



*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.*

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And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you."

John 2:4-5

**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

## PARENT CONFERENCES

Reminder: Tomorrow, 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.

## MBS ADMISSIONS 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.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

During the week of January 27th through February 2nd our Catholic School will join with Catholic Schools across the nation in celebrating the gift of Catholic Schools to our Church, our communities and to the world through our participation in Catholic Schools Week. While Catholic Schools certainly face challenges, we strongly fulfill our mission of faith and academics each and every day. Our theme of Catholic Schools Week 2019 is, "Believe. Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." At Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, our students are taught to believe in our God, His Son, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. They are also taught to believe in themselves as gifted with faith and made in the image and likeness of God. Our students are taught to be learners who are open to genuine knowledge as a gift from God. Along with being taught to believe in our God, MBS students are taught that our belief calls us to serve each other. Our students are empowered with the skills to be leaders in their faith communities as well as in the communities in which they reside. Finally, our students are taught that finding success takes hard work and effort. Please plan to join us as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2019!

[CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK SCHEDULE 2019](#)

## 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.

## KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

Congratulations to third-grader, Cameron King and fourth-grader, Sophia Prochazka MBS winners of the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Annual Poster Contest. Thank you to all participants and to the Knights for sharing their love for Christ through this wonderful contest.





OUR LADY OF WILMINGTON

## **OUR LADY OF WILMINGTON PAINTING PRESENTATION and PRAYER SERVICE**

We were pleased to host Father Brian Lewis on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 for a prayer service with our entire school. Fr. Lewis shared the recently completed "Our Lady of Wilmington" painting after the service and answered students' questions.

Pictured with Fr. Lewis is the MBS pre-K 4 class.





## SET CONSTRUCTION

Special thanks to Mr. Deale and Mr. Esworthy who worked to construct flats for the sets of upcoming productions of *Lion King* and *Annie*. We appreciate their donation of time, materials and effort that will contribute to the success of the productions. Thank you, Rick and Josh!

## HOOP SHOOT THANK YOU!

MBS would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for arranging and monitoring the Hoop Shoot program on Saturday, January 12th. Even with the threat of bad weather we had a good turnout. Winners will be announced in a future newsletter.



## **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](http://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**

**STREAM NIGHT CELEBRATING**

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



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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 counting the tickets already sold on January 31, 2019 to see which class has sold the most so far. That class will receive a pizza or ice cream party! Be sure to send in any tickets already sold and let Mrs. Evans know if you need more tickets. Earn FIP hours selling tickets throughout our community. Sign up at the following link, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4fa8af29aafa7-caraffle>.

## 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](mailto:n.behornar@verizon.net). We look forward to you joining us as we celebrate our



## MBS NOW TAKES CREDIT CARDS

Please feel free to stop by the office or call Mrs. Alvarez to pay for any MBS bills by credit card.

## ADVANCED VISUAL ARTS

Below are examples of the great work done by our students in the Advanced Art Class. 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. Shown displaying masks that were created for the production of Lion King is Ben Parsons who served as "Principal for the Day."



The colder weather is here! We would like to remind parents that on days when the temperature is 35 degrees or lower, children must have a coat to wear in order to



participate in outdoor recess. Girls will be allowed to put on their gym sweatpants under their skirts or jumpers for recess on cold days. Please be sure that children are dressed for cold weather each day and especially on Thursday when we walk to Mass.

## COUNSELING CORNER



This week I met with grades K, 1 and 2. We discussed friendships. We read a book called, "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?" In this book, we learned the importance of filling each other's bucket with love, kindness and happiness. Ask your child about this great book and ask them how to be a bucket filler and not a bucket dipper!

Important - 8th grade parents

The 8th grade researched their HS and are preparing for this next step. They are producing questions and we will be talking more about this. If your child is going to SDHS, we will have a speaker from Worcester Tech HS come to MBS on Jan. 22nd at 8:30. Parents are welcome to come to learn more about the STEM program. We will also have a speaker from SDHS on Feb. 11th at 8:30 to speak to the kids about SDHS. Parents, I sent you the dates of the Open Houses for Worcester Tech and Stephen Decatur.

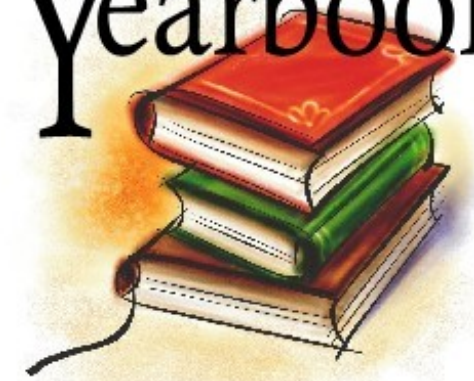
**Service Hours - 8th grade**

We ask each 8th grader to have 25 hours of Service before they leave MBS. I spoke to each 8th grader today to give them the total amount of hours they have so far. Please talk with your 8th grader about this. If you have any questions, please email me at [tgabbard@mbscs.org](mailto:tgabbard@mbscs.org).

## SUPPORT OUR 8th GRADE - LASER TAG

Please see the flyer in the Thursday Folder! Please support our 8th grade and join us for fun at Laser Tag after our Family Luncheon on Feb. 1st!! It will cost \$15 per child to play Laser Tag at Game World on 146th street. We can play from 1:00-4:00. Games will rotate every 12 minutes so each child will be able to play several games of Laser Tag. Parents must stay with their child. If interested, please send in money (cash or check to MBS CS) by Wed., Jan. 30th! Let's end our Catholic Schools Week with family fun time!

# Yearbook



**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](mailto:nvermillion@mbscs.org)) Thank you!**



## **RECENT RESULTS:**

**Tuesday, 1/15/19: Varsity Girls v. Greenwood- L**

**Tuesday, 1/15/19: Varsity Boys v. Greenwood- W**

## **UPCOMING MATCHES:**

**Tuesday, 1/22/19: Varsity Girls v. Holly Grove- 4:00pm (H)- 8th Grade Recognition**

**Tuesday, 1/22/19: Varsity Boys v. Holly Grove- 5:00pm (H)- 8th Grade Recognition**

**Thursday, 1/24/19: Varsity Girls @ Salisbury Christian- 4:00pm (A)**

**Thursday, 1/24/19: Varsity Boys @ Salisbury Christian- 5:00pm (A)**

**Friday, 1/24/19: JV Girls v. Lighthouse Christian- 4:00pm (H)**

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**8th GRADE RECOGNITION NIGHT: TUESDAY, JANUARY 22ND**

**Parents of 8th graders, your attendance is kindly requested for our home game**

against Holly Grove on Tuesday, January 22nd. Please contact me if you cannot attend the game and I will make arrangements with another family.

## 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

## 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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.*