



# Star of the Sea Catholic School



March 16, 2022

Dear Star Families,

We are thrilled to announce we have begun prayer partner activities again! Students were able to meet and pray with their partners during Stations of the Cross yesterday and will continue to have activities together moving forward.

We are also having an exciting week of Pi with t-shirt contests, recitation contests, and circle designs! Watch our social media for pictures of all of our events.

Ad majorem Dei gloriam,

Dr. Carey Averill, Principal

God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent.

## Upcoming Events!

- March 18** Vocations Talk with Sr. Brenda and Fr. Steve
- March 22** Stations of the Cross
- March 23** Spirit Night @ Murphy's Irish Pub
- March 24** Spring/Sibling Photos-Lifetouch
- March 25** 11:30 am Early Release (end of grading period)
- \*\*\*Aftercare ends at 5pm on the 25th\*\*\***
- March 28** Student Holiday (no school)  
Teacher PD Day
- March 27** 3:00 VIRTUS Training in Middle School Building
- March 30** Jump Rope for Heart (PE Dress Down Day)

Take your family out to the ball game! On Saturday, April 9th come out and root for the CHS Crusader Baseball team as they face Norfolk Christian at Harbor Park Stadium at 3:00 PM. Not only will you be able to see the Crusader Baseball team play, but you can stay and watch the Norfolk Tides play the Charlotte Knights at 6:35 PM followed by fireworks! Tickets are \$14.00 each and are good for any game in April or May if you can't make it out to the April 9th game. Tickets can be purchased with cash in the CHS Athletic Office or online with a card at <https://bit.ly/CRUatthePark>.



**CRU AT THE PARK**  
SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022

**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL vs NORFOLK CHRISTIAN**  
GAME TIME 3:00 PM

**NORFOLK TIDES vs CHARLOTTE KNIGHTS**  
GAME TIME 6:35 PM

**TICKETS \$14**      **STADIUM HARBOR PARK NORFOLK, VA**

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# Development News

## Annual Auction

We are actively seeking donations for our annual auction. Here is a sneak peek of items we have procured:

- 4 course dinner for 8 and VIP brewery tour at New Realm—value \$1,200
- Purchase a canvas—only 10 available. Your child(ren) will have a photograph taken by Life Touch on picture day. Dr. Averill chooses the photo. It will be made into a canvas and hang all year in the front office. The next year, when new canvasses are ordered, you take the canvas home.
- One month of piano lessons and a piano book from our favorite music teacher, Mrs. Reineberg!

You can still sponsor the auction. We will be holding a silent auction online for the week of May 7-14. On May 14 at 8 pm we will live stream our packages which feature vacations in Orlando, the OBX, Sandbridge and various mountain houses. Be sure to mark your calendar so you don't miss out!



## **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)

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



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/>

# *Spirit Night*



**Wednesday, March 23**

**Any time between 4 - 9 p.m.**

*Eat in or take out at Murphy's and  
support our school! Invite your friends,  
family and neighbors!*

*Tell your server you are with Star  
of the Sea School and a portion of  
your bill will be donated back to  
the school.*



**KidFit**  
**Wednesdays**  
**3pm-4pm**

**12 Week Session**  
**\$120/Child**

**(New Session starts**  
**March 30th)**

**Message:**  
**JessFitvb@gmail.com**  
**for more information**



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## LET'S STRIKE UP SOME FUN!!!



**WHO:** Sponsored by the HSA

**WHAT:** Mother/Son Bowling

**WHEN:** Sunday, May 15th from 1:30 - 4:30pm

**WHERE:** Pinboy's At The Beach

1577 Laskin Road, VB 23451

**COST:** \$20 per person (includes shoes & unlimited bowling); food can be purchased separately at the snack bar

**RSVP:** Please register and pay by March 23rd

**PLEASE NOTE:** The HSA has reserved enough lanes for 92 guests to attend this event. **Registration with payment is required.** Registration flyers are in your child's Wednesday folder and are attached to the newsletter email. Please place the bottom portion of this flyer with exact cash or a check made payable to SOS HSA in an envelope marked HSA, and return your envelope to the front office or send to school in your child's Wednesday folder. Thank you, and we look forward to a fun afternoon!

