



Star of the Sea Catholic School



April 6, 2022

Dear Star Families,

Congratulations to all of our amazing students. Yesterday we recognized our Principal's List recipients for earning all A's. Hard work pays off!

This Friday, April 8, we will hold a ***Pray for Ukraine*** event with a **\$2.00 dress down day**. You are welcome to donate more than \$2.00 to this cause if you wish. We encourage everyone to wear blue and/or yellow. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to Catholic Relief Services to help affected families in Ukraine.

Our Spring Clothing Drive is this Friday, so be sure to clean out your closets! We receive \$4.00 for each bag collected. Jackie Ankley, our amazing Development Director, is also collecting donations for our annual auction. Be sure to see page 2 of Star News! Enjoy the rest of this beautiful week.

Ad maiorem Dei gloriam,
Dr. Carey Averill, Principal

Upcoming Events!

- April 8** SOS Skating Party
- April 8** Spring Clothing Drive
- April 9** Grounds Beautification project begins, Volunteers Needed 10am-12
- April 14** Holy Thursday— NO MASS
11:30 AM NO Aftercare NO lunch
- April 14** End of SOS Summer Gear Sale
- April 15** **Good Friday, No school, No Lunch, No Aftercare**
- April 15-22** Easter Break-School Closed
- April 27** Spring Mile Run

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

Tickets can be purchased with cash in the CHS Athletic Office or online at [chsvb.org](https://bit.ly/CRUatthePark).

Development News

Annual Auction

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

- \$100 to the Beauty Tree Spa (good for any service!!)
- Earrings by Katie Rutledge (several to choose from)
- Gift card to Aloha Snacks! (the best place for Poke in the entire area!)

Our silent auction will be 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!

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



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 ATHLETICS

Some Highlights from the track and field~!

The SOS Girls Team came in THIRD overall in team points beating out St. Patrick and St. Gregory's-two very big schools-in comparison

Salem Alves came in SECOND in the Girls' mile

Sara Ankley came in FIRST in girls 100M Hurdles

Sara Ankley tied for SECOND in the girls long jump

Michael Ankley came in THIRD for boys triple jump

Girls relay team 4x 100 came in THIRD

Anniston Lapitan came in THIRD in the 800 M



The SOS golf team had a solid performance last Friday wrapping up our 3rd regular season match. Both Jude and Adrian exceeded their goals and continue to improve. Jude is starting to strike the ball better than I've ever seen! Adrian's improvement and persistence in just a few short weeks is setting a terrific example to the team about the results of hard work and persistence.

Chris improved from his first match and had his first par! He is playing well in his first season with SOS and at TFT course.

Natalie had a couple of pars and a birdie on hole 9.

Niko put up his standard score just a few over par,

And London broke into the 30's for the first time with a score of 38. I knew she could do it.

The conditions were very tough on Friday making the scores and effort that much more impressive. Stars, thanks team for an exciting season thus far.



Field Hockey Highlights:

SOS YOUTH GIRLS: UNDEFEATED

5-0

6-0

9-0

SOS JUNIOR GIRLS: UNDEFEATED

4-0

1-0

5-2



Our girls played an awesome tournament, defeating all of their competitors, while having a lot of fun and working extremely hard. We are welcoming some very new players to the team this year and are excited to see what we will accomplish over the season. The team work on the field and off was something these girls should be proud of. Cheers to a great start to our season! Great job girls!

STAR ATHLETES

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU



Spirit Night

JOIN US WEDNESDAY, MAY 18 4 PM TO 9 PM

AT NEW REALM BREWERY IN VIRGINIA BEACH!

EAT IN OR TAKE OUT

ENJOY THE 2 ACRE BEER GARDEN AND EAT UNDER THE STARS
WITH YOUR FELLOW STAR OF THE SEA FAMILIES.

KID FRIENDLY MENU, MANY OUTDOOR GAMES! IT IS SURE TO BE A
GREAT EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP AND FUNDRAISING!



MENTION STAR OF THE SEA TO YOUR SERVER AND A PORTION OF
YOUR BILL (INCLUDING BEVERAGE PURCHASES) WILL GO BACK TO
THE SCHOOL AS A DONATION.

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	



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/>

Upcoming HSA Events!

Mark your calendars for FUN!!!

April

SOS Summer Gear Sale

Our summer gear sale is underway! Please see the flyer and order form included in the newsletter.

Open HSA Meeting: Wednesday, April 6th

Please join the HSA Board at Mary's after drop off for fellowship.

SOS Skating Party: Friday, April 8th

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: Sunday, May 15th

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.

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

Sincerely, The HSA

STAR OF THE SEA SUMMER GEAR SALE

MARCH 23 - APRIL 13



SLIM KOOZIE \$4

REGULAR KOOZIE \$4

GARDEN FLAG \$15
FLAG ONLY - NO POLE

BEACH BAG \$25
HEAVY CANVAS
22" W X 16"H X 6"D



BEACH TOWEL \$20
100% COTTON VELOUR 30" W X 60" L



TIE DYE HAT \$20

Cash or check made out to SOS HSA

SOS Summer Gear Order Form

Staff Member/Family Name: _____

***** Please provide exact cash or check made payable to SOS HSA with this form. *****

Item	Total Items	Total Items Amount
Slim Koozie: \$4		
Regular Koozie: \$4		
Garden Flag: \$15		
Beach Bag: \$25		
Beach Towel: \$20		
Tie Dye Hat: \$20		

Total Amount Enclosed: _____



SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE

FILL KITCHEN SIZE BAGS WITH
GENTLY USED CLOTHING, BELTS,
PURSES AND SHOES

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

A COLLECTION TRUCK WILL BE PARKED IN
THE GYM PARKING LOT BETWEEN 7:30 AM
AND 8:15 AM AND THEN AGAIN FROM 2:30
PM TO 3:15 PM



THE SCHOOL WILL RECEIVE \$4 FOR EACH
BAG COLLECTED

STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**FOR STUDENTS: PRE-K 3/EARLY LEARNERS &
PRE-K 4/JR KINDERGARTEN**

NOW ENROLLING

LEARNING THROUGH PLAY!

- Language & Literacy: Learn alphabet, sounds, caring for books
- Math: Identifying & counting numbers, creating patterns & shapes
- Block center: Developing small/large muscle control, improving hand-eye coordination, plan & solving problems
- Dramatic play: Decision making, expressive language, understanding taking turns and sharing, imagination
- Art: Developing fine motor skills, proper pencil grip to introduce writing, learn to express & create
- Science: Developing senses, making observations, collecting data and forming predictions



FAMILY AMBASSADORS

Is your family interested in partnering with a new Star family? If so, you would be their source of information to include:



Pick up/drop off procedures

Share volunteer opportunities & upcoming events

Aftercare process

Share SOS traditions & community outreach opportunities

Initiate procedures for Virtus, Renweb/FACTS



LIMITED TIME LEFT

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

**Order
your
yearbook
today!**

Order online at
ybpay.lifetouch.com

Enter yearbook code 14317822

Order before Thursday, March 31st

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 Coordinator
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 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. 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:** Dr. Averill has taught in
South Korea, Germany and the U.S.*

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.

KidFit

Wednesdays

3pm-4pm

12 Week Session
\$120/Child

(New Session starts
March 30th)

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.

Receive a Virginia tax credit equal to	MINIMUM DONATION FOR INDIVIDUALS	MAX. ANNUAL DONATION FOR INDIVIDUALS & MARRIED COUPLES	MAXIMUM DONATION FOR BUSINESSES
65%	\$500	\$125k	None
of your eligible contribution			

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.

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