



Star of the Sea Catholic School



February 23, 2022

Dear Star Families,

We hope to see many of you this Friday for our **SOS Mixer** on February 25 (adults only). Tickets are still available, so please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship! You can purchase tickets online here: <https://staroftheseaschool.schoolauction.net/casinonight/homepages/show>

As we prepare for the Lenten season, we are preparing for a three-fold mission of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. Lent is a time to foster growth and appreciation within our faith and spiritual journey. Next week is Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of the penitential Lenten season. Beginning March 8th and every Tuesday throughout the season, we will gather as a school community to participate in stations of the cross.

Ad majorem Dei gloriam,
Dr. Carey Averill, Principal

Upcoming Events!

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 Uniform Day)

March 25 11:30 am Early Release (end of grading period)

March 28 Student Holiday (no school)
Teacher PD Day

March 30 Jump Rope for Heart
(PE Dress Down Day)

MARCH 1– DEADLINE FOR FINANCIAL AID for ROUND ONE. All documentation must be submitted for consideration

**STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD NOMI-
NEE
2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR
MRS. LISA RAMSEY!**





Peacemakers

Virtue ~ Courage

~A student who does the right thing, who is not afraid to stand out and stand up for what is right.

Someone who makes “noise” in a respectful and productive manner.

Early Learners — Mya Villasana

Junior Kindergarten – Olevir Wohlers

Kindergarten-Ramsey - Zoe Lee

Kindergarten-Padrick - Evelyn Becker

1st Grade Socha – Caroline Leone

1st Grade Ressler– Delaney Folk

2nd Grade Dannenfesler– Brett Jackson

2nd Grade Madsen– Gianluca C

3rd Grade - Jackson Silveri

4th Grade - Riley Walker

5th Grade - Andrew Markle

6th Grade—Holden Nguyen

7th Grade - Jalen Kotchka

8th Grade - Natalie Ritz

RAISE ORAZE™

FUNDRAISING THROUGH KINDNESS

Many Thanks!

The school completed 2,333 Acts of Kindness and raised over \$27,425!
We are so proud of our students and so grateful
for your generous support!



CONGRATULATIONS

The Raise Craze Committee and HSA would like to recognize Mrs. D's 2nd grade for being the top dollar earning class, and Mrs. Keith's 8th grade for being the top AOK earning class for Raise Craze! Congratulations, and we hope you enjoyed your chocolate chip Crumbl Cookies! It was wonderful to see all of our Star's kind efforts, and we thank everyone for participating in this meaningful fundraiser.



Peacemakers (continued)

Virtue ~ Courage

February Birthdays



Jude Baragar
Hadley Carlson
Wilder Chaney
Gavin Cox
Roch Didio
Wallerand Didio
Kanoa DiNardo
Virginia Enriquez
Sage Farmer
London Foglia
Delaney Folk
Carmella Gartman
Evely Hoesly
Makenna Holder
Trinity Leahey
Jaxon Murphy
Noemi Nguyen
Benedict Omondi
Xavier Rasberry
Alex Reich
Thomas Smigel
Sepp Sonier
Andrew Soulner
Colin Whitfield

**Happy Birthday
Star Students!**



Artist of the Month

3rd Grader

James S.

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 begin 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**



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:

Mrs. Odanga once celebrated her birthday at the Acropolis in Athens, Greece!

Development News

Friday, February 25

Star of the Sea Mixer!!

The Star of the Sea Mixer is THIS Friday, February 25 at 6:30 pm in Crawford Hall! We will have signature cocktails, beer, wine and heavy Hors d'Oeuvres catered by Mahi's. 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 are \$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> You can buy tickets at the door but we prefer to have a head count. Cash bar for beer, wine and signature cocktails.



Friday,
February 25th
6:30pm-10:30pm

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
**S.O.S.
Mixer**

HOSTED BY STAR OF THE SEA
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
& MAHI'S RESTAURANT

HEAVY APPETIZERS WILL BE SERVED
TO INCLUDE:
BBQ MEATBALLS, CAPRESE SKEWERS,
CHICKEN SATAY SKEWERS,
VEGETABLE CRUDITE,
SHRIMP COCKTAIL,
AND CHICKEN FETTUCINI ALFREDO.

