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Dear Morning Star Families and Friends,

I hope you are all able to join us this Thursday night at 6:30 PM at Christ the King for the airing of "Screenagers", an award-winning documentary about the challenges of raising kids in this digital age. This film offers solutions on how we can help our kids navigate a digital world. You will not want miss this opportunity for a **free screening** of this informative and entertaining film. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Our literacy night will be held next Tuesday, September 17th, from 6:30-7:30 PM for all Intermediate and Junior High parents. Join your child's teachers for this informative presentation on literacy instruction.

IMPORTANT: Please remember that we cannot block Mickler Road during car pool. ALL cars must enter from the NORTH on Mickler Road. Please DO NOT drive through the neighborhood to enter the car pool line from the south. This blocks both lanes of Mickler Road. **We have a safety audit each year and our car pool procedures must be compliant.**

Thank you and God bless,

Jean Barnes, Principal

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Our Gala is just a few weeks away. If you haven't purchased your tickets yet there's still time to join the fun! Cuban inspired cuisine, Mojitos, casino games, a cigar bar,

dancing and lots of fun auction items!



**SNEAK
PEEK**

Click [HERE](#) to preview our Auction Catalog There's something for every one! And keep checking back in... we're adding new items every day!

Can't make it to the event? Click [HERE](#) to create your account to bid remotely ... from your mobile phone! It's fun, easy and the next best thing to being there!



**DONATE
AUCTION
ITEMS**

There is still time to donate! Liquor, wine, restaurant gift cards, hair, nail and spa services and any item of value. Download our donation form [HERE](#) and send in your item to the school.

REMINDERS

School Pictures



School pictures were sent home today!

PURCHASING: If you are purchasing pictures, keep the ones you want and send in your payment with the remaining pictures. You may pay with cash or check by October 5th. **Checks should be made payable to LIFETOUCH.** Please do not seal the envelope.

NOT PURCHASING: If you are NOT purchasing pictures, please return the package tomorrow.

RETAKE: If you would like a "retake", please return the picture package with word "RETAKE" written on the outside of the package. Retakes will be on October 15th. We will hold your package until you get the retake picture.

Please Note: Lost pictures must be paid for.

Cookie Dough Fundraiser



Please make sure that your student has turned in all cookie dough fundraiser orders.

Intermediate & Junior High Literacy Night



Tuesday, September 17th, from 6:30-7:30, Literacy Night will be held for Intermediate and Junior High

The Arc Informational Meeting



Tuesday, September 17th, from 6:30-7:00 [The Arc](#) will hold and informational meeting for parents in the media center. No students please.

Volunteer with the Home & School Association



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.

SECRETARY & TREASURER NEEDED

We are in desperate need of a secretary and a treasurer for the Home & School Board. For description of the positions click [HERE](#).

Interested? Please contact Home & School President Brenda Griggs at (904) 237-1562 or devohntrey@gmail.com

How to Volunteer at MSS



For all of the information you need to be able to volunteer at Morning Star School click [HERE](#).

EVENTS

Screenagers Movie: *growing up in the digital age*

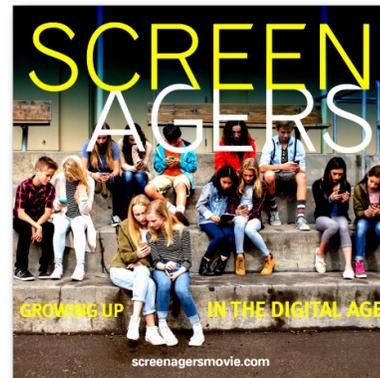
DATE: Thursday, September 12th

TIME: 6:30 pm

LOCATION: Christ the King gym

Please note this update - The movie is open to parents and teachers only. Prior newsletters stated that students could attend which was incorrect.

To learn more about the movie click [HERE](#) or go to www.screenagersmovie.com.



"Screenager" is an award-winning documentary that probes into the vulnerable corners of family life and depicts messy struggles over social media, video games and academics. The film offers solutions on how we can help our kids navigate the digital world.

Heart Walk®



**American
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2019 First Coast Heart Walk

DATE: Saturday, September 21st

TIME: 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Metropolitan Park -

1410 Gator Bowl Drive Jacksonville, FL 32202

TEAM NAME: The Blue Ribbons

If you would like to join the Blue Ribbons team, please email Ricardo Foster at ricardofoster@outlook.com. Deadline to join is September 18th.

To DONATE to the Blue Ribbons team click [HERE](#)!

ON CAMPUS

WE HAVE NEW BEAN BAG CHAIRS!

Mrs. Brock and her High School students would like to thank those who donated to make the purchase of their new bean bag chairs possible. Our students love them!



PRIMARY NEWS

Students enjoyed getting to spend the day with Jaws!



Students create their own watercolor masterpieces.

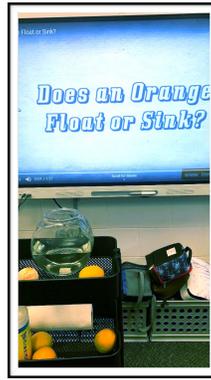


We loved learning on the Smartboard!

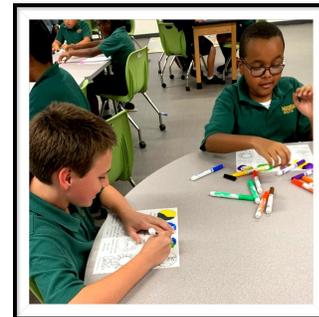
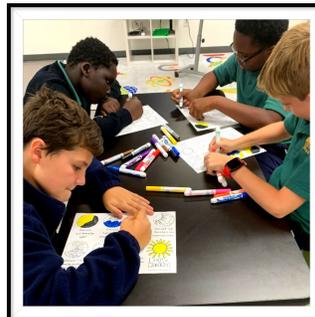


INTERMEDIATE NEWS

Ms. "Scientist" Hurst's Science class finished their study of buoyancy with an experiment testing the buoyancy of a peeled vs. non-peeled orange. Following their experiment, the class enjoyed fresh oranges (not used in the experiment!) as a snack.



All Intermediate students attend art as a group once a week. Their most recent lesson coincided with the school-wide Creation Celebration for the month of September. Students watched a video of the 6 days of creation and then colored each day using their individual creativity



Mrs. Binder's class worked on a beautiful mural representing God's creation.



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

As a culminating activity for our cell chapter, the high school Biology students baked cell cakes and added various candy to represent cell parts. For example, they used green gummy bears for plant cell chloroplasts! Yummy!



Gummy bears and osmosis were important factors of our metric lab. Students determined length, width, volume, weight, and density before and after they were soaked in water overnight. What a difference!



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Download the NEW Box Top App Today

Box Tops is a great way to earn fundraising dollars! **And now there is a new phone app which makes it easier to earn points for our school!** Shop as you normally would, then simply scan your store receipts to find participating products. The app will automatically credit your school's Box Tops earnings online. It's a much easier way to help us earn dollars.



Download the new Box Tops App [HERE](#).
Watch a video about the new process [HERE](#)

You may still clip Box Tops and send them to school. Physical Box Top clips are being phased out of production, but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store.

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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