



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.

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*Even at the gates of hell, believe in redemption.
Let my grace and power work, where you have none.
It is only for you to believe and to trust.
Be confident. Trust. Love. Do not condemn.
Believe, in the face of unbelief.
Hope against hope. This is faith.
This is the gift most needed for those who
have suffered so deeply, and lost all.
You must manifest love and hope.
It is only then that my people will begin*

to believe in themselves.

by Edwina Gately, I hear a Seed Growing

Dear Parents and Guardians,

REMINDER

STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED AT 12:10 TOMORROW, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26TH FOR PARENT CONFERENCES.

DANCE-A-THON AND FALL FESTIVAL





Thank you to all of our families and community members for a successful Dance-A- Thon & Fall Festival! We would like to thank our homeroom parents who created games for the Fall Festival!



Thanks to all of our teachers and volunteers; without each of you we could not have had this success! Thank you for a fantastic event! The support was overwhelming and fun was had by all!

HURRICANE FLORENCE RELIEF

Thank you very much to those who donated to our "Kiss the Donkey" Hurricane Relief Fund. MBS raised \$840.00. The money raised was donated to St. Mark's Catholic School in Wilmington, N.C., who had 22 families displaced from their homes due to Hurricane Florence. A huge shout out to Mrs. Norrie Hamby who raised the most money and got to kiss the donkey! Thank you to Mrs. Hamby for putting a "smacker" on Buddy. Thank you to the Littleton family for bringing Buddy.



KINDERGARTEN FIELD TRIP



Our kindergarten class had the chance to visit Mr. Pepper's Pumpkin Patch in Delaware last week. They learned all about the different kinds of pumpkins they grow on the farm and had a fun time in the corn maze.

SHOWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY VISIT



We were very happy to host the Showell Volunteer Fire Company on Tuesday for a demonstration for our students. They brought a fire truck and ambulance to share with our school. They taught our students about the importance of fire safety. Our students were all very intent on learning as much as they could!

SAVE THE DATE!!! SAVE THE DATE!!!

Back by popular demand, the MBS Fashion Show will be held on Thursday, November 29th from 5:30 to 8:30pm. You'll enjoy dinner by Le Donne Cucina, glass of wine (if you want), dessert by Mio Fratello and of course a night full of Fashion and Flare!! There is a 50/50 Raffle, Chinese Auction items and local vendors selling their merchandise (just in time for the holidays), too.

Tickets are \$ 40 in advance (you can reserve a table so make it a girls night out!) or \$45 at the Door. Contact Rebecca Taylor for tickets (beachmix@comcast.net). We will have online ticket sales available soon, too.

We are looking for help with some of the preparations for Fashion Show so if you'd like to assist, please email Anne Flaherty: annemvogel@aol.com

CAR RAFFLE KICK-OFF!

Through the kindness and generosity of Selbyville Holly Kia, MBS is again raffling off a car. This year's prize is a 2019 5-Door Kia Rio or \$10,000 CASH. One of our MBS families won last year!!

Tickets this year are \$5 each, \$20 for 5 or \$50 for 13. Proceeds benefit the technology development fund of MBS. This gives us the ability to purchase more tablets for our third through eighth grades and enables teachers to utilize a one-to-one digital technology ratio within daily instruction. The drawing will be held at STREAM Night, May 22, 2019.

Tickets will be sent home soon. We are asking our families to help sell tickets again this year. There will be exciting prizes for top sellers!

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>.



HELP SUPPORT OUR 8th GRADE CLASS!!

The wreath fundraiser is back! Wreaths are already being delivered for the fall season. Help support the Class of 2019 by purchasing a wreath, centerpiece or garland, we will get 20% of your purchase. Order forms are being sent home in the Thursday folders. These pieces are sent directly to the recipient and are beautifully made by Lynchcreek

Farm. Wreaths are the perfect gift for that hard to shop for person. Enjoy!
www.lcffundraising.com/c/150770

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. St. Francis- W, 8-0
Girls Soccer v. Worcester Prep- L, 1-2
Girls Volleyball v. Holly Grove- L, 1-2

UPCOMING MATCHES:

Co-Ed Soccer:

Saturday, 10/27 9:00AM-1:00PM: Delmarva Christian High School Tournament- Georgetown, DE

Monday, 10/29 4:00PM: Away v. Worcester Prep (Dismissal at 2:45pm)

Girls Volleyball:

Saturday, 10/27 9:00AM-2:00PM: Delmarva Christian High School Tournament- Georgetown, DE

Tuesday, 10/30 4:00PM: Away v. Epworth (Dismissal at 2:45pm)

Co-Ed Golf:

None

WINTER SPORTS INFO MEETING- 11/8/2018:

For those students/parents interested in winter sports (basketball), we will hold an info meeting after school on Thursday, November 8th at 3:25pm in the MBS Gymnasium.

