



Star of the Sea Catholic School



May 11, 2022

Dear Star Families,

We certainly felt most appreciated last week with all of the delicious treats, cards, flowers and gifts for Teacher Appreciation Week! Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness. We certainly felt the love from our SOS school community.

Yesterday we held our annual Accreditation visit from the Office of Catholic Schools. They were impressed with our students, staff, teachers, and programs offered. Thank you for your continued support of our school community!

We've been STREAMing with butterflies the past two weeks and most of our butterflies have been released! Students have written about, recorded, and researched many interesting facts about butterflies in Virginia and beyond!

Ad majorem Dei gloriam,
Dr. Carey Averill, Principal



Upcoming Events!

- May 14** LIVE AUCTION
- May 18** Spirit Night @ New Realm
- May 19** Rock and Roll Spring Concert
10 AM & 1:30 PM
- May 19** Sport Award Ceremony
- May 20** 8th Grade EXAM
- May 23** 8th Grade EXAM
- May 24** 7th & 8th Grade Retreat 9-1
- May 25** 8th Grade EXAM
- May 27** Early Release 1:30 PM NO AC
- May 30** Holiday NO SCHOOL
- May 31** **1:30 PM** Early Release NO AC
8th Grade Graduation
- June 1** 8:30– 10:30 SAND CASTLE DAY
- June 1** **11:30** Release NO After Care
- June 2** **11:30** Release NO After Care
- June 3** **11:30** Release NO After Care
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!
- June 13-17** LEGO CAMP
- June 20-24** VBS
- June 27-1** Basketball Camp

Development News

Online Silent Auction Bidding Underway Now!

You still have time to bid! Our online silent auction closes on Saturday, May 14 at 7:45 pm! Here is the link: <https://staroftheseaschool.schoolauction.net/casinonight/>

Here are last minute additions!

- Open water dive certificate donated by Lynnhaven Dive Center and Swim School
- Taste of Virginia basket donated by Taste Unlimited!
- \$150 gift certificate to Baker's Fine Jewelry & Gifts

Mark your calendar for this Saturday at 7:30pm. That way you can put your last bids in to win the items you want when the silent auction closes at 7:45pm. Right after, we will begin our live feed virtual broadcast. We won't start auctioning items until 8 pm.

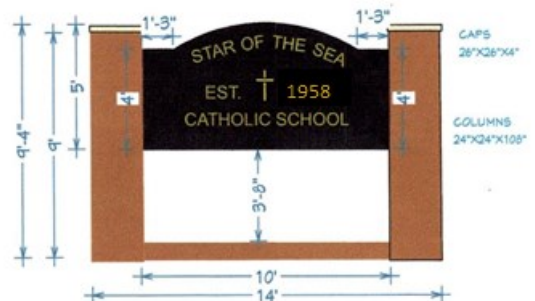
If you would like more information, please contact Jackie Ankley at Jackie.ankley@sosschool.org.



BAKER'S
JEWELRY

Raise the Paddle! This year's raise the paddle is going in conjunction with other funds raised to give our school a face lift! We are currently in the process of beautifying our school in many ways. We are trying to raise \$15,000 towards these projects. An example could be a new sign that would match the church sign in the gym parking lot (see mock up). We also could add more large logos as shown in the photo. Any donation will help us spruce up our little school by the big sea and is tax deductible!

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★ HSA UPDATE! ★

🍎 Teacher Appreciation Week

We had an absolutely GENEROUS volunteer response to Teacher Appreciation Week! A heartfelt THANK YOU to the families who purchased or made food and contributed other items to the teacher meals and break room snacks. Everything was absolutely amazing, and your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated by our staff. I would also like to recognize Trish Smigel for organizing this week for our teachers, and Jessica Glenn and Genevieve Williams for supporting her efforts. Thank you, ladies!

