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Dear Morning Star Families and Friends,

What a great first week of school! I hope your children enjoyed it as much as we did. I have no doubt that we are off to a wonderful school year. Thank you for all your support.

Our Cookie Dough fundraiser started yesterday. Please make sure to ask your children for their information packs and help them promote the fundraiser to friends and family.

"HAVANA NIGHTS" GALA

Our 2019 Gala & Auction is quickly approaching! The event is scheduled for September 28th at the Haskell building in Riverside. Visit our event page [HERE](#) for all the fun details. There are many ways to support this major fundraising effort. You can attend the event, ask your company to sponsor a table or make a monetary donation and/or donate a needed auction item. We need every Morning Star family to participate.

Please sign up to donate at least one item [HERE](#).

We have approximately 140 families but very few have signed up to donate. Remember that each \$5 spent or donated is worth 1 service hour!

Please make sure to share the event with your personal friends, your employer and on your social media pages! The Gala & Auction is our largest fundraiser and we need your help to make it successful!

Thank you and God bless,

Jean Barnes, Principal

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No amount is too small!

REMINDERS

Tomorrow is School Picture Day!



Wednesday, August 21st is our student photo day! Please make certain your children look neat and wear dressy clothes or their school uniform. Let's take great pictures!

Cookie Dough Fundraiser



Cookie dough fundraiser packets were sent home with students yesterday. Please take a look at the package with your child. In addition to cookie dough there are gourmet treats, snacks, gifts, magazines and our new custom Morning Star Spirit Tumbler! Register at fundshoppe.com and enter our school ID: 7520. After registering, you'll receive an email with a personalized link to share with family and

fill up very quickly.

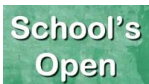
PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN & FINGERPRINTING INSTRUCTIONS

Follow the links below to complete your screening process:

1. Complete a Background Screening Form: Click [HERE](#)
2. For Live Scan fingerprinting instructions click [HERE](#)
3. Sign up for and attend a Protecting God's Children Class: Click [HERE](#) and select *St. Augustine, FL (Diocese)*

For help with the Volunteer Screening Process, please contact Sister Elise Kennedy at ekennedy@morningstar-jax.org

Office Hours & Contact Information



The front office is open every school day from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. To contact the front office call (904) 721-2144 or email Sister Elise at ekennedy@morningstar-jax.org.

Medical Authorization Forms



Please return the Diocesan Medical Authorization form signed by a doctor if your child will need any prescription or non-prescription medicine at school.

To view and print the medical authorization form click [HERE](#).

Garden Club



Friday, August 30th the first Garden Club meeting will be held.

Our school garden enhances science education for all learners. While working in the garden, students actively explore, move, touch, create, and are responsible for developing and nurturing their surroundings. For example, students will be able to water or measure plants, or simply admire what they have achieved by growing something on their own. It will also help students advance their understanding of change by watching a plant grow from seed to a mature fruit or vegetable. We encourage middle school and high school students to participate.

To view the Garden Club meeting dates click [HERE](#).

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Math Lab



Wednesday and Thursday from 2:35 pm - 4:00 pm a Math Lab will be offered to Middle School and High School students starting on August 28th and ending on October 4th. The cost is \$60.00 per student. Lab size is limited to 12 students and offers basic math skills, pre-algebra, algebra and geometry skills, hands-on activities, review, and homework assistance in other subjects. Please email Mrs. Carter at ecarter@morningstar-jax.org for more information.

Uniform Addition for Intermediate & Junior High



Beginning this school year, Intermediate and Junior High girls and boys may wear navy dress shorts as part of their uniform. **The shorts must be navy dress uniform shorts** purchased at RC uniforms, Walmart, Target, etc. Also, please remember the uniform shoe requirement for Primary through Junior High is **all black** tennis shoes or dress shoes.

Band Presentation



Wednesday, August 28th at 12:00 pm there will be a band presentation in the gym. Intermediate through High School students are welcome to join band. For more information and a registration form click [HERE](#).

Homeroom Parents Needed



Would you like to help out in your child's classroom AND earn service hours? Consider being a homeroom parent! Please note that parents who volunteer with the students must be finger-printed and complete the "Protecting God's Children" course.

Interested? Please email Sister Elise at ekennedy@morningstar-jax.org

Weather Alerts



Morning Star School follows Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) during extreme weather conditions. If DCPS announces school closures due to weather, we will also be closed.

High School Fees



Parents of High School students, please remember to send in your High School fees (\$50). You may pay with cash or a check made out to Morning Star School.

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TRASH FREE LUNCH

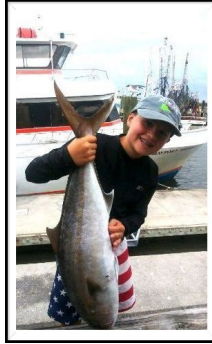
In spirit with our Holy Father Pope Francis, Morning Star School would like to implement a small change to our lunch routine. Once a month, on Mondays we will hold trash free lunches. This small change will make a real difference in the world and will go along with Pope Francis' statement on "raising awareness about the stewardship of creation."

A parent signature form will be sent home on Thursday August 22nd.

For more detailed information about Trash Free Lunch click [HERE](#).