FALL SPORTS RECOGNITION- 11/9/2018:

We will recognize our fall athletes on Friday, November 9th at 9:00am in the MBS Cafeteria. Parents are encouraged to attend.

COMPLETE YOUR FIP HOURS AND STAY ACTIVE!!!- HELP WITH BASKETBALL:

We are looking for some parents to help with our basketball practices and games. Please email John Haskell at jhaskell@mbscs.org if you need to complete some FIP hours. We can find a time and place that works with your schedule. Thank you.

COUNSELING CORNER



Counseling Corner

This week I met with K, 1st and 2nd grade. Our main focus was talking about Red Ribbon Week which takes place next week. With this age group, I discuss Red Ribbon Week as a time we focus on making good, healthy choices in our lives. We discussed saying no to things that harm us. We

talked about using our trusted adults to help take medicine. We discussed never eating or drinking anything if we do not know where it came from. In 1st and 2nd grades we start talking about refusal skills and how to handle it if someone offers us something we know we should not take. Parents, please talk to your child about our talk today and about Red Ribbon Week. (see the article - Red Ribbon Week)

Red Ribbon Week

MBS will honor Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 29-Nov.2. Some of the 8th grade students are helping with this event by being leaders and educators during this week. RRW started in 1988, it began to honor a drug enforcement special agent from CA. Schools across the country use this week to educate our youth, they are encouraged to say no to drugs and yes to healthy lifestyles. Ask your child more about this event next week.

Monday - Ribbon Day

Tuesday - Pledge Day

Wednesday - Wise Choice Wednesday

Thursday - Thankful Thursday

Friday - RED NUT DAY!!!

LIBRARY CORNER

The Fall Scholastic Book Fair is coming November 5-9! Volunteers are needed for set up, shopping helpers, cashiers, and pack up. Signup Genius link [Volunteer Link](#)



This year's Storybook Pumpkin patch was alive with creativity! Thank you to all 67 students who decorated pumpkins as book characters. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded on Friday, October 26. Thank you to all who participated! Winners will receive gift certificates to the Scholastic Book Fair.

IMPORTANT DATES

October

25th Parent Conferences - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
26th 12:10 Dismissal - Parent Conferences - 1:00-6:00 p.m.

November

21st-23rd Thanksgiving Holiday, SCHOOL CLOSED
29th Fashion Show

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: 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
You can earn FIP hours as well.

St. John Neumann

Parents of 2nd graders: Our next parent only session for the newbies will be Sunday 4 November beginning at 10AM in the cafeteria. Fr. Cocucci will be presenting.

Attention 6th, 7th & 8th graders: Our youth will be gathering for another night of fun, games, music and pizza. We will meet on 2 November from 6-8PM in the church library. Please join us and bring a friend or Two! Contact Gillian Tishuk to RSVP so that we know how much pizza to get. 630-901-3257

TWELFTH ANNUAL SAINT JOHN NEUMANN WOMEN'S RETREAT

"Many Gifts, One Spirit": Graced and Grateful

The 12th Annual Saint John Neumann Women's Retreat will be held January 25-27, 2019 at the Dunes Manor Hotel located on 28th Street in Ocean City. Our Retreat Facilitator this year will be Sr. Clare A. D'Auria OSF, a Sister of St. Francis of Philadelphia, Aston, PA, who currently ministers as a staff member at the Franciscan Spiritual Center in Aston, Pennsylvania. For half of her fifty years in ministry, Clare has traveled throughout the United States and abroad, offering directed and conference retreats, especially focused on topics in Franciscan spirituality. A certified spiritual director, her other ministerial experience has included congregational and

provincial leadership, secondary and collegiate education, and a variety of additional administrative roles both within and outside of her congregation.

Her message will center on "Many Gifts, One Spirit": Graced and Grateful. She is a gifted speaker who will lead us to explore how St. Paul reminds us that, throughout our lives, we are being transformed by the Spirit of God, a Spirit that is always "helping us to recognize the gifts God has given us" (1 Cor 2: 12). The entire cost of the weekend which includes three meals on Saturday, one on Sunday, snacks and materials is \$305 for a private room, \$215 per person for double occupancy, \$190 for a triple, \$180 for a quad, and \$135 for the four meals, materials and not staying overnight. For registration and additional information, please contact Nancy Groves 410-208-2854 or ngroves@stjnrcc.com.

St. Jude the Apostle

Don't forget the Polish Dinner on October 27 and the Sock Hop on Nov. 17. See the bulletin for more details.

Project 177 will be at St. Jude's on Nov. 11 starting at 6:45 PM. Tickets are free but you need to order them. They are available in the office.

St. Luke's Parish

18th Annual Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 10, 2018

St. Andrew Catholic Center

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.