FEATURED COCKTAILS, BEER, AND WINE
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

LIVE MUSIC WILL BE PROVIDE BY
NATE SACKS

LOCATED AT STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
1404 PACIFIC AVE. VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23451

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@sossschool.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.sossschool.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.

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!

Party Name:	Host(s):
Party Contact:	Contact phone and email address:
Party Description:	
Party Type: Kids \$25/child <input type="checkbox"/> Adult \$50/adult <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$100 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Party Date/Time/Location:	
Guest Limit (i.e.; 35 kids, 50 adults, 10 families):	
Kindly return form no later than April 15, 2022 via email to: kristinmarkle@hotmail.com	



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@sossschool.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



May 7, 2022

Casino Night

Company: _____ Contact: _____

Full Address: _____

Phone No.: _____ Email: _____

YES! PLEASE CONFIRM MY 2022 *Casino Night*

AUCTION ITEM OR SERVICE DONATION:

Item or Service Name: _____

Specific Description of Item or Service Donation: _____

(Please note any restrictions or special instructions: such as expiration dates, days or hours): _____

_____ Estimated Value: \$ _____

YES! PLEASE CONFIRM MY 2021 AUCTION SPONSORSHIP: (includes full color ad on website)

<i>Shoot the Moon</i>	<i>High Roller</i>	<i>Jackpot</i>	<i>Ace of Spades</i>	<i>Roulette</i> (Donation of your choice)
\$2400	\$1200	\$600	\$400	\$ _____

YES! PLEASE PLACE AN ADVERTISEMENT IN THE 2022 AUCTION WEBSITE

FULL COLOR GRAPHIC
\$300

TEXT ONLY (Name of Company/Entity/Family)
\$100

Please send PDF or JPG to development@sosschool.org

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Total Amount Paid: \$ _____ Payment Type (Check/Cash): _____

Star of the Sea Catholic School is a 501©3 organization, Tax ID #54-0652394. Corporate matching donations welcome! For donations made to the 22nd Annual Benefit Auction and to the extent your payment exceeds the fair market value; you may be able to claim a charitable contribution deduction to the extent allowed by the U.S. tax laws.

Thank you.

The Auction Committee

PROCURED BY: _____

Star of the Sea School 309 15th Street, Virginia Beach, VA 23451 757-428-8400 757-428-2794 (fax) development@sosschool.org

Mission Statement: Star of the Sea Catholic School is rooted in the rich traditions of our Catholic faith to provide a Christ-centered learning environment where students are dedicated to spiritual growth, academic distinction, and social responsibility.

Athletics

We have a VERY busy sports week ahead of us! The schedule of basketball games is below (home team listed first.). This is the last weekend of the regular season with the TCBL tournament beginning the following weekend. Basketball and cheer pictures are also this weekend. Please reach out to your coaches for times. Lastly, we will be recognizing our 8th grade basketball players during halftime of the SOS1 Sr. Boys basketball game. Their game begins at 12:30pm and we welcome all families and staff members to come show your appreciation of their commitment to the school and the team.

Week 13		
Saturday, February 26		
Star of the Sea SOS 1	8:00 AM V	Youth Boys STP 3
Star of the Sea SOS 2	9:00 AM V	Youth Girls CTK 1
Star of the Sea SOS 2	10:00 AM V	Junior Boys SPX 1
Star of the Sea SOS 2	11:15 AM V	Senior Boys SJA 2
Star of the Sea SOS 1	12:30 PM V	Senior Boys STP 1
Star of the Sea SOS 2	1:45 PM V	Senior Boys STP 2
St. Patrick Catholic School STP 1	2:45 PM V	Junior Boys SOS 1
Star of the Sea SOS 2	3:00 PM V	Junior Boys STP 3
St. Patrick Catholic School STP 3	4:00 PM V	Senior Boys SOS 1

SIGN UP FOR THE CRU FIELD HOCKEY LEAGUE TODAY!

Have you signed up for the Spring CRU Field Hockey League at Catholic High School? Registration ends **March 2nd!**

Register via TeamSnap: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/305116>

ONE WEEK LEFT TO ORDER YOUR UNIFORMS!

