



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.

December 6, 2018
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Dear Parents and Guardians,



Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son and shall name him Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14



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

As children arrive, they shall wait in 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

3-6th grade choir: Girls wear black on bottom, white on top. Solid colors only.

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.)



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.

KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATES FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS



Our Kindergarten class made their very own shoes out of felt with Mrs. Cassels and St. Nicholas filled them with candy in Mrs. Curry's and Mrs. Brannon's class this morning. The students learned about St. Nicholas in religion class and were delighted to find the treats on their desks today.



Now that Renaissance testing is complete, Mrs. Selba will have call backs for The Lion King, Jr. Students will be called by Mrs. Selba during their recess time throughout the week of December 10-13th. 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.

FIRST TRIMESTER COMING TO A CLOSE

Parent and student access to the Power School portal will be shut down on the morning of 11/30/18 and remain closed until further notice.

IT'S OFFICIAL FASHION SHOW BIG HIT!!

On Thursday, November 30th, our wonderful HSA hosted the 2018 M.B.S. Holiday Fashion Show. Two hundred guests enjoyed a wonderful event that presented 9 fashion vendors worn by twenty-five models. A wonderful meal was prepared by Le Donne Cucina and enjoyed by the attendees. The deserts were provided by Mia Fratello Italian Steakhouse. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the event. Special thanks to the event coordinators, Mrs. Anne Vogel and Mrs. Kelly Stanislav, Mrs. Nichole Behornar, Mrs. Heather Marinelli, Mrs. Rebecca Taylor for all of their work and to the many volunteers who contributed their time and talents. A fabulous evening was enjoyed by all who attended. A huge thank you to the Knights of Council 9053 who, along with our M.B.S. Dads, skillfully served the meal. Thank you, again, for your support.

On behalf of the entire Fashion Show committee, I'd like to thank everyone who helped make this event a HUGE success! It was the first Fashion Show since Spring, 2015 and we had an amazing turn out, wonderful support from our local businesses, delicious food by Damiana (Le Donne Cucina) and fabulous desserts by Mio Fratello (Keith Family). If you didn't attend, you missed out on some amazing fashions modeled by teachers and parents and friends of MBS. No event can be pulled off without the many volunteers who helped -- the local Knights of Columbus, several teachers and multiple parents. We also owe a big thanks to our friends at WBOC (Caroline Coles and Isabel Sanchez) for emceeing the event (WBOC also featured us on the 4pm news last week!). And a HUGE thanks to Angela Short who threw together all of our flyers, theme, and the brochure without a lot of time -- you did an amazing job! Coast2Coast Printing did all of our brochures in less than 24 hours so thanks to them as well -- as always, a beautiful job! THANKS EVERYONE!!!

Anne Flaherty

(Kelly Stanislav, Abby Clark, Claire Peranteau, Heather Marinelli, Nichole Behornar, and Angela Short --- your Fashion Show 2018 Committee)

CHRISTMAS CARD CONTEST

Congratulations to Sophia Prochazka for winning the Christmas Card Contest. Sophia's beautiful art work will also be featured on the front cover of the program for our Christmas Concert. Thank you to all of the participants this year for blessing us with your artistic interpretations.



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 the weekend of 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!

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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
flyer!



**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



**New Kia Rio 4-Door
or \$10,000 Cash**

Drawing to be held at:
STREAM NIGHT
May 22, 2019

Tickets \$5 each,
5 for \$20
or 13 for \$50
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?](http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=xryz7ocab&oeidk=a07efunam700a691365)

[llr=xryz7ocab&oeidk=a07efunam700a691365](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!

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

MBS 8th Grade Class - Gift Card Raffle

Look for raffle tickets in this week's Thursday folder!

Support our 8th grade class by purchasing raffle tickets to win this beautiful Christmas mailbox full of a variety of gift cards! This values over \$350!

The raffle tickets are 1 for \$5 or buy 2 and get one free for \$10! Please purchase raffle tickets to support our 8th grade class. Checks can be made payable to MBSCS!

Tickets = 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10

The winning ticket will be drawn the night of the Christmas Program!

Thank you for your support!!



NURSES SUITE



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:

12/4: Varsity Girls @ Sts. Peter & Paul- W

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UPCOMING MATCHES:

Tuesday, 12/11: Varsity Girls @ St. Francis de Sales- 4:00PM

Tuesday, 12/11: Varsity Boys @ St. Francis de Sales- 5:00P



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 Weekend
21st	Advent Prayer Service

PARISH NEWS

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!

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.