



*Mission Statement*

*Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, serving students in the eight sponsoring parishes of the region in grades pre-kindergarten to eight, 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.*

**October 11, 2018**

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*"Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the Lord, your God, is giving you.*

*You shall not kill.*

*You shall not commit adultery.*

*You shall not steal.*

*You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*

*You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male or female slave,*

*nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him."*

Exodus 20:12-17

Dear Parents and Guardians,

## FALL FESTIVAL IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

**REMINDER:** All Dance-A-Thon business sponsorships and pledge packets are due tomorrow October 12, 2018. Please reach out to all of your local business owners to become sponsors in this great event! Sponsorship forms and vendor forms have been attached, please click link below.

Dance-A-Thon will begin at 1:45 on October 19, 2018. Please remember to wear your groovy dance attire to school that day!

Primary Pod- 60's

Intermediate Pod- 70's

Middle School- 80's

Fall Festival wristband orders are due by Wednesday, October 17, 2018!

Wristbands may be purchased the day of the event beginning at 3:00 p.m in the front of the school. For each wristband pre-ordered, your family name will be entered into a drawing to receive a FREE Fall Gift Bag!

[Sponsor Form](#)

[Vendor Form](#)

[Wristband form](#)

[Prizes Flyer](#)

## KISS BUDDY THE DONKEY FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT HURRICANE FLORENCE RELIEF

This year during the Fall Festival participants will have the opportunity to help our friends at St. Mark's Catholic School in Wilmington, NC rebuild after the devastating flooding from Hurricane Florence. When we spoke to their Advancement Director earlier this week, 22 families were still not able to go back to their homes. Their community will need a lot of resources and prayers to rebuild. Vote for the teacher or administrator you would like to see kiss Buddy the Donkey by donating to their cup. Whoever raises the most money will have to pucker up!

## BLESSING OF THE PETS



On Thursday, October 4 we opened the MBS grounds for the annual Blessing of the Pets. We had great participation with our four-legged friends. Thank you to everyone that came out to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. Thank you to Fr. Cocucci for leading the Blessing Service.

## DELMARVALIFE TAPING



Thank you Nichole Behornar and Heather Marinelli for promoting our Fall Festival on DelmarvaLife yesterday on WBOC. Please come out for this fun event on October 19 after school and be sure to tell your friends and family to join us, too!

## WAY TO GO 8TH GRADE!

"On behalf of the members of the Ocean City Division of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians I want to say thank you. Thank you for allowing the group of eighth graders, accompanied by Mr. Haskell, to assist us in setting up for our card party. A member of the ladies commented on their behavior and manners as they did such a great job for us. They would have made you, their teachers and their parents proud. Thank you again for their assistance it made our work easier."  
Mrs. Mary Rosenhagen, President, Ocean City LAOH

# ST. THOMAS MORE ACADEMY PRESENTATION FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILIES

Representatives will be here on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 2 pm from St. Thomas More Academy to speak to our middle school students and families about their high school. Parents, please feel free to stop by the cafeteria that day to hear about their school. St. Thomas More is a Catholic High School located in Magnolia, DE. Here's a link to their school for more information, <http://www.saintmore.org/>. The 7th and 8th graders will visit their school on November 6, 2018.

8th grade parents:

St. Thomas More Academy will hold an Open House on Nov. 18th from 12-3pm. View their website at [www.saintmore.org](http://www.saintmore.org).

## WINTER UNIFORM START DATE

November 1 will be our first day for winter uniforms. Please consider checking the used uniform store before purchasing new items. We have a very large inventory. Each item is priced at \$5 and we offer a piece by piece exchange. The store is open on Mondays and Fridays from 7:30 am - 3:30 pm. If you need to order from Flynn O'Hara, please remember to give them time to embroider and ship. Their website is <https://www.flynnohara.com>.

## FAMILY BUSINESS DIRECTORY

We have a Family Business Directory listed on our website. Please contact Amanda Evans at [aevans@mbscs.org](mailto:aevans@mbscs.org) or 410-289-1600 if you would like to add your family's business. It is a great way for MBS to give back to all of the businesses that support the school throughout the year. This program is free of charge.

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## LOST AND FOUND

There are several items in the lost and found. We hope to send items that are not claimed to the used uniform store and a local shelter in the next few weeks. Please ask your children to look at the lost and found table in the cafeteria if they are missing any items. Parents may visit anytime to check the table for lost items.

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# SCHOOL DELAYS/CLOSINGS



Should it be necessary to delay, cancel or dismiss children early due to weather or any other emergency situation, parents will be notified by the School Messenger Notification System. Due to bus schedules, those calls informing of cancellation or delay must be made BEFORE 6:00 a.m. Please be sure that we have your current phone number at which you wish to receive the notification calls. IT IS NECESSARY THAT THE PERSON WHO ANSWERS THE PHONE SPEAK IN ORDER TO ACTIVATE THE MESSAGE.

## NURSES SUITE

### Health Room Policies:

- Illness: Children who stay home for three or more days need a doctor's note to return to school.
- Fevers: MBS requires a student to be 24 hour fever free without fever reducing medication before returning to school.
- Strep throat/Scarlet Fever: Students must remain home for at least 24 hrs after onset of antibiotic treatment. Students must have a doctor's note to return to school.
- Pink eye: Students must remain home until they have received 3 doses of eye drops. Students must have a doctor's note to return to school.
- Head Lice: Students must be treated and be nit-free. Students must come in with their parent and be examined by the nurse before they are able to return to class.
- Medications: NO medications (over the counter or prescription) will be administered without a written prescription from the primary care provider.
- Diarrhea/vomiting: Students must stay home for a minimum of 24 hours or until symptoms cease.

