



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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Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit,
and news of him spread throughout the whole region.

Luke 4:14-15

Dear Parents and Guardians,



JOIN US FOR **Open House**

MBS ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE

Please invite your friends and family to join us this weekend for our Admissions Open House Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 12:00-2:30 p.m. at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, located at 11242 Racetrack Road, Berlin, MD. In celebration of Catholic Schools Week, prospective families, parishioners of our supporting parishes, and members of the community will have an opportunity to tour the facilities and speak to faculty and staff on hand regarding enrollment possibilities for the 2019-2020 academic year. Applications for the 2019-2020 academic year will be accepted starting February 1, 2019 for parishioner families. For more information, please contact Amanda Evans, Director of Admissions at 410-208-1600.



Catholic Schools

Believe. Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed

JANUARY 27th - FEBRUARY 3rd

Beginning on January 27th and ending on February 3rd, our Catholic School will join with Catholic Schools across the nation in celebrating the gift that Catholic Schools are to our Church, our communities and to the world. 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 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 the 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!

MBS will begin the week with an Admissions Open House on Sunday, January 27th from 12:00-2:30 p.m. Included in the Catholic Schools Week scheduled events is time for parents to visit classrooms on Tuesday, January 29th. Parents and guests are welcome and encouraged to join us for as many of the events as their schedules allow.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FAMILY LUNCHEON

The annual family luncheon held during Catholic Schools Week will take place on Friday, February 1st. Guests may bring lunch for themselves and their student hosts or guests may purchase lunch in advance for \$7.00 per person. Lunch will be prepared by Damiana Clubb of Le Donne Cucina. This year you have the choice of Italian Sausage Sub with a side of Pasta Pomodoro OR Chicken Parmesan with a side of Pasta Pomodoro. ALL GUESTS should please bring their own drinks. If students will not have a guest, please let Mrs. Evans know at

aevans@mbscs.org or by calling the school. Order forms are being sent home in this week's Thursday folder. The deadline for orders is January 30th. Full a la carte menu will be available. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO AFTERCARE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY, 1ST.**

NOTE THE FAMILY LUNCHEON TIMES

11:15-11:45 a.m. 1st Lunch (Families A-M)

12:00-12:30 p.m. 2nd Lunch (Families N-Z)

STUDENT DISMISSAL AFTER LUNCH SHIFTS

1st lunch (Families A-M) dismissed at 11:45 a.m.

2nd lunch (Families N-Z) dismissed at 12:30 p.m.

ALL Buses depart at 12:30 p.m.

Please note that there will be NO AFTERCARE on Friday, February 1st.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 27, 2019

12:00-2:30 Most Blessed Sacrament Open House

Monday, January 28, 2019

Spirit Day (Blue/White)- Students wear MBS colors to show their spirit.

1:30 Pep Rally, Gymnasium (present class cheers, 8th grade volleyball games)

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Future Occupation Dress Day

7:30 a.m. Pastries for Parents (Classroom Visitations 9:00-11:00)

1:00-3:00 Movie/Game Day (Grade level pods)

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Regular Uniforms

9:30-11:00 p.m. Talent Show

Staff Appreciation Day

Thursday, January 30, 2019

Regular Uniforms

8:30 Mass Entire School Attends

10:00 Religion Jeopardy

1:00 p.m. B-ball vs Pocomoke MS

Friday, February 1, 2019

Sports Team Jersey Day

Valentines for Veterans with Prayer Buddies

Special Guest Luncheon (11:15-11:45 Families A-M, 12:00-12:30 Families N-Z)

Student Dismissal after lunch. 1st lunch dismissed at 11:45, 2nd lunch dismissed at 12:30,

Buses depart at 12:30

School Wide Service Projects

School Wide Community Drive to Collect Coats (new or gently used)

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 have sent home the 2019-2020 school year re-registration form. We have a few classes that are close to being filled. Please send in your form and payment to save your spot(s).

The re-registration deadline is Monday, February 4. Please see below to print a copy or call Mrs. Evans with any questions.

[Re-Registration Form 19-20](#)



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.

For every 10 tickets a family sells, you will get one free.



