



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.

November 8, 2018 Phone: 410-208-1600 Fax: 410-208-4957

## **Our Monthly Focus**

When the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the trumpet blast and the mountain smoking, they all feared and trembled. So they took up a position much farther away and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but let not God speak to us, or we shall die." Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid, for God has come to you only to test you and put his fear upon you, lest you should sin." Still the people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the cloud where God was.

Exodus 20:18-21

# Dear Parents and Guardians,

# **FASHION SHOW TABLES ARE FILLING UP FAST**



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, Ticket 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). Tickets are also on sale on our website. 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

**RED RIBBON WEEK** 



Last week our school celebrated Red Ribbon Week, a national campaign to raise drug awareness. Our students focused on pledging to say no to unhealthy choices and yes to healthy ones. In grades third-eighth, Mrs. Theresa Gabbard, our school counselor, discussed how to use refusal skills for peer pressure and unhealthy choices. They also discussed "what if" situations to practice those skills. In all grades, Mrs. Gabbard always stresses the importance of talking with trusted adults.



# 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 were sent home in 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

## 8th Grade Yankee Candle Fundraiser!

We're partnering with Yankee Candle® Fundraising to help achieve our 8th grade fundraising goal this year. Yankee Candle is the world's #1 candle brand and they offer a wide range of premium candles, fragrances, and decor items at a very wide range of prices. The most important thing to know is that our group will receive the profit for every item sold!

To help support us, please consider selling candles either through catalog sales or online selling. click on the link below and order items online. Your purchases ship directly to your home and our group receives profit on each and every sale. The catalog promotion is good through Monday, November 12, 2018 and online sales are open until January 7th, 2019.

PLEASE NOTE- No sales tax for catalog orders, sales tax will be included on online orders. If you have any questions regarding the fundraiser, please contact either Lisa Edmunds (lpedmunds@yahoo.com) or Michele Carlson (mcarlson@mbscs.org.)

Link for online sales: https://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/cusentry.htm?cusId=990056115&frComp=ycf

Customer # 990056115

# **RAINY DAY PICK-UP**

Each family is asked to have an  $8\,1/2\,x\,11$ " sign with the last name of the students being picked up on days of rainy day dismissal. The sign must be posted on the passenger side dash of the vehicle.

With heavy rain on the windshield and tinted glass we can't see the drivers and identifying the family is almost impossible.

The sign permits us to call in the students being picked up and to keep the line moving efficiently.

LION KING, JR.



Read-through of the script and audition materials will be distributed.

Tuesday - November 13, 2018 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday - November 14, 2018 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Room 212

Popcorn, Snacks and Drinks will be provided!

Parent Question & Answer Session

MBS Cafeteria - 4:30 - 4:45 p.m. each day

# ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS



# NOV 11 & 12 HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR HIGH SCHOOL

#### Be an informed consumer.

Choosing a high school is an important decision for a family.

The second most important decision you will make as a parent — apart from deciding to have the kid in the first place — is deciding which school for them to enroll in. Make the right decision and you could put them on a path toward lifelong learning, a prestigious college education and a successful career. Choose wrong, and well, you know. Talk about pressure. Kayla Webley, TIME, Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011 Time.com

Presenter: Dr. Coffield, Director of Admissions at STMA, has over 30 years of experience in both public and private education ranging from elementary to college levels in the classroom and as an administrator. Dr. Coffield worked at the DE DOE and was the Executive Director of the DE State Board of Education. She was an administrator in two large district offices in DE. Dr. Coffield was Vice President of the founding Board of the ECHS @ DSU and served as the Founding Director.

Sun, 11-11-18

1-3 pm

Mon, 11-12-18

6:30-8:30 pm

Hands-on family workshop

Set family priorities

Access reliable data

#### LOCATION:

Holy Cross ELC Matthew & Mark Rm 163 S State St Dover, DE

302-697-8100 x-2

Call to register by Fri, Nov 9.

Bring your laptop, iPad or Smart Phone



The colder weather is around the corner! We would like to remind parents that on days when the temperature is lower than 45 degrees, children must have a coat or sweatshirt in order to go outside for recess. Please be sure that children are dressed for cold weather each day.



# **EMERGENCY CLOSINGS AND DELAYS**

As in the past, parents and guardians will be notified of emergency closings and delays through our School Messenger notification system. Because of this, it is VERY IMPORTANT that we have your updated contact information as soon as possible. In the case of delayed openings or school closing, parents will receive a recorded phone call and a text message on their cell phones. In the case of an emergency early dismissal,

calls will be made to the parent's landline, cell and emergency numbers. Calls regarding delayed openings and school closing will be made by 5:15 a.m. Closings and delays will also be posted on WBOC, WMDT, and Froggy99.

