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Morning Star
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Thank you to **Marty Lewis** for your continued support!

This year, the
**Martha Greene Lewis
Charitable Fund** will
MATCH dollar-for-dollar up
to **\$15,000** for every donation
given to support financial aid
for students unable to afford
the cost of tuition.



Message from our President

MSC Family,

May the peace of Christ be with you. We started the year with such anticipation, saving the dates for all the great things to come. For our families, the experiences we anticipated and worked towards are changed, and with that comes suffering and sacrifice. Although this road doesn't look as we anticipated, we can be assured that God's grace will be present to all of us on it, and that we are called to be witnesses of His love to others.

At MSC, we promise to do everything possible to continue taking care of our students, families, faculty, and staff, and with God's help and inspiration, will find ways to continue living our mission.

Morning Star Catholic is a family. Families help and support one another. During these uncertain times, some of our MSC families have suffered a job loss or financial hardship. If you would like to support these families, **we invite you to donate towards financial aid for students unable to afford the cost of tuition; with a \$15,000 match from the Martha Greene Lewis Charitable Fund, your dollar goes even further!**

You may also consider supporting Morning Star Catholic School by: purchasing an ad in our yearbook, investing in a legacy brick, or sponsoring a classroom. Information on all these efforts are included within this brochure.

You remain in our prayers, and may each one of us **carry God's promise in our hearts** as we continue this journey together.

Yours in Christ,
Thomas Doyle
President, MSC

OUR MISSION

Morning Star Catholic School, founded in Catholic tradition, is committed to providing each student with special needs the opportunity to discover their gifts and achieve their personal best as children of God.

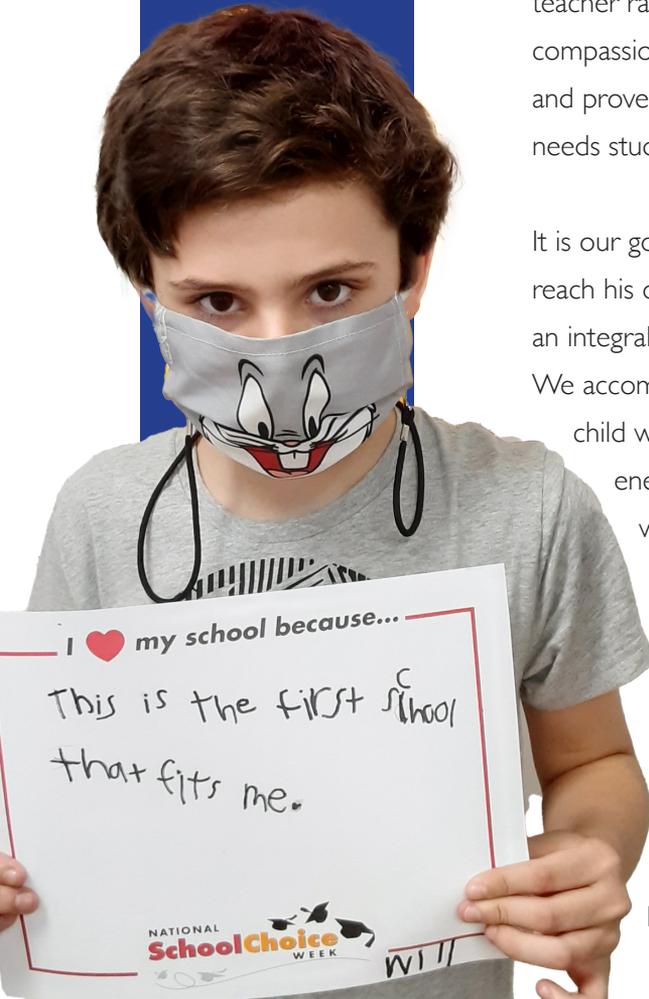
About Us

OUR HISTORY

Since 1960, Morning Star Catholic School has been working to fulfill its mission to provide children with special needs the opportunity to embrace their potential. Parents have turned to Morning Star Catholic because of our low student teacher ratios, in addition to our compassionate faith filled approach, and proven-success with special needs students.

It is our goal to ensure each student can reach his or her potential and become an integral part of their community.

We accomplish this by providing each child with special needs a more energized outlook on a life filled with possibilities. We work to inspire students to focus beyond limitations and encourage individual responsibility, in order to ultimately enable our students to function more independently and become active and effective participants in today's world.



