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Dear Morning Star Families and Friends,

Our Gala & Auction was a huge success. Nearly 200 people were on hand to celebrate Morning Star School "Havana Nights" style. We are so very grateful to all our sponsors, supporters, friends and volunteers who came together to make it such a beautiful night.

An event like this takes months of planning and prep work, and would not have been possible without our Development team - Mrs. Johnson's and Mrs. Brophy's organizational skills, Mrs. Dodge's immense talent and hard work, and all our teacher volunteers. A special thank you to Zack Dodge and former parent Kristen Berengolts who led our team in mobile bidding. Their help and hard work were immeasurable.

We would also like to thank our parent guest speaker, Mrs. Nancy Martinez, for sharing her experiences and touching our hearts in such a wonderful way. And to Sister Elise Kennedy for leading us in prayer and sharing her special knowledge in years spent helping children in need.

God Bless You All, and thank you for all your continued support.

Jean Barnes, Principal

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Our 2019 Gala & Auction is by far our most successful event ever! **We raised \$77,000 for our school!**

A huge thanks to everyone who helped us. To view photos of the evening's festivities please click [HERE](#).

REMINDERS

Lunch Changes - New Lunch Form

Starting next week, the lunch schedule will be as follows:

- Tuesday - Chick-fil-A



- Wednesday - Bono's BBQ
- Thursday - Pizza Hut personal 7" pizza (cheese only, no toppings)
- Friday - Tropical Smoothie

Click [HERE](#) to download the new lunch form. We will no longer be using the old lunch order form.

Talent Show Tryouts Sign Up



Click [HERE](#) to download the talent show tryout sign up sheet. Tryouts will be on November 1st and the performance will be December 6th.

Technology Club



We are now offering an after school technology club. Meetings will be held Wednesdays from 2:35-3:35 pm

Junior High Students: October 16th - December 19th

High School Students: January 8th - March 11th

Intermediate Students: March 18th - May 27th

To sign your student up click [HERE](#).

No School



Monday, October 14th Teacher Planning Day

Photo Retakes



Tuesday, October 15th will be school photo retake day.

Hot Dog Roast



Thursday, October 10th will be our last hot dog roast. We will continue to have a monthly Bake Sale.

Jags Dress Down Day



Friday, October 11th will be a \$1.00 Jags dress down day.

Halloween Will Be Here Soon



Halloween is a fun holiday for most kids. But for children with special needs, it can be a confusing, frightening and sometimes overwhelming experience. But, there are many ways to make Halloween into a tradition that fits your child and their needs. Read our "[TOP TEN HALLOWEEN TIPS](#)" to find out how to make this whimsical holiday a day the entire family looks forward to.

Cold & Flu Season

Cold and flu season is upon us. The Health Department is encouraging everyone



to treat every case of the flu or respiratory illness seriously. Fortunately, we have had very few cases of flu-like illness at Morning Star.

AS A REMINDER...

- Keep your child home if he or she is ill with flu or flu-like symptoms for at least 24 hours after they no longer have signs of fever without the use of fever reducing medicine.
- Practice good hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette. Encourage frequent hand washing with soap and water. Teach children to cough into their elbows NOT their hands.
- Routinely clean and disinfect surfaces.

Please keep your child home if he or she is ill with flu-like symptoms. Any child who presents with flu-like symptoms or fever will be sent home. If your child falls into any high-risk category (asthma, diabetes, or other chronic illness) see your doctor immediately if they become ill. We will make any necessary accommodations to meet your child's educational needs while they are out sick.

The CDC strongly recommends flu vaccine as the first and most important step in preventing against flu. Visit www.flu.gov, or call 1-888-CDC-INFO for more information.

EVENTS

ST. PAUL'S OYSTER ROAST

WHEN: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16th, 5:00-10:00 pm

The event features oysters, smoked chicken, sides, desserts, beer and wine and a huge silent auction. All funds raised go to support the students of St. Paul's Catholic School, Morning Star Catholic School, and Jacksonville's Guardian Catholic Schools.



If you would like to attend the event, please click [HERE](#) to purchase tickets.

ON CAMPUS

GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club planted this growing season's crop: lettuce, yellow pepper, collards and cherry tomatoes. Marigolds were also planted to keep bugs away naturally!



PRIMARY NEWS

Students worked on team building by completing a puzzle with a partner!



Students got creative in art class with Ms. Dodge!



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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 Rodriguez, our Home & School Box Top Coordinator at Jaco_Rodriguez@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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