**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?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. More dates have been added to earn FIP hours selling tickets throughout our community. Sign up at the following link, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4fa8af29aafa7-carraffle>.

15 YEAR GALA CELEBRATION

The MBS 15 year Gala Planning is in full swing. We are in need of donations for our

Live and Silent Auctions to be a success. Please prayerfully consider making a donation or ask a local business that you frequent for one! Below are a few suggestions but we are open to any and all new ideas. Gift certificates for Golf, Movies, Laser Tag, Bowling, Sunset Cruises, Fishing Trips, Concert Tickets, Sports Tickets, Gift Certificates from restaurants, salons, or spas that you frequent, Trips, Time Shares, Airline Miles, Hotel Stays, Surf Boards, Paddleboards. There is no donation item TOO big or TOO small!!! We need your help to make the 15 Year Gala a magnificent event!!! Please contact Colleen Rutzler @ cdrutzler@gmail.com for any questions regarding donations.

We are looking for volunteers for the Gala. Remember this is a great way to meet new people and get your FIP hours. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Nichole Behornar@n.behornar@verizon.net.

Thank you all for your continued support in helping us make MBS fundraisers a success!!

MBS NOW TAKES CREDIT CARDS

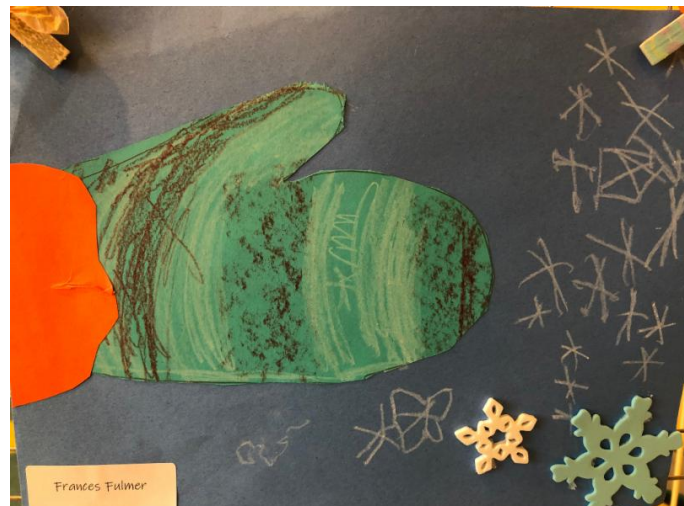
Please feel free to stop by the office or call Mrs. Alvarez to pay for any MBS bills by credit card.

ADVANCED VISUAL ARTS

Below are 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.