🎳 Mother/Son Bowling

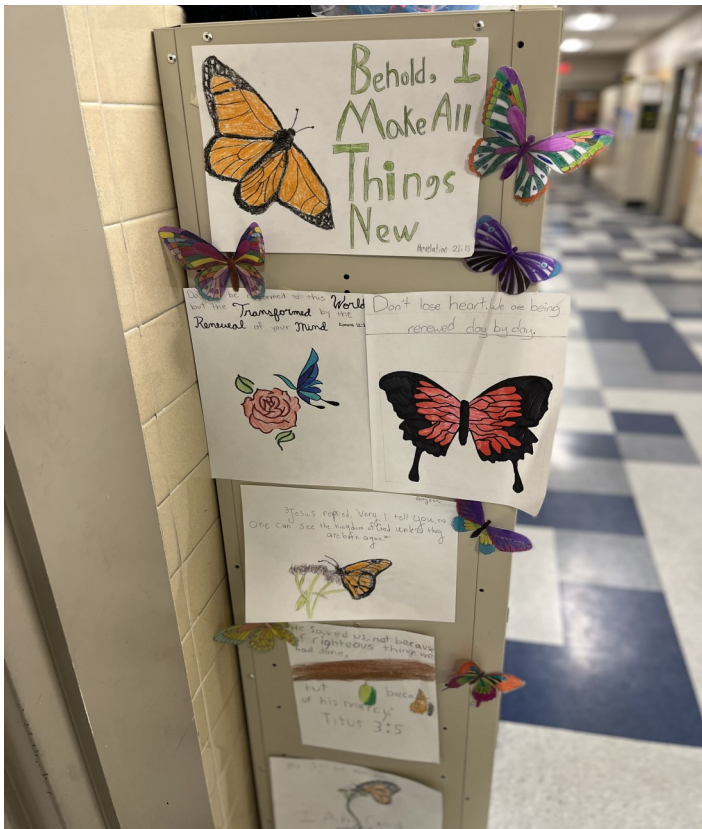
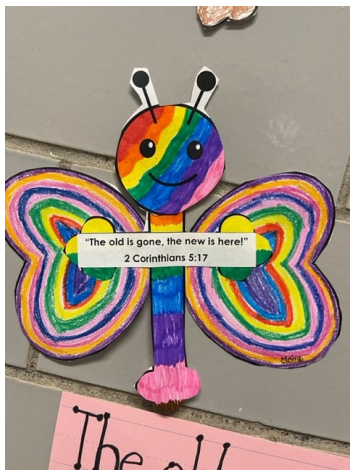
Our Mother/Son Bowling afternoon is this Sunday! For those that have registered, please let Pinboy's staff know that you are with Star of the Sea when you get your bowling shoes, and they will direct you to the school's designated lanes. As you arrive, please fill in the lanes as if you are filling pews during a crowded mass. There needs to be six people to a lane in order to accommodate this sold out event, so please skooch in and get to know your fellow Star female caregivers and their little men. We look forward to a fun-filled afternoon!

Thank you for your continued support of the HSA!
The HSA Board

STREAMING—

Beyond the Life Cycle!

(Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art & Mathematics)



3rd and 4th Grade Field Trip Norfolk Botanical Gardens



CHALK THE WALK





First Holy Communion

May 7th & 8th 2022



End of the Track Season CONGRATULATIONS STARS!

The girls team took 1st place overall and the boys team took 2nd place overall in the entire meet!!!



Both the girls and boys 4x400m relay teams finished the meet with AMAZING WINS to end the Season!

There were also LOTS of first, second and third INDIVIDUAL place finishers in events. Too many to name! Congratulations to all the coaches and players for an outstanding finish to a great season!



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.



Sandcastle Day at Star of the Sea Catholic School

**WHO: ALL STAR OF THE SEA STUDENTS,
TEACHERS & PARENTS**

WHEN: JUNE 1ST, 2022 @ 8:30–10:30 AM

WHERE: OCEAN FRONT

**WHY: TO CELEBRATE THE END TO OUR SCHOOL
YEAR!**



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:

Mrs. Selig has visited seven countries, but her favorite place is by the campfire sitting outside her RV.