Much of our success is demonstrated in the product of our students.

As our students vary significantly in ability, success is unique to each individual and can range drastically, from a student's ability to carry on a conversation and maintain eye contact, to achieving academic success and retaining employment.



Students at Morning Star Catholic School are considered to be intellectually disabled with varying exceptionalities. Intellectual disability is characterized by a significant cognitive impairment combined with limitations in the adaptive skills needed to live, work, and play in the community.

Intellectual disabilities can be caused by any condition that impairs development of the brain before birth, during birth, or in childhood years.

People with intellectual disabilities are every society's most neglected population; yet the World Health Organization estimates nearly 200 million people, or 3 percent of the world's population, have an intellectual disability, making it the largest disability population in the world.

Individuals with intellectual disabilities still struggle to gain independence, acceptance, and inclusion into communities that have low expectations for what they can achieve. In truth, people with intellectual disabilities are still among the most vulnerable populations in the world.

And yet, nearly **70% of people with intellectual disabilities have the capacity to function at much higher levels than society's perceptions allow or encourage.** Addressing this inequality is a matter of creating opportunity and changing perception.

I praise you, because I am wonderfully made.
Psalm 139:14

Reflecting on 2020

Greetings Supporters,

This past year has been a challenging one to say the least. We've all been through so many changes and feelings of uncertainty. However, I feel so blessed to be part of the MSC community at this time. It is so important to know that we have one another, to help us navigate through this new "normal" we are all facing, to pray together, lean on one another, learn from, laugh with, cry with, and on and on.

We have all had to step out of our comfort zones and learn new ways of doing things. I am so proud of every one of us for stepping up to the challenge. Students, parents, staff, and teachers have all had to learn together during this process, and everyone is doing a wonderful job!

To keep us all safe and healthy, many updates and changes have been made on campus. We have purchased new technological devices for both staff and students use to better facilitate virtual learning, added hand sanitizer stations and water bottle non-touch filling stations all over campus, rearranged classrooms to provide larger learning spaces for students and staff, and more. All of these changes have come with a cost.

A donation of any amount during this difficult and trying time would be well used and much appreciated. Please consider supporting Morning Star Catholic School by: purchasing an ad in our yearbook, giving towards student financial aid, investing in a legacy brick, or sponsoring a classroom. Information on all these efforts are included within this brochure.

Together, we will get through this with God by our side.

Blessings,
Dr. Alicia Abbey
Principal, MSC





New Cafeteria

Over winter break we were able to construct a cafeteria and it is now a functional space for our kids to use. This was a much-needed school staple that, until now, we did not have.

The generosity of the Family of Steve Zepf made this happen and we couldn't be more grateful! Thanks as well to Lake Highland Preparatory School for donating cafeteria tables.



Mother Mary Statue

In early Spring, we received a new Mother Mary Statue thanks to the generosity of donors Nikki & Jimmy Ferrell.

This new statue serves as a beautiful greeting to all who enter Morning Star Catholic - a place where children are presented with lives filled with faith and possibilities!

We appreciate our donors

Yearbook Ads

What a year we have all had!
To commemorate a school year like no other, we are pleased to offer advertising pages in our 2020-2021 Yearbook.



It has been quite a few years since MSC last published a yearbook. With your help, this year's special memento will be treasured by our students for years to come.

Use your ad to recognize a student, as a memorial, or to promote your business. You can also sponsor a yearbook for a student who may not be able to afford one for just \$25. **(If our Superhero School Sponsor saves the day, donations will go towards Financial Aid for students.)**

\$5,000 Superhero School Sponsor (One Available)

Become this year's Superhero and give the gift of a yearbook to all MSC students, teachers, and staff! Comes with a Two Page Advertising Spread AND additional Full Page Ad to address our students with a personal letter or message.

To purchase a yearbook ad, sponsor a student, or become our 2020-2021 School Sponsor, please fill out and return the enclosed form.

All ads will be due by March 26, 2021.



Support for Students

We offer financial aid to ensure that children and families of all economic means are able to receive exceptional care and a quality education.

While the majority of our students qualify for financial assistance through grants, including the McKay Scholarship Program and Personal Learning Scholarship Accounts (PLSA), it does not cover the full cost of what it takes to educate a student with special needs.

