



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.

December 13, 2018 Phone: 410-208-1600 Fax: 410-208-4957

Dear Parents and Guardians,



In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you."

Luke 1:26-28



The annual Christmas Program will be held tonight, December 13th, at 6:30PM. Students should arrive by 6:00PM unless directed otherwise by their teacher. Doors will open at 6:00PM.

As children arrive, they should report to the lobby until they are asked to report to their classrooms. Children should not report to classrooms until they are asked to do so.

The following dress is requested for the concert:

Prek3: All black

Prek4: Sunday Best or church clothes

Kindergarten: Sunday Best

1st grade: "Christmas Best" is the general theme. Girls wear dresses, if possible, and boys wear pants (even school pants would be fine) with a festive colored shirt or sweater (red, green, white).

2nd grade: Sunday Best

3rd-6th grade choir: Girls wear black on bottom, white on top. <u>Solid colors only.</u> Boys wear black on bottom and a white shirt on top with a necktie or bow tie. Music appreciation, drama, PE Sports: Black on bottom with Sunday best on top.

No sneakers. Boys should wear shirt and necktie or bow tie.

Dance: (See Mrs. Zender for attire.)

DECEMBER 21, 2018

School will close at 12:10 on Friday, December 21st. AFTERCARE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE!



CHRISTMAS PIANO RECITAL

The Christmas piano recital will be held on December 19th at 6:30PM. Piano students who are performing in the recital should report to the cafeteria no later than 6:15PM. First year students will not perform in the program. Sunday best or Christmas attire is requested.



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 www.online.factsmgt.com/aid. 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.



Now that Renaissance testing is complete, Mrs. Selba will have call backs for The Lion King, Jr. The cast list will be posted on Monday, December 17th.

Our first rehearsal will be on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.



Our wonderful 8th Grade class visits WBOC.

"The students were great. Best behaved group I've had... I felt like it was my best tour yet." Crystal Collins, WBOC Ad Executive



BLIZZARD BAGS

In anticipation of inclement weather and subsequent unsafe road conditions that would cause us to close school, our school has implemented the "Blizzard Bags" program. Children will bring home their Blizzard Bag s that contain assignments to be completed on those days on which school is closed for weather related reasons. Each child is expected to complete the assigned work and return it to his/her teacher when school resumes. In doing so, we will not be required to "make-up" the days missed. It is very important that all students complete the assignments as provided. Your cooperation in assuring that assignments are completed is very much appreciated. If a student has difficulty with an assignment, the parent is asked to communicate with the child's teacher so that guidance may be provided and additional time for completion will be given. Thank you!



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 and wait until 8th grade for your child to have a smartphone. Check out this website, please! More information will follow. Please contact tgabbard@mbscs.org if you have questions!!

The Wait Until 8th pledge empowers parents to rally together to delay giving children a smartphone until at least 8th grade. By banding together, parents can support one another in resisting the pressure felt by kids and parents alike over the kids having a smartphone.

DINE TO DONATE WEEKEND

Please join us this weekend, December 14-16 at Captain's Table Restaurant. We are so grateful to the Taylor Family for their generosity. See the flyer below for details. Join the holiday fun!

DINE TO DONATE WEEKEND Captain's Table Restaurant, 15th Street!

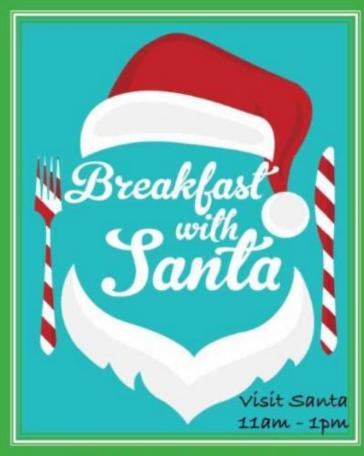
DECEMBER 14, 15 & 16

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



Our Varsity Girls Basketball team celebrates their win over Worcester Prep!

CAR RAFFLE



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.

THREE GREAT WAYS TO HELP SUPPORT OUR 8th GRADE CLASS!!

Lynchcreek Farms Fundraiser



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!

Yankee Candle orders are in! You can pick up your order at the Christmas program tonight!

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





Yearly flu vaccines are always recommended. You can receive your flu vaccination from your primary care provider. Your child can receive his/her flu vaccinations from his/her pediatrician. Rite Aid and Walgreens also offer flu vaccines. Frequent hand washing with soap and water is the simplest way to avoid becoming ill.

Please notify the school nurse if your child tests positive for the flu, develops strep throat, scarlet fever, "pink eye" or chicken pox. Children with these conditions will need a physician's note stating they are okay to return to school. Student who are absent for 3 consecutive days, due to illness, must have a physician's note 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:

12/6: Varsity Boys v. Worcester Prep- W

12/6: JV Boys v. Worcester Prep- L

12/6: Varsity Girls @ Worcester Prep- W

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12/11: Varsity Girls @ St. Francis de Sales- W 12/11: Varsity Boys @ St. Francis de Sales- W

UPCOMING MATCHES:

Tuesday, 1/8/19: Varsity Girls @ Epworth- 4:00PM Tuesday, 1/8/19: Varsity Boys @ Epworth- 5:00PM

Thursday, 1/10/19: JV Girls v. St. Francis de Sales- 4:00PM Thursday, 1/10/19: JV Boys v. St. Francis de Sales- 5:00PM

SOCCER CHALLENGE AWARDS ASSEMBLY- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Wednesday, January 9,2019- 9:00AM

In October, the Knights of Columbus had their annual Soccer Challenge here at MBS. They will be here on Wednesday, January 9th at 9:00am to recognize all the participants and hand out some awards.

BASKETBALL SHOOT OUT- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Saturday, January 12, 2019- 8:00AM

Like the Soccer Challenge, the Knights of Columbus hold a Basketball Shoot Out event. This year, it will take place on Saturday, January 12th at 8:00am in the MBS Gymnasium. It is a 12-15ft free throw shooting contest open to children age 9-14 (as of January 1).



The colder weather is here! 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.

IMPORTANT DATES

December

10th Advent Penance Service

14th Professional Day, No school for students

14th-16th Dine to Donate Weekend21st Advent Prayer Service

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: 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: Our next gathering will be Sunday 6 January same time and place. Make sure that you are working on your "Gifts of the Holy Spirit" project and get your saint papers and sponsor forms to me ASAP.

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.