## **NURSES SUITE**



Just around the corner is flu season. Yearly flu vaccines are always recommended. You can receive your flu vaccination from your primary care provider. Your child can receive their flu vaccinations from their pediatrician. Rite Aid and Walgreens offer flu vaccines as well. Frequent hand washing with soap and water is the simplest way to avoid getting ill.

Please notify the school nurse if your child tests positive for the flu, develops

strep throat, scarlet fever, "pink eye" or chicken pox. The student will need a physician's note stating they are okay to return to school before they are cleared to return to class. If any student is absent for 3 consecutive days, for any illness, a physician's note will be needed to return to class.

No medications may be administered by the school nurse without a written order from a physician. Forms can be obtained from the school website, or in the Health Suite. No "over the counter" medications can be administered by student or school nurse without a physician's order. This includes cough drops, cough medicine, "Tums" and fever reducing medication. Students are not allowed to carry any medication at any time. All medication must be locked in the Health Suite.

## **ATHLETICS**



#### **RECENT RESULTS:**

None

#### **UPCOMING MATCHES:**

None

#### FALL COACHES & HELPERS- THANK YOU:

MBS Athletics wants to thank everyone who helped with the Fall sports season: Head Coaches- Tony Prochazka (Golf), Todd Hayes (Soccer), Melanie Wooldridge (Volleyball)

Assistant Coaches- Scott Simmons (Golf), Chris Short (Golf), Maureen Mumford (Volleyball)

Special Helpers- Dan Maskell (Soccer), Stephen King (Soccer), Julie Delahanty (Volleyball), Matt Campbell (Volleyball)

#### **BASKETBALL PRACTICES STARTING SOON:**

JV Boys: First Practice- Monday, November 12 from 5:00-6:30PM Varsity Boys: First Practice- Monday, November 12 from 3:30-5:00PM JV Girls: First Practice- Thursday, November 15 from 5:00-6:30PM Varsity Girls: First Practice- Wednesday, November 14 from 3:30-5:00PM

#### 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.

#### PLAYER DEVELOPMENT- BASKETBALL:

Ocean City Recreation & Parks is starting their basketball league on November 26th. This is a great way for our 3rd-8th grade students to improve their basketball skills. Boys play on Tuesday & Thursday. Girls play on Monday & Wednesday. More info can be found here:

https://oceancitymd.gov/oc/departments/recreation-parks/recreation-programs/

# **COUNSELING CORNER**

## **Service Projects**

MBS has begun collecting for our school wide Service Projects. We strive to teach our children the goodness of giving to others. Parents, please help as we support these places for our service projects:

- The Rosa Health Center in Georgetown, DE K, 1 and 2 (Info was sent home to parents)
- HALO Homeless shelter in Salisbury, MD Grades PreK-2 we are asking for slightly used and clean blankets for the cold temperatures ahead.
- Seton Center Princess Anne, MD Grades 3-5 We are collecting canned goods and toiletries.
- Our Soldiers Grades 6-8 Our 8th grader Julia Kozma is collecting items for our soldiers overseas for her girl scout troop. A list of items was emailed to the middle school parents.

Please donate what you can to the above places. Please help your child be a part of buying these items and teach them the valuable lesson of giving! We will be collecting Nov. 5th - Nov. 16th. Please see the flyer in the Thursday folder.

## **Counseling Corner**

This week I spoke with our 7th and 8th grade students. I will see the 6th grade on Monday. We discussed Red Ribbon Week and the reason we make the pledge to stay away from tobacco, alcohol and drugs. We had great discussions about this topic. The students offered greatly to our discussion. They were strongly encouraged to talk with their trusted adults about this topic. We discussed peer pressure and ways to say no. We watched a great video called, T.I.D.A.L.W.A.V.S.E What is your natural high? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lnrJiBPbeiU. Parents click the link and view this encouraging video of HS students being leaders. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at tgabbard@mbscs.org.

7th and 8th Grade Parents - HS

St. Thomas More will hold their Open House on Nov. 18th from 12-3. All interested

families should attend!

# **IMPORTANT DATES**

### 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

SAVE THE DATE: 2 December from 12:30-2PM will be our Annual Advent Wreath Making event. Start looking for your wreath ring from last year or we'll provide you with one along with fresh greens and candles. Plenty of food, fun, music and fellowship to prepare for His coming. Call Nancy if you would like more info or would like to help 410-208-2854.

Confirmation 2019 Our next gathering will be Sunday 11 November from 12:30-2:00. Please don't forget lunch and pouch and sponsor form that is due!

## 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.

## 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

## St. Mary Star of the Sea/Holy Savior

Holy Savior is hosting their Annual Christmas Bazaar on Friday, Nov 16 & Saturday Nov 17. 10 am - 7 pm - stop by and enjoy a delicious meal (oysters, fish & chips, hot sandwiches, soups), shop for the holidays, ticket auction and more! 1705 Philadelphia Avenue, Ocean City

#### 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.