



Morning Star School

Unique, Inspiring, Grounded In Faith...Since 1956

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM & CURRICULUM

Helping Students with Learning Differences Discover Their Unique Talents!

Serving students with learning differences including Specific Learning Disabilities, ADD, Mild Intellectual Disabilities, Processing Deficits and High Functioning Autism. Fully accredited by the Florida Catholic Conference, we are the only special education school in the Diocese of St. Augustine.

"My child transferred here from public school. He used to hate school. Morning Star accepted his different learning style, and adapted to him, instead of expecting every child to learn the same. The teachers and staff really care - and the school is like a family."

Thankful Parent, 2017



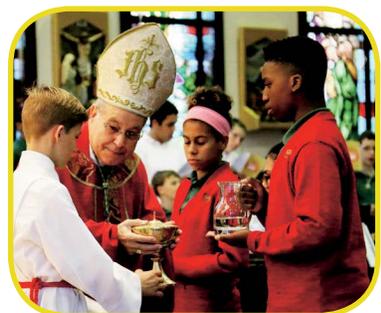
OUR CURRICULUM IS UNIQUE



Morning Star High School is dedicated to helping students with learning differences become successful young adults. No other school in Northeast Florida offers the services we provide. We offer an individualized program along with adaptive curriculum to fit each student's specific learning challenge. This includes explicit individualized instruction in core classes such as language arts and mathematics, along with life and social skills training to prepare our students for life after high school. The teachers at Morning Star are highly qualified, using specialized materials and instructional techniques. Our students enjoy a bright, happy and loving learning environment where they experience the joy of developing the talents God has given them.

OUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS...

- ★ Enjoy a full, rich academic curriculum, tailored to meet their individual needs and abilities for maximum efficiency in language arts, reading, religion, math, science, social studies, foreign language, and learning strategies.
- ★ Develop technology skills, and the integration of these skills, into all areas of the curriculum through the use of computers, laptops, iPads, Smartboards and other technology.
- ★ Participate in a life centered transition curriculum designed to teach development of emotional and social maturity through daily living skills, self-determination and interpersonal skills, employment and job skills.
- ★ Participate fully in the faith life of a Catholic school through spiritual and moral growth in religious instruction, Liturgical services, and service projects. They attend retreats, Masses and prayer services.
- ★ Engage in social service activities designed to improve our community and our world.
- ★ Partner with students from Bishop Snyder High School, participating in extracurricular activities, retreats, field trips, Masses and more.



For more information call us at (904) 721-2144

OUR ACADEMICS ARE INSPIRING

Morning Star School is fully accredited by the Florida Catholic Conference. We employ highly qualified, fully certified ESE teachers, many with advanced degrees and certifications. This ensures a high quality, individualized education designed to meet each student's unique

needs and academic challenges utilizing a wide variety of technology to help students become effective learners. Morning Star high school students have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma based either on a standard curriculum or access points. We proudly accept McKay, Gardiner, and Florida Tax Credit Scholarships.



We have a responsibility to provide our children with a high school education. Morning Star School provides an immeasurable amount of hope for parents and it places countless students in an environment where they can be successful."

Jean Barnes, Principal



There is no high school program in Northeast Florida meeting the unique learning needs and social requirements of our students.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4 Credits	Science	4 Credits
Reading	4 Credits	Physical Education/Health	2 Credits (.5/per year)
Math	4 Credits	Foreign Language	2 Credits (.5/per year)
Religion	4 Credits		(Same Language)
Social Studies	4 Credits	Learning Strategies	2 Credits (.5/per year)

Learning strategies and reading fulfill the 6 credit elective requirements. Students must maintain a 2.0 grade point average to earn credit

BASIC COURSE SEQUENCE

9 th Grade		10 th Grade		11 th Grade		12 th Grade	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
Religion	1	Religion	1	Religion	1	Religion	1
ELA	1	ELA	1	ELA	1	ELA	1
Reading	1	Reading	1	Reading	1	Reading	1
Math/Pre-Algebra*	1	Algebra	1	Geometry	1	Consumer Math	1
Biology/Lab	1	Environ Science	1	Earth Science	1	Phy. Science/Lab	1
Geography	1	US History	1	World History	1	Econ/Government	1
Foreign Lanuage	.5	Foreign Language	.5	Foreign Language	.5	Foreign Language	.5
Learning Strategies	.5	Learning Strategies	.5	Learning Strategies	.5	Learning Strategies	.5
PE/Health	.5	PE/Health	.5	PE/Health	.5	PE/Health	.5

*or general and consumer math

Accommodations to methods, materials and assessments as well as modifications to the curriculum will be made on an individual basis. Modifications may affect the grade level at which students work. The guidelines of the Florida Catholic Conference and the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Schools are followed.

Reflecting on our PAST, Focused on our FUTURE

Morning Star School was founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine at the request of Archbishop Joseph P. Hurley. For over 60 years our school has served children from Kindergarten through 8th grade. In 2016, to continue serving the needs of our students, we expanded our campus to include a high school program. Morning Star School is a beacon of hope for families whose children have specific learning needs. Our students are from diverse backgrounds, come to us from five surrounding counties, and are always welcome regardless of religious affiliation.



OUR MISSION

Our mission, as a Catholic special education school in the Diocese of St. Augustine, is to provide a firm foundation of faith, service, and academics to students with learning differences in an atmosphere of Christian love, acceptance, and respect; encouraging all students to reach their full potential.

OUR VISION

Utilizing individualized educational strategies and stressing moral values, Morning Star School caters to the needs of each child. We prepare our students for life by developing a sense of individual responsibility and global awareness that empowers each of them to become active and effective participants in today's world.



Morning Star High School students enjoy a partnership with Bishop Snyder High School!

Bishop Snyder High School hosts the Morning Star High School students at Snyder's school Masses and retreats, as well as sporting events, dances and Fine Arts showcases. Many Snyder students serve as mentors to the Morning Star students and help them feel welcome and accepted as part of a larger high school community. The relationship between the students show mutual support. It's a friendship between two schools that will continue to grow. We are grateful to the staff at Bishop Snyder for their warm welcome.

"My daughter ran a cross country race this week! Her confidence has grown so much, and I truly believe it is because of the acceptance and comfort she feels at Morning Star School. Thank you."
Thrilled Parent, 2018



Meet NOVA, our Service and Therapy dog. Nova also encourages and motivates students to read by creating a less stressful environment, easing anxiety and providing a calm and safe atmosphere. Service dogs improve and sustain focus and help students feel rewarded and motivated.



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