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# Who we are

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School is a modern facility conveniently located to residents of Maryland and Delaware situated on a beautiful 18 acre campus in Berlin MD. Most Blessed Sacrament is a regional Catholic School under the auspices of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, Delaware. We serve 8 Catholic parishes of Southern Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Sponsoring parishes include: St. Ann, St. Edmond, St. John Neumann, St. Jude the Apostle, St. Luke, St. Mary Star of the Sea, St. Michael the Archangel, and Our Lady of Lourdes.

## Our Vision



Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School provides rigorous and technologically relevant instruction that is intentionally integrated with Catholic identity. Together, as Pastors, administrators, teachers and parents, we nurture the development of the mind, the body and the soul, in each of students. Our students are able to make sound decisions based upon the teachings of Jesus Christ and modeled upon the lives of the saints.

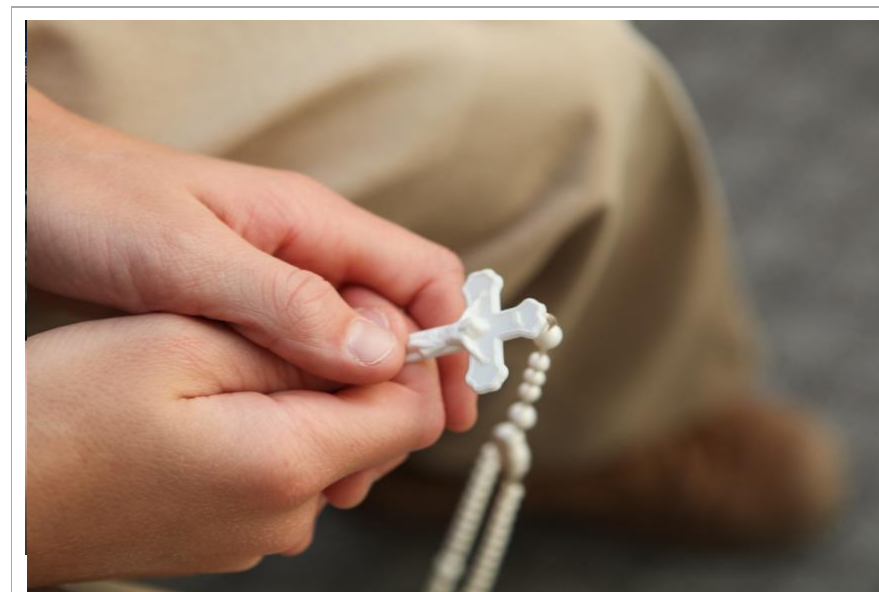
As a faith and learning community, we teach students a passion for the truth and a love for discovery and knowledge. Our students are prepared to relate their Catholic faith to their culture and actively live their faith as members of the greater community.

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# Educating the Mind, Strengthening the Body, Nurturing the Soul



Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School is a Pre-K to Eighth grade school that offers a learning environment grounded in Catholic values and based on the Gospel teachings of Jesus Christ. Our program emphasizes the intellectual, spiritual, and physical development of every child. Respecting the individual and celebrating our unity as Christian learners, our school is a mission driven educational community that is both academically challenging and spiritually nourishing. Children are taught, as called for in the Gospel, that we are meant to serve others.

## History

MBS was founded in 2003 by the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington as a Regional Catholic School for the Catholic parishes of St. Ann, St. Edmond, St. Jude the Apostle, St. Luke, St. Mary Star of the Sea, St. Michael the Archangel, Our Lady of Lourdes and then later St. John Neumann. Since our founding, more than 1500 students and their families have been part of the MBS community.

## Community

For MBS families, school isn't just for children, we are a faith-filled community of families as well. School functions and volunteer opportunities-HSA, cafeteria duty, athletics, scouts and classroom activities, provide meaningful experiences for parents build fellowship as they participate in school life. For students, their shared experiences throughout the elementary and middle school years form bonds that last a lifetime.

