



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 lifelong 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 29, 2018 Phone: 410-208-1600 Fax: 410-208-4957

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and, while you are there, I will give you the stone tablets on which I have written the commandments intended for their instruction." So Moses set out with Joshua, his aide, and went up to the mountain of God. The elders, however, had been told by him, "Wait here for us until we return to you. Aaron and Hur are staying w ith you. If anyone has a complaint, let him refer the matter to them." After Moses had gone up, a cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled upon Mount Sinai. The cloud covered it for six days, and on the

seventh day he called to Moses from the midst of the cloud. To the Israelites the glory of the Lord was seen as a consuming fire on the mountaintop. But Moses passed into the midst of the cloud as he went up on the mountain; and there he stayed for forty days and forty nights.

Exodus 24:12-18

# Dear Parents and Guardians,



#### THE BEGINNING OF ADVENT

Advent is the season of expectation of the coming of Christ and is somewhat penitential in tone. It is four weeks long, or slightly less, with the focus during the first two weeks on the final coming of Jesus as Lord and Judge. The final eight days of Advent give us the historical account of the birth of Jesus. The third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, is the Sunday on which the priest wears rose colored vestments that remind us to be joyful in our anticipation of the season.

During the Advent Season, our Church offers us many opportunities to grow in our love of the Lord. We encourage our families to participate in the devotions and services that will be offered by their parishes throughout the Advent Season.

As a school community of faith and academics, we will gather together on December 10th for a Penance Prayer Service (with Individual Confessions to follow) at 12:15 p.m. On December 13th, our students will present their talents in prayerful music at our annual Christmas Program. Finally, on December 21st, we will hold our last Advent Prayer Service at 9:00 a.m.



# DIOCESAN and MBS TUITION ASSISTANCE -- VERY IMPORTANT

The Diocese of Wilmington is now accepting tuition assistance applications for the 2019-2020 school year. Tuition assistance through the Diocese of Wilmington is provided to children attending grades K-12. Pre-school, before and after care are not funded through this program.

To be considered, parents must submit an application online to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment for evaluation at <a href="www.online.factsmgt.com/aid">www.online.factsmgt.com/aid</a>. FACTS representatives are available to guide parent through the application process and to answer any questions by calling 1-866-441-4637. Completed applications, including all supporting documentation such as tax forms, are due March 1st. Applications that are submitted after that date will NOT be considered for assistance.

PLEASE REMEMBER: ALL families who wish to be considered for MBS assistance must complete and submit the FACTS application.

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#### FIRST TRIMESTER COMING TO A CLOSE

Parent and student access to the Power School portal will be shut down on Friday morning, 11/30/18.

# **RAINY DAY PICKUP PROCEDURES**

8.5" x 11"

# CHILD'S LAST NAME (large letters)

In case of rainy day dismissal, PLEASE write, in marker, your child's/children's last name printed on an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper that should be posted on the passenger side dash of the car.

# **DINE TO DONATE WEEKEND**

Please join us the weekend of December 14-16 at Captain's Table Restaurant. We are so grateful for the Taylor Family for their generosity.

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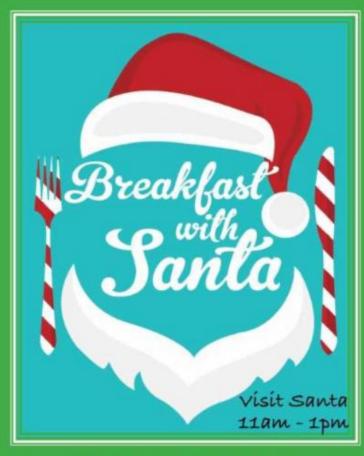
**DECEMBER 14, 15 & 16** 

Join us for any meal that weekend and proceeds benefit MBS!



- Breakfast opens at 7 am
- Lunch is served at 11 am
- Dinner starts at 5 pm

20%
donated to
Most Blessed
Sacrament
Catholic School
Must bring this
fluer!



For Santa's Workshop Reservations please call Rebecca Taylor: 410.430.0466

# Join us Sunday, December 16

Breakfast with Santa!

> \$3 Mimosas and Bloody Mary's

ADD SANTA'S WORKSHOP FOR ONLY \$5

(breakfast is seperate)

Cookie Decorating Christmas Crafts Hot Chocolate

# **CERAMIC CHRISTMAS TREE RAFFLE**



Please help our school sell tickets for this beautiful handcrafted Christmas Tree donated by Mr. and Mrs. Tony Carozza. A letter and tickets were sent home in the Thursday folders. If every family sold two sheets of tickets (a total of 20 tickets) we can raise over \$2400!! We will pick a winner in this raffle at our Christmas program, December 13, 2018. More tickets are available in the school office.

**CAR RAFFLE** 



Winner need not be

present at drawing.



