax deductible donation to the school.

The party is advertised at the school auction. Using your bid number, SIGN UP to any party that interests you. Adult Parties are \$50 to attend (per person) and Children's Parties are \$25 to attend (per person). All proceeds go directly to the school.

Here are some examples:

Swine & Dine – Pig Roast Master's Golf Party Flip Flops & Fun A Night in Napa

A Children's Christmas Party Polaroid Scavenger Hunt

Octoberfest – Brat's & Beer Manly Night – Poker and Bourbon

Pool Parties – End of the Year or Back to School (for each grade)

What a great way for us to mingle with parents in other grades and increase the fellowship in our school! Thank you for considering hosting a party or getting together with another family or two to do so.

If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Markle at kristinmarkle@hotmail.com.

Our Student Council is in the Valentine spirit and selling

Please make as many copies as needen. Turn in your filled out candy grams and exact \$\$ amount in an envelope to your teached otherwise, Candy Grams for \$.0.25 each: Last day to gurchase is Friday, Feb. 11. Candy Grams will be delivered on Feb. 14th! anything extra will be considered a donation to SCA. Late orders will be delivered throughout the week.

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Re-Enrollment is Open for the 2022-2023 School Year!

SOS continues to grow and we look forward to a continued partnership with our families in faith and education! The re-enrollment period for the 2022-2023 school year began *January 4th* for current families. Do not delay in submitting your re-enrollment application in order to reserve your child's seat as our classes are at capacity. As an incentive to register early, re-enrollment fees will be discounted to \$100 through January 18th. Applications submitted after the 18th will be charged a \$150 fee. Families with multiple students in a household will only pay one fee per family.

We will began accepting *New Student Applications on January 19, 2022*. Please refer friends and families that are looking for an exceptional learning environment to call or schedule a tour! If you have not completed re-enrollment by January 18th and classes reach capacity during enrollment to new families, even current families will be placed on waiting lists if necessary.

If you have any questions, please email Admissions at **sosadmissions@sosschool.org**



Star of the Sea 22nd Annual Auction

SIGN UP PARTY FORM

Sign up parties are gatherings hosted by Star of the Sea families with a festive theme in mind.

Examples are end of the year pool parties (by grade), a tea, a wine tasting, or backyard barbeques. All party coordination and costs are assumed by the host(s), with proceeds directly benefiting the school. Thank you in advance for your support!

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Annual Benefit Auction

Mixer Kick Off in February. Week long online silent auction
Online Live Auction
"Casino Night"

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Shoot the Moon \$2400 Advertising space on our website with direct link to your site. 8 tickets to our cocktail party February 25 at Crawford Hall 16 Drink Tickets to cocktail party Recognition in our Star Connection newsletter. High Roller \$1200 Advertising space on our website with direct link to your site. 6 tickets to our cocktail party February 25 at Crawford Hall 12 Drink Tickets to cocktail party Recognition in our Star Connection newsletter. Jackpot \$600 Advertising space on our website with direct link to your site. 4 tickets to our cocktail party February 25 at Crawford Hall 8 Drink Tickets to cocktail party Recognition in our Star Connection newsletter. Ace of Spades \$400 Advertising space on our website with direct link to your site. 2 tickets to our cocktail party February 25 at Crawford Hall 4 Drink Tickets to cocktail party Recognition in our Star Connection newsletter. Roulette (Donation Value of your Choice)

Website recognition.

^{**}MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, April For additional information please contact Star of the Sea School (757) 428-8400 or development@sosschool.org Star of the Sea Catholic School is a 501©3 organization, Tax ID #54-0652394. Corporate matching donations welcome! Donations made to the 2021 event and to the extent your payment exceeds the fair market value; you may



22nd Annual Benefit Auction Donation/Sponsorship Form

May 7, 2022

Casino Night

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The Auction Comm	nittee			
PROCURED BY:				
Star of the Sea Sch	nool 309 15th Street, Virgini	a Beach, VA 23451 757-	428-8400 757-428-2794 (fax)	development@sosschool.c



Spirit Night

Eat In or Take Out!!

Featured on Diners Drive Ins and Dives, this is a local favorite spot.

1001 Laskin Road, Virginia Beach

- ♦ Wednesday, Feb 16
- ♦4 p.m.— 9 p.m.
- ♦ Proceeds to benefit our school.
- ♦ Be sure to mention Star of the Sea when you order.

THANK YOU!!!





REGISTER HERE: my.raisecraze.com/AWG6NHK

GOAL: \$10,000 DATES: January 31 - February 14

WELCOME STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL!

- 1 Register & create your donation page!
- 2 Select 3-5 Acts of Kindness to complete for others. Yay KINDNESS!
- 3 Invite your friends & family to donate & start spreading kindness!

If you are under the age of 13, a parent must help you setup your account! :-)

WHAT IS RAISE CRAZE?

Raise Craze is an online platform enabling participants to set up secure, custom websites where they request donations via email, text, and social.

During the fundraiser, participants pay it forward by completing Acts of Kindness for others. A great way to learn the value of gratitude. Spend time serving not selling!

OUR GOAL IS \$10,000 FOR...

- Home and School Association
- Provide Funds to the Beautification Committee
- Enhance Outdoor Learning Classroom

RAISE LET'S PLAY



Log 7 AOK

Receive 2

Donations

(\$10 min each)

Send 10 **Emails**

Raise \$50

Log 10

AOK

Register

& Log 1 AOK!

Send 15 Emails

Log 15 AOK

Raise \$100

EARN FUN PRIZES!