At Morning Star Catholic School, we work with each student, and partner with parents, therapists and medical providers to afford each child the opportunity to achieve their personal best. We offer small class sizes to ensure that our students receive the attention they deserve and extensive therapy offerings onsite including speech, occupational, physical, and behavioral therapies, in addition to art, dance, and music therapy. All of these individualized support services drive up our cost per student.

For the 2020-2021 school year, we anticipate 42% of our students (or 24 children) will require financial assistance averaging nearly \$4,260 each, for a total annual need of \$102,240.

This year, more than ever, we need your help to make our programs and services a reality for our existing and future students!

Plus, the Martha Greene Lewis Charitable Fund will MATCH dollar for dollar up to \$15,000 for every donation given to support financial aid for students unable to afford the cost of tuition.

To provide financial aid for a MSC student, please fill out and return the enclosed form.



Auxiliary Update

Hello MSC Auxiliary, MSC Family, and Fellow MSC Supporters,

In life we encounter challenges, yet none of us ever imagined the challenges we are currently facing. Much has had to change and is still changing; and many of these changes have come with unplanned costs. For MSC, funds that were earmarked for known expenses have been reallocated to cover new, unplanned expenses in order to ensure our students may continue to learn in a safe environment. These challenges, while frustrating, have also pulled us closer together.

It is at times like these that we are called to pull together to uplift and support each other as best we can. This support starts with prayer, continues with offering help, and any financial support we can offer.

As we are not able to have a Fashion Show this year, included in this mailer are many creative opportunities to support Morning Star Catholic. **Please prayerfully consider contributing to any of these giving opportunities.**

I would like to thank all of you for your support of MSC. You are in our prayers. Should any of you require assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out. Family is about lifting each other up.

May the Peace, Love & Grace
of Christ be with you all,

Joy Breske

Chair, MSC Auxiliary



Fashion Show

A RUNWAY FOR GIVING



The Morning Star Catholic School Auxiliary was created in 1962 by a group of ten very committed women who saw an important need for a fundraising group to help MSC in its efforts to educate children with special needs. Fifty-eight years ago, those ten women, with fundraising goals in mind, held their first Morning Star Catholic School Auxiliary Fashion Show and Luncheon with a \$2 ticket cost.

The essential goal of the MSC Auxiliary was to assist in raising the necessary funds to maintain the school and provide needed equipment pertinent to the therapeutic and educational requirements of the children. The presentation of the annual fashion show was, and continues to be, one of our school's main fundraising efforts.

To all of our sponsors, fashion providers, venues, guests, and Auxiliary, THANK YOU for 58 years of support!

Hundreds of women have attended the fashion show and luncheon over the years at various locations including: Cherry Plaza, Church Street Station Ballroom, Ros-en Shingle Creek Resort, Walt Disney World's Contemporary Resort, Dr. Philips Center, Portofino Bay Hotel at Universal Orlando, and most recently at Loews Sapphire Falls Resort at Universal Orlando.

For many years' fashions were provided by Jacobson's and Jordan Marsh. Recent years have featured fashions from Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue, and Winter Park boutiques including: Tuni, John Craig, Arabella, The Grove, The Collection Bridal and more.

Many very generous sponsors have supported this event over the years including longtime supporters Golden Corral and the Martha Greene Lewis Charitable Fund.

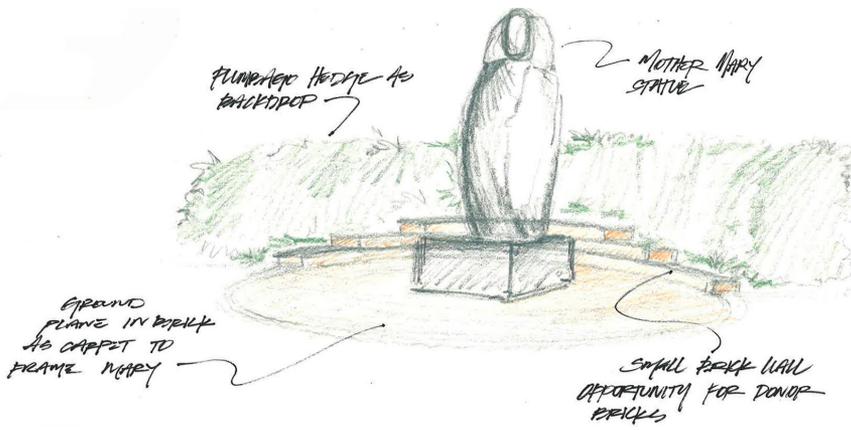
SUPPORT MORNING STAR CATHOLIC IN 2021

In monitoring the ever-changing situation facing us with Covid-19 and keeping everyone's health and safety in mind, we have decided to forgo this year's in-person fashion show event.

