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2016 Guide to Private Schools

Morning Star School

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Six decades of serving those who learn differently

Morning Star School, the only special education school in the Diocese of St. Augustine, celebrates its 60th anniversary with the opening of a new ninth-grade program. The school currently serves 108 elementary and junior high school students from five surrounding counties. While the majority of Morning Star students have a diagnosed learning disability or process deficit, the school also serves students with mild intellectual disabilities as well as high-functioning autism. Fully accredited by the Florida Catholic Conference, Morning Star offers the same curriculum as other Catholic Schools in the Diocese. Offering accommodations as needed, individualized educational programs are implemented to meet each child's specific learning needs.

The mission of Morning Star School is to provide a strong foundation of faith, service and academics to learning-challenged students. It offers a 12:1 student-teacher ratio, with highly qualified, fully certified teachers. In addition to a full academic curriculum, Morning Star School offers speech and

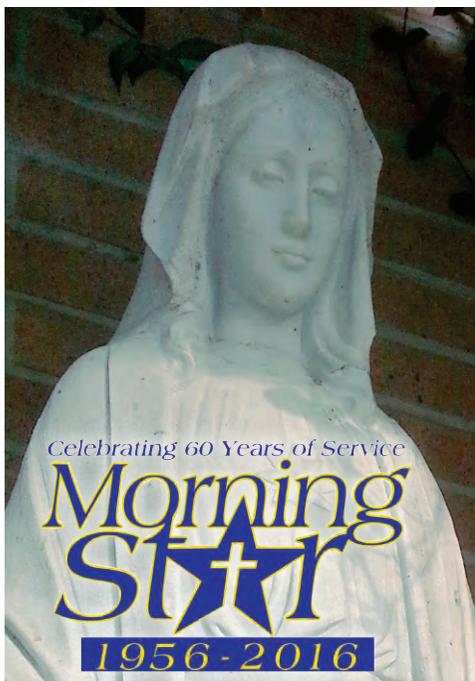
language therapy, guidance, music, art and physical education. A STEM lab, iPad lab and netbook lab help students prepare for the future. Morning Star School promotes spiritual and moral growth through its Religious education program. Additionally, the school utilizes a therapy dog for reading therapy, as well as behavior and emotional support for students.

The new high school program is designed to provide students with learning differences a safe, nurturing high school option with a curriculum that addresses not only academic skills, but spiritual, emotional and life skills as well. Building on its proven success, the Morning Star High School program will offer students an opportunity to interact with their peers at Bishop Snyder High School, both socially and spiritually.

Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, Morning Star will offer a 9th grade program. The following year, it hopes to offer K through 12th grade. Morning Star School will continue to live out its mission to encourage all students to reach their full potential.



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Students at Morning Star actively participate in the process of learning.



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Age Five - 9th Grade

New High School program beginning this year!

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Morning Star School is a Catholic Special education School in the Diocese of St. Augustine which provides a strong foundation of faith, service, and academics for students with learning differences in an atmosphere of Christian love, acceptance and respect; encouraging all students to reach their full potential.