We are blessed by the kindness and generosity of Selbyville Holly Kia. This year's prize is a 2019 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. The drawing will be held at STREAM Night, May 22, 2019. Tickets are currently on sale in the office and through this link: http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event? llr=xryz7ocab&oeidk=a07efunam700a691365. Tickets are going out in the today's folders. There will be a monthly pizza or ice cream party for the class that sells the most tickets and a prize for the student who sells the most overall.

We will be asking families to help sell tickets at various events at school and around the community. This is a great way to earn FIP hours. Please call Amanda Evans at 410-208-1600 if you have any questions.

# ATTENTION 3RD AND 4TH GRADE PARENTS ANNIE JR. AUDITIONS



# 3rd and 4th grade AUDITIONS FOR ANNIE Jr.

#### December 3rd and 5th from 3:30pm - 5:30pm on the stage

Rehearsals for the performance will be after school on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning January 7th from 3:30pm - 5:30pm. The performance is scheduled for early March and a detailed rehearsal and performance schedule will be given out in January. If your child cannot commit to these rehearsal times, they should not audition for a main part, BUT will perform in a dance for the performance that will be rehearsed during school days.

#### FOR SINGING PARTS

Annie, Orphans, Grace, Rooster, Lily St. Regis, please come prepared with your choice of song to the audition, you may bring a CD or sing acappelo.

#### FOR SPEAKING PARTS

Audition scripts have been provided to your child's teacher and the students can take them home to rehearse the parts they would like to try-out for prior to the auditions.

Students auditioning must attend both tryouts Please, no parents or siblings allowed during auditions.

Thank you everyone, I am looking forward to the performance!

Jeanne Zender

## **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. 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 through the online sales. 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 online sales are open until January 7th, 2019.

PLEASE NOTE- 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



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.

# LIBRARY NEWS



Thank you to all students who entered the contest to design the cover of the 2019 yearbook.

We are excited to announce the winning entry was created by seventh grader Wesley Simmons.

Wesley's artwork will grace the cover of the 2019 edition of Dolphin Days, and he will also receive a \$5.00 gift certificate to spend at the MBS a la carte shop in the cafeteria.

Congratulations and nice work, Wesley!

**ATHLETICS** 

**RECENT RESULTS:** 

#### None

#### **UPCOMING MATCHES:**

Tuesday, 12/4: Away @ Sts. Peter & Paul, V Girls

4:00pm, V Boys 5:00pm

Thursday, 12/6: Away @ Worcester Prep, JV Girls

3:30pm, V Girls 4:30pm

Thursday, 12/6: Home v. Worcester Prep, JV Boys

4:00pm, V Boys 5:00pm



JV Boys: Monday and Tuesday, 5:00-6:30PM

Varsity Boys: Monday, 3:30-5:00PM JV Girls: Wednesday, 5:00-6:30PM

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### **COUNSELING CORNER**

#### Thank you!

We would like to thank everyone for the kind donations that were made for our Service Projects! Your kindness and generosity remind us the goodness of giving to others. Our donations went to the Rosa Health Center, HALO, the Seton Center and to our USA Troops. We would like to thank Julia Kozma, 8th grader, for her contribution toward her Girl Scout Troop's project to help our troops. Thank you also to our Student Council for delivering and giving time at the Seton Center. Sister Cecilia, from the Seton Center said, "Great young people. They are our hope for the future; and it looks very bright." May God bless you and your families and your spirit of giving. Let's continue sharing and giving over the holiday season and always!

#### **Counseling Corner**

Parents...this is for you! Please check out this website...

https://www.waituntil8th.org/ Christmas is around the corner, is a smartphone on your child's Christmas list? Please reconsider, Wait Until 8th grade for your child to have a smart phone. Check out this website, please! More information will follow. Please contact tgabbard@mbscs.org if you have questions!!

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**November** 

29th Fashion Show

#### December

3rd Advent Prayer Service 10th Advent Penance Service

14th Professional Day, No school for students

14th-16th Dine to Donate Weekend 21st Advent Prayer Service

#### **PARISH NEWS**

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# 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: 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

Confirmation 2019: We meet

again Sunday 9 December from 12:30-2:00. Saint & SJN Patron Saint paper is due and Sponsor forms are past due. Don't forget your lunch and your pouch!

#### Advent Wreath Making Event:

Please join us this Sunday from 12:30-2:00PM @ MBS. Bring your own wreath to decorate with fresh greens or we have them to purchase. There will be pizza, Fractured Prune Donuts and drinks. Craft activities for the kids and Santa will be there for photo ops too! \$15 donation/family. (\$10 additional if you need a wreath)

#### 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. For more information please contact Nancy Groves 410-208-2854 or ngroves@stjnrcc.com.

#### 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.
