



Star of the Sea Catholic School



April 13, 2022

Dear Star Families,

I hope this finds you well during your Lenten journey. Lent is the time we take to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. It is a quiet, thoughtful time that should feel different from other times of the year. Lent gives us a chance to think about our sins and ask God for forgiveness. It is also a time to make a special effort to be kind to others and to think about the ways we can show others the love that Jesus shows us.

On Thursday, Maundy Thursday, our school will be meeting with prayer partners to share their friendship and gifts of kindness to one another as well as participate in class retreats. We ask that you send your child to school to participate in this most special day.

Maundy Thursday is the last day that Jesus spent with his disciples before his death and the day of the Passover feast. Star of the Sea Catholic Church will hold mass at 7 PM followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 9:30 PM on Holy Thursday.

As you depart for Easter break at 11:30 AM on Thursday, we send our best to you and your family.

Ad majorem Dei gloriam,
Dr. Carey Averill, Principal

Upcoming Events!

- 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
- May 2** Principals Day
- May 2-4** Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 7** Online Silent Auction
- May 12** May Procession
- May 14** LIVE AUCTION
- May 18** Spirit Night @ New Realm

Holy Triduum

April 14– Holy Thursday

7 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 9:30 PM

April 15– Good Friday

12 PM Stations of the Cross, 7 PM Passion of the Lord followed by Adoration of the Holy Cross and Communion

April 16– Holy Saturday

8 PM Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

April 17– Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8 AM, 10 AM, 12 Noon Masses



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.

★♥✎🍏 HSA UPDATE 🍏✎♥★

Dear SOS Families,

What an action packed Friday we had last week!

A heartfelt thank you to Jackie Ankley for organizing the clothing drive...it was a HUGE success, and watching that truck fill up thanks to your generosity sure did warm my heart.

I also wanted to thank everyone who was able to attend the school wide skating party Friday night. It was an absolute joy to see our children and their caregivers together again in fun, fellowship, and “graceful falling.” It seemed as if our skating Stars had a great time!

Some upcoming HSA dates:

- Thursday, April 14th: SOS Summer Gear Sale Deadline
- Wednesday, May 4th: Final Open HSA Meeting at Mary's after drop off
- Sunday, May 15th: Mother/Son Bowling

Please note that tomorrow is the deadline for our SOS Summer Gear Sale, so PLEASE return your order form with exact cash or check made payable to SOS HSA via your child's Wednesday folder or the front office.

Wishing you all a very blessed and happy Easter!

The HSA Board

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: _____

STAR ATHLETES

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU



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

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@sossschool.org.



FUN FACT:

**Ms. D. was the cover girl featured on
the VA Beach Guide in the
summer of 1981.**

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.

<p>Receive a Virginia tax credit equal to</p> <h1 style="font-size: 2em;">65%</h1> <p>of your eligible contribution</p>	<p>MINIMUM DONATION FOR INDIVIDUALS</p> <hr/> <h2 style="font-size: 1.5em;">\$500</h2>	<p>MAX. ANNUAL DONATION FOR INDIVIDUALS & MARRIED COUPLES</p> <hr/> <h2 style="font-size: 1.5em;">\$125k</h2>	<p>MAXIMUM DONATION FOR BUSINESSES</p> <hr/> <h2 style="font-size: 1.5em;">None</h2>
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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.

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