CENTER SQUARE Candy!

3-IN-A-ROW Pick From the List Below! (up to 3 rows, any direction)

FULL CARD Free Dress Down Day! Homework Pass! Donut!

★ 3-IN-A-ROW LIST

Wear Fingernal Polish on a School Day • Wear Your Favorite Hat in School • Wear a Hoodie/ Fleece Jacket/Sweartshirt in the Classroom

SCHOOL-WIDE PRIZES!

- ★ Top Act of Kindness Classroom (based on average overall) The class with the highest AOK average will receive warm, chocolate chip cookies from Crumbl Cookie!
- ★ Top Dollar Classroom (based on average overall) The class that raises the most money (per student) will receive warm, chocolate chip cookies from Crumbl Cookie!

THE GRAND FINALE!

For being STELLAR students at Star of the Sea School and caring for our community, the school will participate in BINGO over the intercom! Snacks for all! Prizes for winners!



Register Today! my.raisecraze.com/AWG6NHK/

Athletics

We have a very exciting week of basketball ahead of us! Several of the games that were rescheduled due to snow will take place this week in our gym. All Saturday games this weekend are "away" games. Please come out to cheer on our STARS. Concessions will be open and as always we're looking for volunteers. The links are below.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4ca8a823a2fd0-basketball6 https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4ca8a823a2fd0-basketball7 https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4ca8a823a2fd0-basketball8

Week 11		
Wednesday, February 9		
Star of the Sea	6:00 PM	Junior Boys
SOS 1	V	SMS 1
Star of the Sea	7:15 PM	Senior Boys
SOS 1	V	SJA 1
Thursday, February 10		
Star of the Sea	7:15 PM	Junior Boys
SOS 1	V	SOS 2
Friday, February 11		
Star of the Sea	6:00 PM	Senior Boys
SOS 2	V	STP 4
Star of the Sea	7:15 PM	Senior Boys
SOS 1	V	SMS 2
Saturday, February 12		
St. Gregory the Great	8:00 AM	Youth Boys
SGS 2	V	SOS 1
St. Pius X School	8:00 AM	Youth Girls
SPX 1	V	SOS 1
St. Pius X School	9:00 AM	Junior Boys
SPX 2	V	SOS 1
St. Patrick Catholic School	11:30 AM	Senior Boys
STP 2	V	SOS 1
Christ the King Catholic School	12:30 PM	Junior Boys
CTK 1	V	SOS 2
St. Pius X School	12:45 PM	Senior Boys
SPX 1	V	SOS 2
St. John the Apostle	4:00 PM	Junior Boys
SJA 1	V	SOS 1

Coming soon: Track & Field, Golf, and Field Hockey Registration!!

Scott Levine

starofseaathletics@gmail.com

Athletic Director



The Catholic Corner

The month of February is dedicated to the <u>Holy Family</u>. This year the first 16 days of February fall during the liturgical season known as <u>Ordinary Time</u> which is represented by the liturgical color green. Green, the symbol of hope, is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. The remaining days of February are the beginning of <u>Lent</u>. The liturgical color changes to purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

Little is known of Saint Anne, the mother of Mary, but much can be inferred based on the little we do know, and the virtue of Mary herself. We know that Mary was consecrated in the temple at an early age, and that Anne and her husband Joachim brought her up to know and love the Lord. Their household was most likely inundated with scripture, and the simple services of living a life of love. Anne's example as a mother is worthy of deep meditation. As mothers, we often consider it our duty to dispel any faults or vices in our children in order to help them to get to heaven. But Saint Anne had no such calling. She did not have to train Mary away from vice, but rather, to develop the virtue that was already within her. Anne was called to help Mary to be ready for her great calling of being the mother of God. In what ways can we build up our own households to reflect and build up the virtue that we seek to imitate of Mary and Saint Anne? How can we help our children to be ready to live out their own great callings from the Lord?

KidFit Wednesdays 3pm-4pm

12 Week Session \$180/child ~starting January 5th~

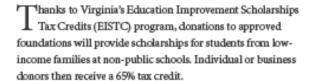
Message: JessFitvb@gmail.com for more information



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VIRGINIA'S EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP TAX CREDITS MAKE HELPING DESERVING CHILDREN EVEN MORE REWARDING.



The Catholic Diocese of Richmond's McMahon Parater Scholarship Foundation is approved by the Virginia Department of Education to receive donations under this program. The Foundation distributes scholarships to qualifying students who attend one of the 30 Catholic schools in the Diocese.

Receive a Virginia tax credit equal to

of your eligible contribution

MINIMUM DONATION FOR INDIVIDUALS

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\$500 \$125k None

SAVE ON STATE AND FEDERAL TAXES

In addition to a 65% state tax credit, individuals and businesses may also receive a deduction for a charitable contribution, and therefore achieve tax savings in two ways:



- 1. Deductions against taxable income as a charitable donation on both federal and state income taxes.
 - The tax reduction equals 35% of the contribution amount times the tax rate of the applicable tax (federal or state)
 - Subject to rules governing deductibility of charitable contributions
- Credit against Virginia taxes.
 - Tax reduction equals 65% of the amount of the donation
 - Credit is non-transferable

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*	Virginia Insurance Premiums License Tax
•	Virginia Public Service Corporations Tax
•	Personal Income Taxes via pass-through entities such as S-Corporations, LLCs and Partnerships.
v	The amount of the Tax Credits may not exceed the donor's tax liability for the year in which the credit is claimed, but Tax Credits may be carried over for up to five succeeding years.

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