All of the policies are listed in the Family handbook on pages 14-15.

And please remember:

- If a student has an appointment with their physician and receives immunizations, please provide updated documentation to the nurse.

## ATHLETICS



### **Recent Results:**

**Co-Ed Soccer v. Lighthouse (Away)- 4-1 W**  
**Co-Ed Soccer v. Lighthouse (Home)- 12-1 W**  
**Girls Volleyball v. Lighthouse (Home)- 1-2 L**  
**Co-Ed Golf v. St. Francis (Away)- W**

### **Upcoming Matches:**

#### **Co-Ed Soccer:**

**Thursday, 10/18 4:00PM: Home v. St. Francis (8th Grade Recognition)**

#### **Girls Volleyball:**

**Thursday, 10/18 4:00PM: Away v. Holly Grove (Dismissal at 2:30pm)**

#### **Co-Ed Golf:**

**Monday, 10/15 4:00PM: Away v. The Country School (Dismissal at 2:00pm)**

**Tuesday, 10/16 4:00PM: Home v. Sts. Peter and Paul/Worcester Prep (Normal Dismissal)**

**Thursday, 10/18 4:00PM: Home v. The Country School/Worcester Prep (Normal Dismissal)**

**Saturday, 10/27 Soccer & Volleyball Tournament- Delmarva Christian High School:** The Co-Ed Soccer team and Girls Volleyball team will have a tournament at Delmarva Christian High School on Saturday, October 27th. Parents, please work on any potential conflicts now so our players can participate in this fun event. If your child cannot make the tournament, please email Mr. Haskell at [jhaskell@mbscs.org](mailto:jhaskell@mbscs.org).

#### **Monday Volleyball Practice Next Week:**

**Girls Volleyball will have practice on Monday, 10/15 from 3:30-5:00pm. No volleyball practice will take place on Tuesday, 10/16.**

**COUNSELING CORNER**



## Counseling Corner

This week I visited our Middle School classes. In all the classes we discussed the things that weigh them down in middle school. The students gave suggestions of stressors they face, for example, school, homework, friends, technology, peer pressure, extracurricular activities, news, worries, weather, family issues, etc. We discussed how the weight of these stressors can impact our priority of school. We discussed giving our worries to God, talking to our trusted adults and seeking help from supportive people when we feel over loaded with stress. Each middle schooler then completed a paper to let me learn more about them, their goals and ideas of what they want to talk about in Middle School this year when I visit each month. I look forward to working with our wonderful Middle School students. Parents, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns [tgabbard@mbscs.org](mailto:tgabbard@mbscs.org).

Attn: Middle School Parents

This week I spoke to our Middle School classes about Service Hours. We are asking that our Middle School Students give 25 hours of community service over their 3 years in middle school, before they leave the 8th grade and move onto HS. I will discuss this with our middle school and let them each have copies of the form that will need to be signed to verify hours. We will give volunteer opportunities in the News and Muse as we hear of them. Parents, please let me know if you have any questions about this. [tgabbard@mbscs.org](mailto:tgabbard@mbscs.org)

## LIBRARY CORNER



Upcoming happenings include:

- Yearbook cover designs by students are due Monday, October 15.
- Storybook pumpkins should be brought to the cafeteria on Monday & Tuesday, October 15 & 16.
- The Scholastic Book Fair is coming November 5-9! Watch for volunteer opportunities!

## IMPORTANT DATES

### October

19th

Fall Festival, 3:00- 6:00 p.m.

22nd  
25th  
26th

Showell Volunteer Fire Department, 8:30 a.m.  
Parent Conferences - 4:00-6:00 p.m.  
12:10 Dismissal - Parent Conferences - 1:00-6:00 p.m.

## PARISH NEWS

### St. Ann

**Donut Sundays** are back at St. Ann's Church in Bethany...please join your fellow parishioners after the 10:30am Mass for FREE delicious donuts from Hocker's, hot coffee and fresh orange juice. Dates for 2018/19 are: 10/14, 11/11, 12/9, 1/13, 2/10, 3/10, and 4/14.

We need families to volunteer to help set up, serve, and clean up so if you would like to help, please email Anne Flaherty at [annemvogel@aol.com](mailto:annemvogel@aol.com)  
You can earn FIP hours as well.

### St. John Neumann

Parents of 8th Graders: Our next gathering will be our field trip to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on 20 October 2018. Questions? Nancy Groves 410-208-2854 or [ngroves@stjnrc.com](mailto:ngroves@stjnrc.com).

### St. Jude the Apostle

**Little Disciples** has started up for the school year during the 10:30 AM mass. Little Disciples is a presentation of the Liturgy of the Word for children 3-6 years old during the 10:30 AM Mass on Sundays. The program includes songs and crafts related to the Gospel of the day told in story form. No registration is required.

### St. Luke's Parish

18th Annual Christmas Bazaar Saturday, November 20, 2018  
St. Andrew Catholic Center from 9:00am - 3:00pm

#### *Vision Statement*

*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 our 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.*