## Our Philosophy



Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School is dedicated to the development of the "Whole Child". We strive to nurture their individual gifts by providing a healthy environment that fosters a commitment to Gospel values and learning. This is achieved through mutual cooperation of home, church, school and community. Our students develop a commitment to Gospel values through everyday interaction and observation of family, parish, school, and community role models. Instruction in the Catholic tradition enables them to live these values. We recognize that children vary in learning styles, talents, and abilities. In response to these individual differences, we foster growth through a variety of teaching methods, learning activities and relevant experiences. We emphasize respect for others while providing each child with opportunities to develop his or her potential for knowledge, self-inquiry and ultimately, self-esteem. We believe that parents are the primary educators of their children, and we value their partnership. We create a sense of community through mutual respect, communication and cooperation among students, parents, teachers, priests, and administrators.

# Our Mission

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, serving students in the eight sponsoring parishes of the region in grades pre-kindergarten to eighth, is dedicated to excellence in education by developing life-long learners and leaders. We foster a faith-filled environment in partnership with families emphasizing reverence, respect and personal responsibility in the traditional spirit of Christian teaching.



# Why Choose Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School



- We offer an education that combines Catholic faith and teachings with academic excellence.
- We partner with parents in the faith formation of their children.
- We set high standards for student achievement and help them succeed.
- We provide a balanced academic curriculum that integrates faith, culture and life.
- We integrate technology effectively to enhance learning.
- We instill in students the value of service to others.
- We teach children respect of self and others.
- We emphasize moral development and self-discipline.
- We prepare students to be productive citizens and 21st century learners.
- We cultivate a faculty and staff of people who are dedicated, caring and effective.
- We provide a safe and welcoming environment for all.

# Preschool

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School creates readiness and love for learning in accordance with Christian values. Children are introduced to formal learning in a structured but child-centered setting where they can learn at their own pace through age-appropriate activities. A certified teacher teaches each class with the assistance of a full-time instructional aide. All children in the Preschool programs participate in “enrichment classes.” The enrichment subjects include: Music, Art, Technology, Library and Spanish.

## Programs

**3-Year Old Program** (must be 3 by August 31, 2018 for the 2018-2019 school year)

Monday through Friday Half Day: 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Full Day: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**4-Year Old Program** (must be 4 by August 31, 2018 for the 2018-2019 school year)

Monday through Friday Half Day: 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Full Day: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*Before and after care programs are available upon request for an additional fee*

**IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE PRESCHOOL CLASSES, CHILDREN MUST BE ABLE TO USE THE RESTROOM INDEPENDENTLY.**

## Pre-K Curriculum

Religion

Social Development

Language Development

Physical Development

Creative Expression (art, music, drama, dance, movement)

Social Studies

Thematic Units

Technology

# Faculty and Staff

One of Most Blessed Sacrament School's greatest strengths is our faculty of dedicated, caring teachers. With an average of 15 years teaching experience and a high percentage of advanced degrees, our faculty brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to each child's education.



## Faculty Credentials

BA or BS-17.6%	Associates-20%
Post BS or BA-23.5%	BA or BS- 40%
Masters- 17.6%	Post Masters-20%
Post Masters- 35%	Doctoral Studies- 5%
DE Certification-7	MD Certification- 9
PA Certificate- 1	

Our class size allows for individualized instruction, differentiated learning, and enables teachers to closely monitor each child's intellectual, social, spiritual, and emotional growth. To ensure faculty members' continued professional development, MBS conducts monthly professional development programs and affords teachers the opportunity to attend numerous symposiums and seminars throughout the year.

Our faculty includes one full-time certified teacher in each grade level and aides in Pre-K (3) through 5th grade. Our middle school faculty includes a designated certified teacher for each core subject area (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, Religion) MBS has teachers in Spanish, Music, Art, Technology, Physical Education and Library. We also have a part-time counselor in guidance and a school nurse.



# Athletics & ExtraCurricular Activities

## Athletics



Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School students have opportunities to participate in interscholastic athletics year-round. Several sports are available to middle school students. MBS competes against other Catholic, Christian and Private schools in the surrounding area. The sports program depends heavily on the involvement of parents - from coaches, to athletic board members, to chaperones and cheering sections. The dedication of our parents makes our teams successful!