**SINCERELY, THE HSA**



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### MOTHER/SON BOWLING

**CAREGIVER'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER OF BOYS ATTENDING:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_



## **Upcoming HSA Events!**

**Mark your calendars for FUN!!!**

### **February**

#### **Mother/Son Bowling Registration**

Registration with payment is currently underway for our Mother/Son Bowling afternoon! Please print the attached registration flyer and turn it into the front office or return it to school in your child's Wednesday folder.

### **March**

#### **SOS Summer Gear Sale**

In need of beach towels, swim bags, garden flags, hats, and Koozies? If so, you're in luck! The SOS Summer Gear Sale will take place March 23rd - April 13th. More information to follow!

### **April**

#### **SOS Skating Party**

Are you ready for some school-wide fun?! The SOS Skating Party will take place Friday, April 8th from 4:30 - 6:30pm at Sk8 House. Admission can be paid at the door and is \$10 for skating with skate rentals, \$8 for skating, and free to all non-skaters. Please make sure you mention that you are with Star of the Sea Catholic School to receive this special group rate.

### **May**

#### **Teacher Appreciation Week**

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2nd - 6th! Please start thinking about what brings your child's teachers joy, and the HSA will have more information as we approach this special week.

#### **Mother/Son Bowling**

Ladies, get ready for a great afternoon of bowling at the Mother/Son Bowling event on Sunday, May 15th from 1:30 - 4:30pm at Pinboy's! It is \$20 per person, and this includes all you can bowl for three hours and shoe rentals. Food can be purchased separately at the snack bar. Registration is currently underway through March 23rd. Please print the attached registration flyer and turn it into the front office or return it to school in your child's Wednesday folder.

Thank you, and we look forward to a FUN remainder of the school year!

**Sincerely, The HSA**



# LIMITED TIME LEFT

To purchase your 2021-2022 Star of the Sea Yearbook!!

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your  
yearbook  
today!**

Order online at  
[ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com)

Enter yearbook code 14317822

**\*\*\*Order before Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>\*\*\***

# *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. Application fees are \$150/ Family.

We 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! Classes are reaching capacity and we have started wait lists in several classes. Enroll your child as soon as possible to check and ensure availability for next school year. We appreciate your support and hope to spend another wonderful year with your child.

If you have any questions,  
please email Michelle Pereira Admissions  
at **[sosadmissions@sosschool.org](mailto: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 June 1st to be considered for round 2 grant awards. If you apply after June 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](https://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@soschool.org](mailto:donna.odanga@soschool.org).



#### ***FUN FACT:***

*Mrs. Valentini coordinates the Migrant Ministry for Star of the Sea Parish every summer.*

# The Catholic Corner

The month of March is dedicated to [St. Joseph](#). Except for the first day, the entire month falls during the liturgical season of [Lent](#) which is represented by the liturgical color purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. All saint days that are usually Memorials are shifted to Optional Memorials during the season of Lent.

At the beginning of this month we will embark on our journey to the cross by receiving ashes and donning the purple of penance. We will continue our journey to the cross with our acts of penitence. We will reflect on our mortality (*Remember man thou art dust*) and the shortness of life (*and to dust thou shall return*). We will heed the call, *Now is the acceptable time, now is "the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:2)."* Just like Our Lord's earthly life every moment of our lives is leading up to the last moment—when for eternity we will either go to God or suffer the fires of hell.

The Solemnity of the Annunciation bravely appears during Lent; a pure white flower in the purple Lenten landscape. It seems to be, at first glance, a Christmas feast, but upon reflection we grasp that the feast is intimately linked to the Paschal mystery. For what Christ inaugurated at His Incarnation in accepting to offer himself for the human race, he will complete in his sacrifice on the cross.



St. Patrick is called the "Apostle of Ireland." He established the Catholic Church throughout Ireland on lasting foundations. He traveled all over the country preaching, teaching, building churches, opening schools and monasteries, converting chiefs and bards, and everywhere supporting his preaching with miracles.

As the weeks of Lent progress let us not tire of doing our good works and penance, but continue with the enthusiasm of the catechumens on their way to Easter and Baptism. May our Lenten observance be a joyful journey — and not a forced march.

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.

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| <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><b>\$500</b></p> | <p>MAX. ANNUAL DONATION FOR INDIVIDUALS &amp; MARRIED COUPLES</p> <hr/> <p><b>\$125k</b></p> | <p>MAXIMUM DONATION FOR BUSINESSES</p> <hr/> <p><b>None</b></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

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| ✓ | 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. |

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