



KINDERGARTEN-12TH GRADE

*Unique, Inspiring, Grounded in Faith... Since 1956*

## ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN 2022-2023



Dear Friends of Morning Star,

The launch of our 2022-2023 Annual Fund Campaign is upon us! This giving event helps to make special education available for all our students! Tuition alone only covers 78% of the actual cost of educating a student in our school. Your gifts help to "Bridge the Gap" beyond tuition in order to subsidize the actual costs incurred to educate children with special learning differences.

Morning Star School maintains a unique environment, averaging 12 to 1 student-teacher ratio. These smaller enrollment numbers allow us to be the exception but creates a difficult financial model. The economic challenges over the last couple years also continue to increase the expenses within our operational budget. Requests for Morning Star Assist, our own tuition assistance program, are on the rise while so are the costs of keeping our technology and curriculum programming up-to-date.

The success of our school depends on parents & families, foundations, companies, organizations, and individuals providing generously. Your tax-deductible gift allows us to continue providing this unique learning environment for each student.

Sincerely,

Elaine Shott, Principal

Abbie Johnson, Director of Development

*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 fullest potential.*

### Why Morning Star?

Students are empowered to become active members of their community.

Students gain confidence to share their talents more readily.

We provide a variety of accommodations for each student based on individual needs.

We are safe, nurturing, and engaging.

Students are seen as children of God and grounded in faith.

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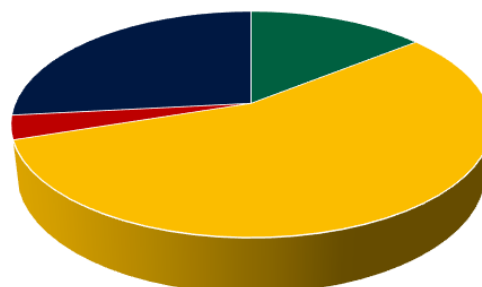


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## GIVING ANALYSIS 2021-2022

- We graciously received over **\$231,000** in gifts which directly benefit the students at our school
- **Morning Star Assist** provided **\$121,000** to families in need
- The 14th **Shoot for the Stars Golf Tournament** raised **over \$61,000!** Our 2023 tournament is scheduled for Monday, April 3, 2023 at The Palencia Club in St. Augustine
- The 1st **Morning Star Clay Classic** at Jacksonville Clay Target Sports on Saturday, September 10, 2022 raised **over \$21,000**. Our next event is on Monday, December 4, 2023.

2021-2022 Giving Summary



■ Tuition Assistance ■ Annual Fund  
■ Grants ■ Golf Tournament

### 2022-2023 is even more challenging

- We are committed to providing over **\$100,000** through our **Morning Star Assistance Tuition Program** again
- **Replacing outdated technology**, such as laptops and iPads, will cost an estimated **\$66,000**
- Our **Peace Garden** is in need of turf, as well as new tables and umbrellas, the estimated cost is **\$33,000**
- Our **high school** students are in need of **lockers** which will cost an estimated **\$5,000**



**Help our students  
by donating now**



**\$3,250 will Bridge the Gap for 1 student**



**OUR FISCAL YEAR RUNS FROM JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023**



## BECOME A FRIEND TODAY!

We remain committed to operating our financial budget in a balanced way so as to maintain the integrity of our school community. This year's **Bridge the Gap** amount is **\$3,300 per student**. This is the difference in the amount it costs to educate a student in our school and the tuition which is charged.

This year we proudly provided our staff with significant salaries increases so as to maintain our competitiveness with schools in the surrounding areas; this helps us to provide the most highly-qualified teachers we can. In addition to helping our operational budget, the Annual Fund Campaign also assists families with tuition balances, general upkeep on our facilities, purchasing up-to-date curriculum programming, maintaining technology for classroom and student use, and much more.

**We ask you prayerfully consider supporting our small, special community through a new, or continued, financial commitment which allows us to better serve our students.**

### Friends of Morning Star

Visionary Friends	\$50,000+
Sisters of St. Joseph Friends	\$25,000 to \$49,999
Archbishop Hurley Friends	\$10,000 to \$24,999
Winged Lion Friends	\$5,000 to \$9,999
Shining Star Friends	\$1,500 to \$4,999
Inspiring Friends	\$500 to \$1,499
Blue & Gold Friends	\$25-\$499



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### How will my gift help?

#### Visionary Friends

- Tuition Assistance
- Curriculum Programming

#### Sisters of St. Joseph Friends

- Assistive resources
- Upgrade technology

#### Archbishop Hurley Friends

- Maintain classroom furniture
- Maintain technology equipment

#### Winged Lion Friends

- Maintain physical education equipment
- Maintain the grounds of the school

#### Shining Star Friends

- Support for educational and diagnostic testing
- Provide fieldtrip transportation

#### Inspiring Friends

- Allow for upkeep of our playgrounds
- Maintain outdoor fitness equipment

#### Blue & Gold Friends

- Purchase items from teacher wish lists
- Help maintain Dojo store



## DID YOU KNOW?



Our teachers and administrators have a combined

**300 years**

experience in teaching children with special learning differences.



We have graduated 35 high school seniors since opening our high school in 2016



Our 8th graders celebrate their accomplishments with their own, separate graduation ceremony



We are the **ONLY SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOL** in the Diocese of St. Augustine



Our students have access to a wide-range of technology for their learning needs



Morning Star School opened in **1956**