



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.

January 10, 2019
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After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am very pleased."

Luke 4:21-22

Dear Parents and Guardians,

PARENT CONFERENCES

Reminder: Friday, January 18th will be a 12:10 p.m. dismissal with Aftercare open until 3:00 p.m.

Parent conferences are scheduled for Friday, January 18th from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Teachers will be contacting parents of students who they would like to have come in for conference. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher if you would like to schedule a conference.

RE-REGISTRATION FOR 2019-2020

Thank you to all the families that have already returned their re-registration forms and payments. It helps us determine the budget for next year. We sent home the 2019-2020 school year re-registration form in the Thursday folders last week. We have a few classes that are close to being filled. Please send in your form and payment to save your spot(s).

Take advantage of the 10% discount on re-registration by returning your form and payment by Tuesday, January 22. The re-registration deadline is Monday, February 4.



TRIBUTE TO JOE HOOK and SOCCER SHOOT OUT AWARDS CEREMONY

Yesterday, our intermediate and middle school students gathered in the cafeteria for the annual Knights of Columbus Soccer Shoot Out Challenge awards ceremony. This year, our school community held a memorial for Mr. Joe Hook and presented his family with a brick to be placed in our prayer garden. Mr. Hook was the Youth Director for The Knights of Columbus and, for many years, organized the Soccer and

Basketball Shoot Out Challenges. He loved MBS and seeing our students involved in athletics.

MBS OPEN HOUSE

We are planning our annual MBS Open House on Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 12:00-2:30 pm. Please share this event and invite families that would be interested in all that MBS has to offer. Our MBS families are a true blessing from God.

DONATION FROM THE BISHOP BURKE COLUMBIETTES

Our school is grateful to the Bishop James C. Burke Columbiettes from Georgetown, DE for their recent donation of \$1000 to our technology fund. MBS is part of a beautiful and generous community! Thank you, Columbiettes!!!



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 online application online to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment for evaluation at www.online.factsmgt.com/aid. FACTS representatives are available to guide parents through the application process and to answer any questions at 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.

CAR RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone that has already bought tickets.

Please let Mrs. Evans know if you need more to sell.



**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.

WIN A NEW CAR FUNDRAISING CAR RAFFLE

KIA Selbyville Holly Kia
KiaSelbyville.com

STREAM NIGHT CELEBRATING

- Science
- Technology
- Religion
- Engineering
- Art
- Math

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The advertisement features a red Kia Rio car parked in front of a school building. The background is a blue sky with white clouds. The text is arranged in a vertical column on the left side of the image, with the car and building in the center.

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.

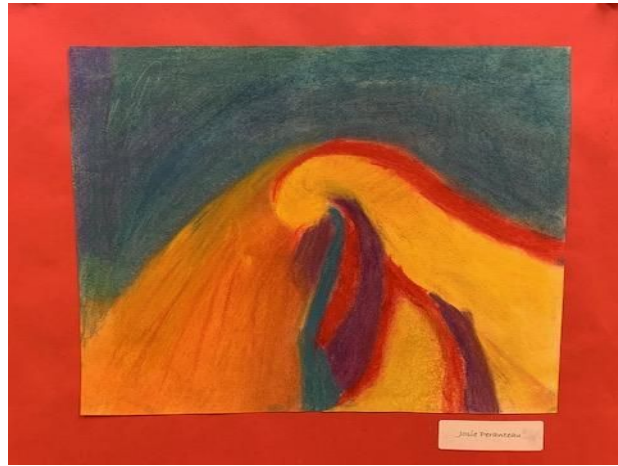
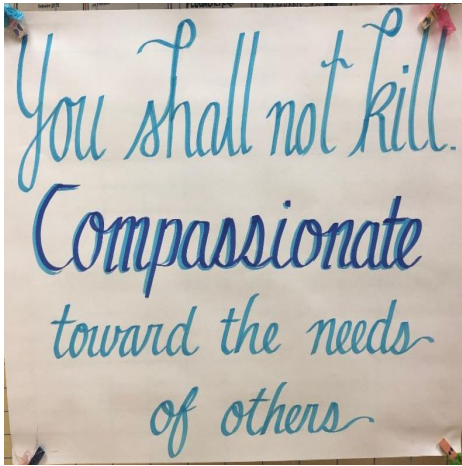
We will be asking families to help sell tickets at various events at school and around the community. This is a great way to earn FIP hours. Please call Amanda Evans at 410-208-1600 if you have any questions.