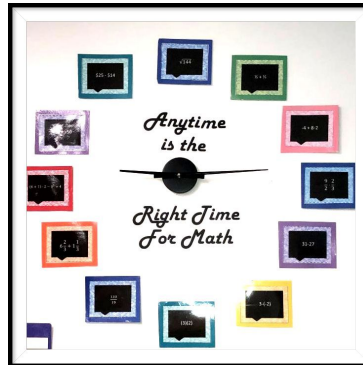
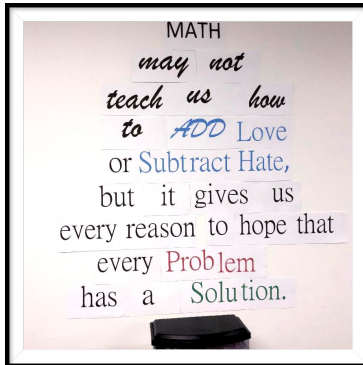
NOT JUST A FISHING STORY...

Harrison, our very own student, had a big summer of fishing. He caught a 25-pound Amberjack, his biggest fish to date! He also went on his first red snapper charter which was really exciting because snapper season is only two weeks a year on Florida's east coast!



THANK YOU MRS. CARTER!

Mrs. Carter started the school year out with some wonderful classroom decorations.



EVENTS



Morning Star School
8th Annual Gala & Auction
Saturday, September 28, 2019

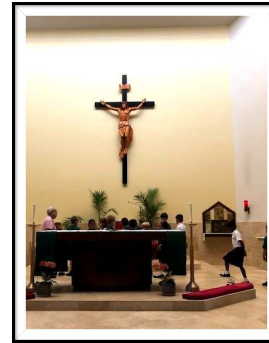
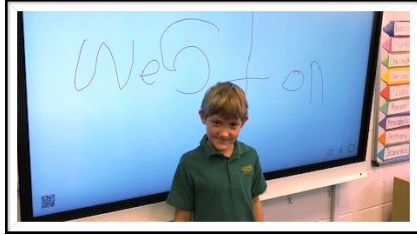
6 PM at the Haskell Building Riverside



Enjoy Cuban inspired tapas and cocktails, casino games, dancing, cigars, and a fun auction. Tickets are \$75 per person and there are many sponsorship opportunities. Visit our event page [HERE](#) for complete details and to purchase tickets! Please help us spread the word. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and share our event on your personal Social Media pages! Questions? Contact Maria Johnson, Director of Development at development@morningstar-jax.org.

PRIMARY NEWS

Primary classes had a great first week of school and received a tour of Christ the King Church from their religion teacher, Sister Elise.



INTERMEDIATE NEWS

Mrs. Binder's class had a great start to their new school year. Click [HERE](#) to see more pictures.

STEM Activities!



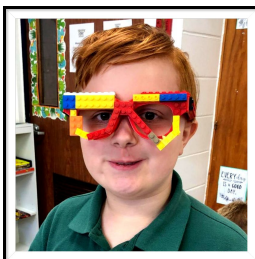
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Learning Centers!

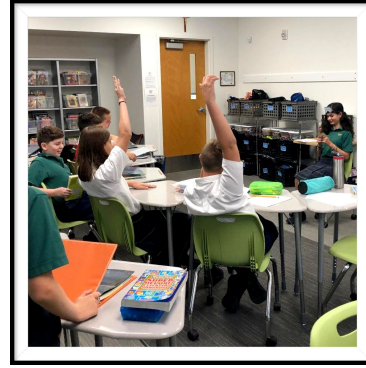
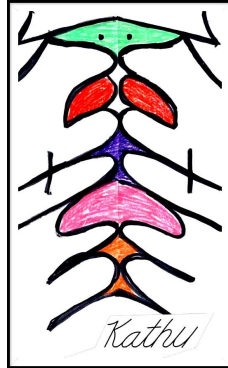
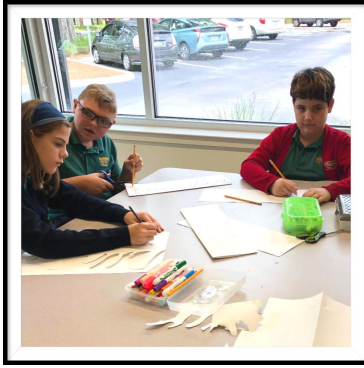


Ms. William's class created LEGO glasses which showed things that described them or are important to them. Afterwards, students shared them with the class.



JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

Junior High students practiced cursive writing during art class by making their very own "name aliens" as well as practiced language skills by playing a game of "Headbands".



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If you shop on Amazon, make sure you shop on **AmazonSmile**. It's exactly the same Amazon you love but a portion of your purchase price will be donated to our school each time you shop!

1. Visit **AmazonSmile**
2. Select Morning Star School of Jacksonville as your charity of choice and start shopping!
3. Bookmark the **AmazonSmile** link and use it each time you shop with Amazon! (Proceeds will only be donated if you are logged into AmazonSmile.)

Questions? Please reach out to Quana Register, our Home & School AmazonSmile Coordinator at quana.register@spsjax.org

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A FEW THINGS TO REMEMBER...

- Turn in your box tops weekly. They do expire.
- Be sure to NOT cut the code off. We cannot use it if the code is missing even one of the digits
- Place them in a zip lock bag and send them in with your student.

Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts! Questions? Please reach out to Jackie Rodriquez, our Home & School Box Top Coordinator at Jaco_Rodriquez@yahoo.com

SUBMIT A STORY

Would you like us to share a story about Morning Star School or one of our students? We love showcasing the many talents of our students and their families. To submit a news item for our publications and social media please click the button below to go to our "News" web page then click on the "submit a story" button to use our online communications form.

[Submit a Story!](#)

Our School Mission Statement

Rooted in the Gospel and strengthened by the sacraments, the mission of Morning Star School is to provide a unique, inspiring education empowering students with learning differences to achieve their full potential.



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