The CRU Field Hockey League Uniform Shop is open for ONE more week!

Every player is REQUIRED to purchase a Reversible (or use one from previous years). Everything else in the store is optional.

[Click here to Shop!](#)

Shop Code: CRUfhSP22y

Shop Opens: **Friday, 2/11**

Shop Closes: **Thursday 2/24**

Please email Kelly Barney (barneyk@chsvb.org) with any questions.

Happy Shopping!

COMING SOON: Golf Registration and Track Registration

Scott Levine

starofseaathletics@gmail.com

Athletic Director

20 YEAR CELEBRATION OF MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS' ART

ATTENTION ALL STUDENT
artists!

 IMCEC:

CALL FOR THE ARTS

THEME: CELEBRATION

Using art in any of its forms, share how you celebrate, what you celebrate, and why it is important to celebrate in 2022.

Eligibility + Submission Requirements

- Open to children in grades K-12
- All submissions must reference life as a military-connected child
- Only original work will be accepted (no copies of artwork/song/video)
- All submissions should be titled Creative writing, poetry, or prose (Not exceed 500 words)
- The branch of armed services being artistically represented must be identified

Submissions due by March 20, 2022



Spark Imaginative Learning When School is Out!

Star of the Sea School STEM Learning Lab

Wednesdays, 3:00-4:15pm

February 9 – March 30, 2022

Open to Students in Grades 1-5

All classes held at Star of the Sea School.

\$118 for the 8 week Session

(\$130 if completed after
the deadline of Feb. 2)

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION!! PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!!

Please visit hamptonroads.MadScience.org for online registration.

Credit cards and checks are accepted at the final payment screen.

- Registration for Mad Science must be completed at the online registration site.
- No registrations or money will be accepted by the school.
- Your child is not registered for class until you register via the website and receive a confirmation email.
- If you have any questions or problems with online registration, please call Mad Science of Hampton Roads at (757) 502-8124. Please do not call the school office.
- All students participating in Mad Science must be enrolled students at the host school.
- No transportation is provided. Students must be picked up by parent/guardian.
- Participants in the Extended Care program will be signed in after the completion of Mad Science.

Don't wait! Space is limited! Registration deadline is Feb. 2!

Registrations received after the deadline
will be assessed a \$12 late fee.

www.madscience.org

OPERATION PURPLE® CAMP

Summer 2022 • Applications Open!

https://www.militaryfamily.org/wp-content/uploads/1200x250_2022 OPC_web_header_application_open-980x204.jpg

Operation Purple Camp Season is Here!

We're excited to be back in-person celebrating awesome military kids at camps around the country.

Click on a location to learn more about each camp site.

Operation Purple Camp at Home applications will open in April.

The Catholic Corner

The month of February is dedicated to the **Holy Family**. This year the first 16 days of February fall during the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time** 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 **Lent**. 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



**Let's
play**

What does it take for her to thrive?

Your help.

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



Thanks to Virginia's Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits (EISTC) program, donations to approved foundations will provide scholarships for students from low-income families at non-public schools. Individual or business donors then receive a 65% tax credit.

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.

<p>Receive a Virginia tax credit equal to</p> <h1>65%</h1> <p>of your eligible contribution</p>	<p>MINIMUM DONATION FOR INDIVIDUALS</p> <hr/> <p>\$500</p>	<p>MAX. ANNUAL DONATION FOR INDIVIDUALS & MARRIED COUPLES</p> <hr/> <p>\$125k</p>	<p>MAXIMUM DONATION FOR BUSINESSES</p> <hr/> <p>None</p>
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IMPORTANT: Consult your tax advisor to determine your specific tax savings.

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
2. Credit against Virginia taxes.
 - ◆ Tax reduction equals 65% of the amount of the donation
 - ◆ Credit is non-transferable

BUSINESSES CAN CLAIM THE EISTC AGAINST:

✓	Virginia Corporate Income Taxes
✓	Virginia Bank Franchise Tax
✓	Virginia Insurance Premiums License Tax
✓	Virginia Public Service Corporations Tax
✓	Personal Income Taxes via pass-through entities such as S-Corporations, LLCs and Partnerships.
✓	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.

**CONTACT DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR
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