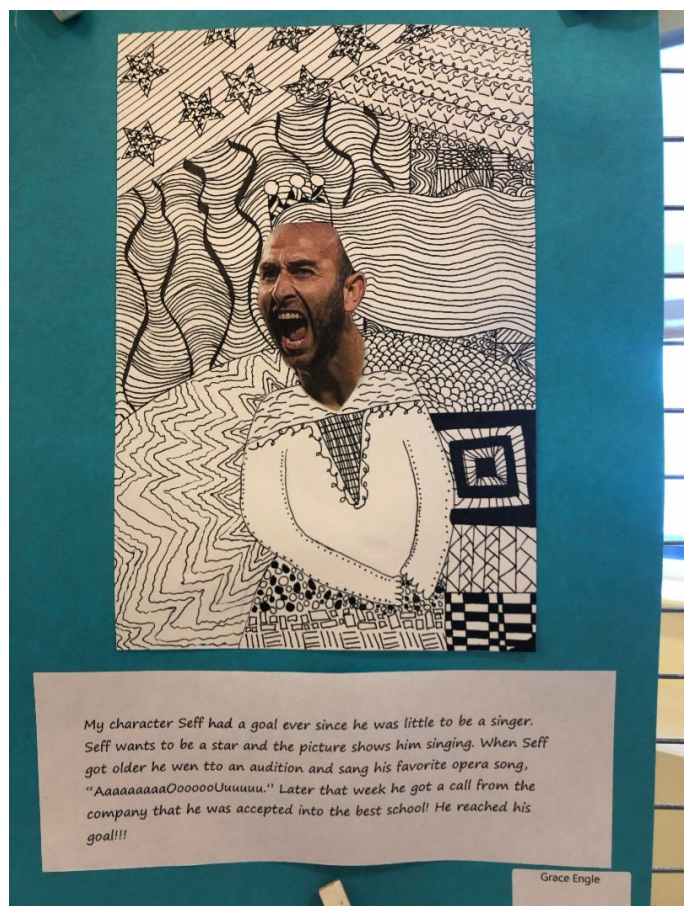
by Brooks Buchanan



by Frances Fulmer



by Ray Viselli



by Grace Engle



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



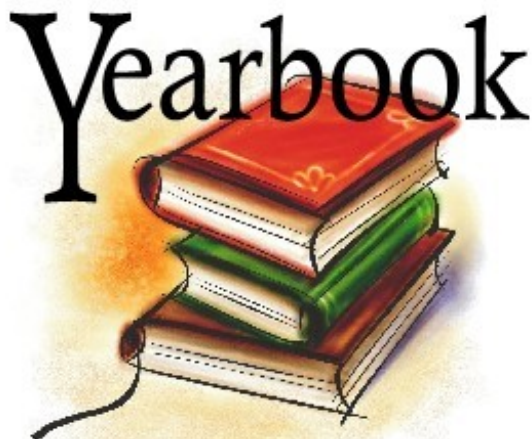
This week, I visited grades 3, 4 and 5. We had great discussions about Cyber Safety. I stressed the importance of using our trusted adults in all that we do. We talked in general about family rules and online safety. The biggest discussion in all three grades was playing online games and interacting with strangers. Each child went home with a handout about Safety Tips. We are asking parents to review this and talk with their child about their family safety rules. Please reach out with any questions and concerns at tgabbard@mbscs.org . Parents, this topic needs to be discussed often with our children.

Service Hours - 8th grade

We ask each 8th grader to have 25 hours of Service before they leave MBS. Please talk with your 8th grader about this. If you have any questions, please email me at tgabbard@mbscs.org.

SUPPORT OUR 8th GRADE - LASER TAG

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 MBSCS) by Wed., Jan. 30th! Let's end our Catholic Schools Week with family fun time!



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, 1/22/19: Varsity Girls v. Holly Grove- W

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UPCOMING MATCHES:

Thursday, 1/23/19: Varsity Girls @ Salisbury Christian- 4:00pm (A)

Thursday, 1/23/19: Varsity Boys @ Salisbury Christian- 5:00pm (A)

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

Friday, 1/24/19: JV Boys v. Lighthouse Christian- 5:00pm (H)

Saturday, 1/26/19: Varsity Girls @ Salisbury Christian Tournament

Monday, 1/28/19: Varsity Girls @ Greenwood- 4:00pm (A)

Monday, 1/28/19: Varsity Boys @ Greenwood- 5:00pm (A)

Tuesday, 1/29/19: Junior Varsity Girls v. Salisbury Christian- 4:00pm (H)

Tuesday, 1/29/19: Junior Varsity Boys v. Salisbury Christian- 5:00pm (H)

Thursday, 1/31/19: Varsity Boys v. Pocomoke- 1:00pm (H)

Thursday, 1/31/19: Varsity Girls v. Epworth- 4:00pm (H)

Thursday, 1/31/19: Junior Varsity Boys v. Epworth- 5:00pm (H)

Saturday, 2/2/19: Varsity Boys @ Salisbury Christian Tournament

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

27th
27th

Admissions Open House, 12:00-2:30 p.m.
Catholic Schools Week Begins

February

1st
4th

Family Luncheon - Early Dismissal
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: 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

St. Jude the Apostle

PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW - Come join the St. Jude The Apostle garden committee at the Philadelphia Flower Show on Friday, March 8, 2019. This year's theme is "FLOWER POWER" the Power of Flowers.

Tickets are \$65 and includes admission, bus fare and driver's tip. The bus will leave St. Jude's parking lot at 11 AM and return around 8 PM. For tickets and information please call Jean Stewart at 302-644-2890.

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.