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



FREE

LEARN TO PLAY CLINIC



WHO

Kids 18
and under!

WHEN

Saturday, May 14
1:15pm - 2:45pm

WHERE

Virginia Beach, VA.
Southside of pier
between 14th & 15th st.

COST

FREE
+ FREE disc!

REGISTER

Register on-site with a parent or online at
tinyurl.com/BeachChamps2022

Learn to Play



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



The Catholic Corner

The entire month of May falls within the liturgical season of Easter, which is represented by the liturgical color white — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored).

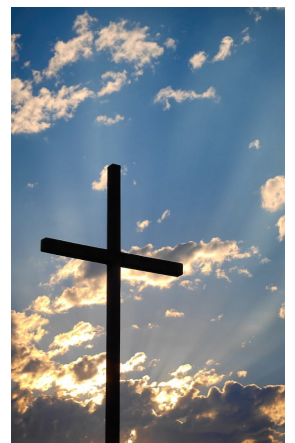
We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

The world is resplendent with Spring's increased light and new growth. It is Mary's month in the Easter season and all of nature rejoices with the Queen of heaven at the Resurrection of the Son she was worthy to bear. During the remainder of Easter time, let us endeavor through the prayers of the Holy Liturgy and the Holy Rosary to deepen our gratitude for the mystery of our Baptismal rebirth in Christ.

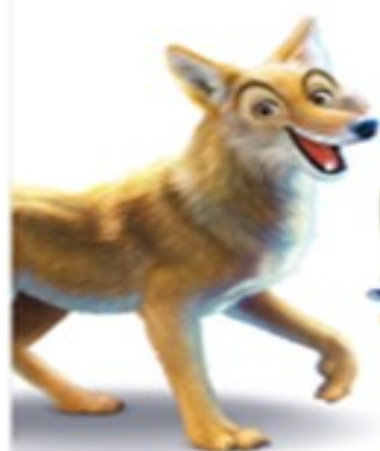
"The month of May, with its profusion of blooms was adopted by the Church in the eighteenth century as a celebration of the flowering of Mary's maidenly spirituality...With its origins in Isaiah's prophecy of the Virgin birth of the Messiah under the figure of the Blossoming Rod or Root of Jesse, the flower symbolism of Mary was extended by the Church Fathers, and in the liturgy, by applying to her the flower figures of the Sapiential Books—Canticles, Wisdom, Proverbs and Sirach.

Pentecost, the birth of the Church, is also among the celebrations of May. Though sprung from the side of Christ on the Cross, the Church marks as her birthday the descent of the Holy Spirit on Mary and the Apostles. At the 'birth' of the world, the Holy Spirit — the Breath of God — was the "mighty wind [that] swept over the waters" (Gen 1:2); at the birth of the Church He is present again "like the rush of a mighty wind" to recreate the world in the image of Christ through His Church (Acts 2:2).

We, the members of Christ's Mystical Body, are the present-day disciples sent by the Holy Spirit to bring Christ to the world. May we go forth as did Mary, who set out in haste to assist St. Elizabeth (feast of the Visitation, May 31). Come upon us, O Holy Spirit, so that, with Mary, we may proclaim the greatness of the Lord who has done great things for us — for his mercy endures forever!



Get Ready...



For a Howlin' Good Time!

Vacation Bible School

June 20-24

9am – 12noon

Registration on parish website

Volunteers needed: registration
on parish website

*It's time for fun
in the sun!*

Vacation Bible School Donations:
Home Depot/Lowes/Walmart cards
Small & med boxes
Carpet tubes, rolls of brown paper,
or use our Amazon wish list



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.

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

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:

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| ✓ | 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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