15 YEAR GALA CELEBRATION

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School is celebrating its 15th year in existence. Please join us as we commence this monumental occasion at our 15th Year Gala Celebration Fundraiser. The Gala will be held at the Residence Inn in Ocean City on March 2, 2019. We will have a cocktail inspired atmosphere with delicious fare from our local Restaurants, Entertainment, Live & Silent Auction, & much much more. All of the fundraising proceeds go directly to expanding the education of our students at MBS. We will have more details to follow in the New Year. If you have any questions or would like to make a donation you may contact Nichole Behornar @ n.behornar@verizon.net. We look forward to you joining us as we celebrate our 15th Year Anniversary.

VISUAL ARTS

Below are a few examples of the great work done by our students in the Visual Arts department. We will be featuring their excellent work each month in our newsletter along with the monthly focus. This artwork is displayed in our hallway near the library.



Top Row left to right: Monthly focus; Josie Peranteau, 7th grade

Middle Row left to right: Daniel Genga, 7th grade; Harper Edmunds, 8th grade

Bottom Row: James Walker, 6th grade

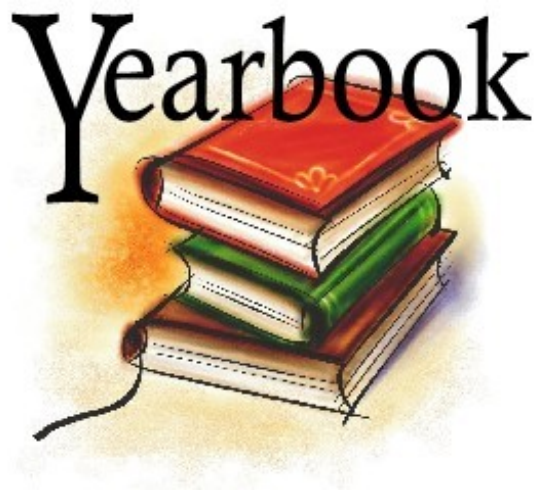


Please be sure to read the flyer enclosed in today's Thursday folder regarding flu season.

COUNSELING CORNER



This week I met with our Pre-3 and Pre-4 students. We read a book called "I Care About Others". We used our theme of Compassion for this month to discuss how important it is to care for others, to show kindness to everyone and to be loving as God wants us to be. We used pictures of friends to decide if their actions showed kindness or unkindness. The children were very good at identifying the difference and talking about how to make an unkind situation better. Parents, feel free to reach out if you ever have any questions or concerns at tgabbard@mbscs.org .



Photographers! Share your talents! Check off your FIP hours! We are looking for someone to photograph our school teams and extracurricular student groups for the yearbook. If you have photography experience and are willing to help, please contact Mrs. Vermillion. (nvermillion@mbscs.org) Thank you!



RECENT RESULTS:

Tuesday, 1/8/19: Varsity Girls @ Epworth- L
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UPCOMING MATCHES:

Monday, 1/14/19: Junior Varsity Girls v. Worcester Prep (H), 4:00pm
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Monday, 1/14/19: Junior Varsity Boys @ Worcester Prep (A), 4:00pm
Monday, 1/14/19: Varsity Boys @ Worcester Prep (A), 5:00pm
Tuesday, 1/15/19: Varsity Girls v. Greenwood (H), 4:00pm
Tuesday, 1/15/19: Varsity Boys v. Greenwood (H), 5:00pm
Thursday, 1/17/19: Varsity Boys @ Pocomoke (A), 4:00pm

BASKETBALL SHOOT OUT- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Saturday, January 12, 2019- 8:00AM @ MBS Gymnasium

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 (age as of January 1). Registration forms can be filled out on location the morning of the event.

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 Bags 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!

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

January 2019

18th	12:10 Dismissal - Parent Conferences
21st	Martin Luther King Holiday - School Closed
22nd	Early Bird Registration Deadline
27th	Admissions Open House, 12:00-2:30 p.m.
27th	Catholic Schools Week Begins

February

4th	Re-Registration forms and payments are due
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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 2019 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 10 February same time and place. At this time your "Gifts of the Holy Spirit" project is due.

Parents of 2nd Graders:

Our next Parents Only gathering will be Sunday 3 February 10AM at MBS. ALL must come to register for FHC prep, pick up the new materials and at this time the 1st Reconciliation folders are due. Fee for FHC is \$35. All newbies will stay for a session that will end at 11AM. Questions? Call Nancy 410-208-2854 or email ngroves@stjnrcc.com

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.