



MISSION STATEMENT

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

Volunteer Opportunities

Parental involvement shows students that education is important to their parents. Involvement of parents in school activities is vital to the efficiency and success of the school. Studies show that children of parents who are involved in school activities are more likely to be successful in school. Also, and most important, service given by parents models Christian service and teaches children the value of being givers.

Morning Star School requires each family to contribute fifteen hours of volunteer service to the school annually. Parents not serving fifteen hours will be required to pay \$5 per hour for the lacking hours. Invoices will be sent home for remaining hours in May.

There is a book in the office to keep track of your service time. If you send in items with your child, be sure to include a note for Sister Elise with your child's name and list what was donated with the dollar amount. Attached is a copy of your family page. If you have anything to add to this page, please add and return to Sister Elise.

Fingerprinting and attendance of *Protecting God's Children* is required for any activity where contact is made with children in or around the school or on field trips. There are no exceptions to this policy. This includes, but is not limited to, all faculty, staff, classroom and school volunteers, field trip chaperones and coaches. Safe environment training, *Protecting God's Children*, is offered at many locations throughout the Diocese. Please note that there are many more opportunities for service for those who are cleared volunteers.

- *Protecting God's Children* Workshop (attend only once) (3 hours) www.virtusonline.org
- Fingerprinting (Required for any volunteer work in school) <http://www.fieldprintflorida.com>
 - Initial and renewals: 6 hours and 3 each year after

Parents, guardians, or other adult family members may perform service hours

COVID makes a difference, and some opportunities may not be available.

Possible opportunities:

- Attendance at Parent Nights/Days (Math, Literacy, Technology, etc.) (hrs. per adult)
- Donation of Food* or other items for events, i.e., Fall Festival, Thanksgiving luncheon, Christmas parties, class snacks, International Food Day, teacher breakfast or appreciation day, etc.
(*Does not include donation of food or monies donated for charity)
- Sponsorship of bus for school fieldtrips – partial or full amount** (\$ amt)
(The cost of a bus depends on time away and distance. The basic cost is \$55 per hour. The cost is shared by classes attending.)**
- Purchase mulch, gardening soil, perennial plants, seedlings for Earth Day Celebration (\$ amt)
- Sponsorship/purchase of tickets for Golf Tournament (\$ amt)
- Donation of items for Golf Tournament (\$ amt)
- Donate copy paper (reams only) (\$ amt. per ream)
- Donate Teacher or school wish list items (See web page) (\$ amt)
- Purchase books from the Book Fair for classrooms (\$ amt)
- Attendance at Musicals, Mass, Talent show, Saturday clean-up (hrs. per adult)

If you have any questions, please call Sister Elise – 904-721-2144

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RETURNING USER USERS WHO ALREADY HAVE A VIRTUS ACCOUNT

If you have taken a Protecting Gods Children class, you SHOULD have an open account.
Please do not make a duplicate account! If you took the class before accounts were required, then you will have to create a new account.

Please follow the steps below:

1. Log on to www.virtusonline.org
2. If you do not remember your User ID or Password, please click on “Need login information?” and follow the prompts. If you are unsuccessful recovering your account, please call the VIRTUS helpdesk at 1-888-847-8870
3. Upon recovery of your account please update your information as required by clicking on ***Update My Account*** on the **green tab** to the left side:
 - ☐ Legal name as it appears on your driver’s license
 - ☐ Address
 - ☐ Birthdate and last 4 digits of your SS#
 - ☐ Current Primary Location – **Morning Star School**
 - ☐ Role (use drop down box) Volunteer
 - ☐ Title or Function - Parent

If you have any questions about the scheduling process, please call 800-799-1067.

- Log on to <http://www.fieldprintflorida.com> website
- Click on ‘Schedule an Appointment’
- Enter the ‘Fieldprint Code’ based on categories written below.
- Enter Personal Information and continue
- Demographics – i.e., citizenship, place of birth, etc.
- Employer – Enter your location address

Please contact the school office (904-721-2144) with any questions. Thank you!

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