Fall Sports: Golf for Boys and Girls Soccer for Boys and Girls

Winter Sports: Boys Basketball Girls Basketball

Spring Sports: Girls Softball / Boys Lacrosse / Girls Lacrosse

## ExtraCurricular Activities



Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School offers a number of clubs and activities to enhance our students' learning experience. There is something for every interest.

Altar Servers

Piano Lessons

Drama I, Grades 1,2,3

Drama II, Grades 4-8

Choir

Go Green Environmental

Student Government

# Technology

## Computers

All students, Pre-K (4) through 8th grade attend technology class in the computer lab weekly. The technology curriculum is integrated into the various subject areas and is taught with other core curriculum subjects. The technology curriculum focuses on using technology software and devices as tools for learning to accomplish a specific result.

Pre-K through 3rd grade use technology (computers, smartboards, iPads) to enhance instruction while MBS intermediate and middle school students use technology (computers, smartboards, iPads, Microsoft Surface Pro tablets) to collect, record and analyze data, provide documents, and create multimedia presentations. The technology lab offers every student access to Windows 10 operating system and Microsoft Office 365. The instructional program at MBS is supported by an array of additional technology including: Computers for small groups and individual instruction within the classrooms and library, SmartBoards with designated laptops within all instructional areas including enrichment classes, digital document cameras, Smart response systems, iPads and Microsoft Surface Pro tablets within classrooms, and a multi-media system including Apple TV in the library media center.

## MBS Morning News Cast

The MBS morning newscast is produced and presented entirely by the students using green screen technology and broadcasted daily via the SmartBoards in the classroom. The morning news show encompasses morning prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, school pledge, school news updates, birthday announcements and sports scores.

## STREAM

Our school has adopted the STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts Integration and Math) curriculum and programming. One example of this initiative can be found in our middle school robotics program and in our intermediate grades with the Lego Mindstorm© program.

# Curriculum

## Overview



Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School follows curriculum standards established by the Diocese of Wilmington. While every school in the Diocese follows the same standards, it is our school's learning environment and ability to go beyond the standards that sets us apart. Our school's core curriculum emphasizes the content areas of reading, math, science, social studies and religion, while offering additional courses that challenge students to think critically and creatively, as well as expand their world view and live the Gospel message.

## S.T.R.E.A.M.



Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic school is a S.T.R.E.A.M. school, emphasizing Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, and Math, with an intentional integration with the Arts. Our grade level and core subject teachers work alongside our enrichment area teachers to weave a common thread within lesson planning.

## Primary and Intermediate Grades



Our Kindergarten through 5th grade programs are enriched with a rigorous foundation in Language Arts and Mathematics. Utilizing programs such as Wonders© by McGraw Hill and Go Math© by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, teachers are able to offer differentiated instruction and accelerated, leveled learning, integrating technology into instruction. Cursive handwriting is introduced in second grade, and implementation of the Daily Five instructional strategy is a cornerstone of ILA curricula.

# Curriculum

## Middle School Grades



Our middle school program utilizes teachers for each subject area within the 6,7,& 8<sup>th</sup> grades, which sustains consistency in lesson planning, communication and rigor. Our math program for Grades 6 through 8 is tailored to meet students' individual needs by offering advanced courses in Pre-Algebra and Algebra. Students who require more challenges may, at the teacher's recommendation enroll in math enrichment which explores the same concepts and moves at a different pace. Life Science, Earth Science and Physical Science are taught each year throughout middle school. Our ELA program emphasizes grammar, vocabulary, reading and reading comprehension, and spelling. Twice monthly, students in grades 6 through 8 participate in pre-selected activities that provide opportunities to extend the curriculum into real-life settings. Each offering is one trimester in length and may include: photography, sewing, cooking, wood-working, dance, yoga, chess and many more.

## Academic Support



An academic support team is in place to assist teachers and staff with students who may need assistance within a particular subject area or accommodation. The support team consists of faculty and staff along all grade levels. Students in need of extra help within subject areas also have the opportunity to participate in study hall during their recess time or to stay after class to work on additional assignments with their individual teachers.