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We invite you to build upon the legacy of Morning Star Catholic

Legacy Bricks will be used to enhance two integral spaces on campus: our Mother Mary Statue and Student Entrance.

Bricks can be personalized with a student's name, family name, special anniversary, dedication or remembrance, and/or a message.

To reserve your Legacy Brick, please return the enclosed form.



Sponsor a Classroom

In the midst of a pandemic, social distancing is a must!

Prior to starting the 2020-2021 school year, we strategically rearranged and moved classrooms to provide larger learning spaces for students and staff, ensuring proper social distancing here at school.

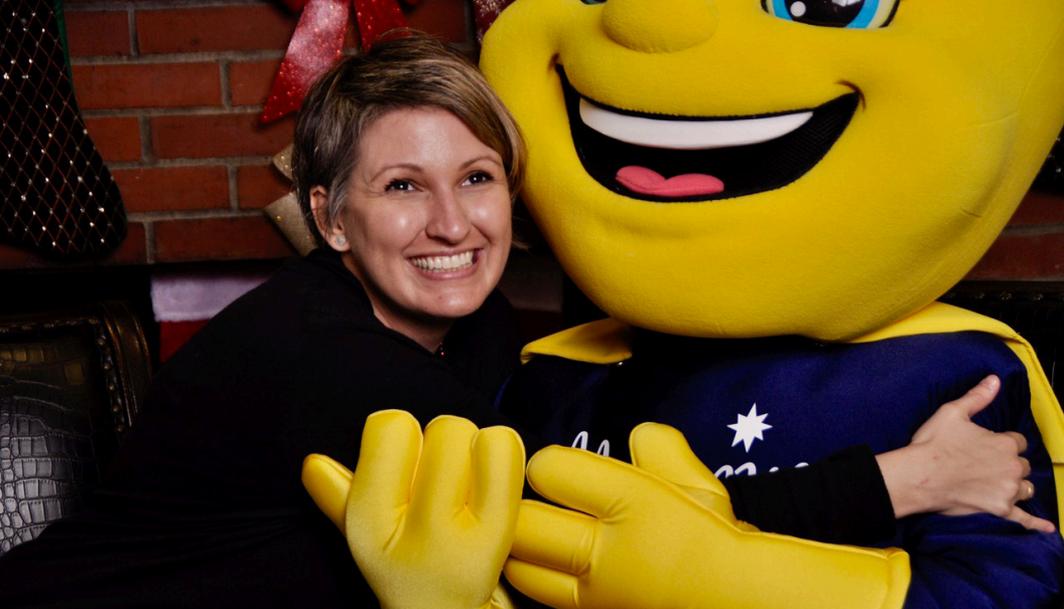
Now, as we prepare for the coming school year, it is time to make more space - not only for our existing in-person students, but also for our students returning from virtual instruction, as well as the new students we have joining us in August.

We need a new classroom in order to safely serve more students with special needs. To do this, we need your help.

Our plan is to convert an existing storage room into a new classroom this summer. This will keep our costs down, while utilizing space we already have. Will you consider partnering with us?

To help sponsor a classroom, please fill out and return the enclosed form.





We appreciate your consideration to support the mission of Morning Star Catholic.

We are committed to providing each student with special needs the opportunity to discover their gifts and achieve their personal best as children of God – we are able to do this **BECAUSE OF YOU!**

When you donate to Morning Star Catholic, you help us keep the lights on and our doors open for the 60+ students we serve every year. Your generosity also allows us to meet the growing needs of our school and supports the educational services that our students with special needs require to succeed.

**Your contribution today makes a difference.
Please consider making as generous a gift as possible.**

If you have already sent your contribution, thank you!

With Thanks,
Jessica Solis Hubbard
Director of Advancement, MSC

Thank you!

Thank you

Diane & Eric Holm

for your continued support!

