



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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The Visit of the Magi. When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Matthew 2:1-6

Dear Parents and Guardians,

PARENT CONFERENCES

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 with a 10% Discount for Early Birds

It's hard to believe that it's already time to think about next school year, but we have to plan ahead! We are sending home the 2019-2020 school year re-registration form today in the Thursday folders. This year, we are offering a 10% discount for payments received no later than January 22, 2019. Our official deadline is February 4, 2019. We have a few classes that are close to being filled. Please send in your form and payment to save your spot(s). Thank you for your constant support!

MBS OPEN HOUSE

We are planning our annual MBS Open House on Sunday, January 27, 2019 from Noon-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



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

WIN A NEW CAR FUNDRAISING CAR RAFFLE

KIA Selbyville Holly Kia
KiaSelbyville.com

STREAM NIGHT CELEBRATING

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

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.

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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 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.

OUR WBOC PARTNERSHIP IS A WONDERFUL THING

Please read the following post from our advertising executive, Crystal Collins, at WBOC.

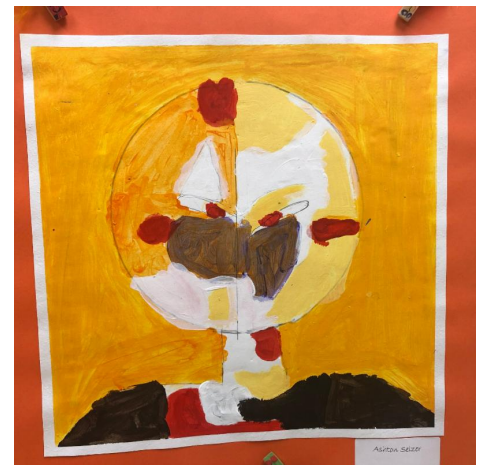
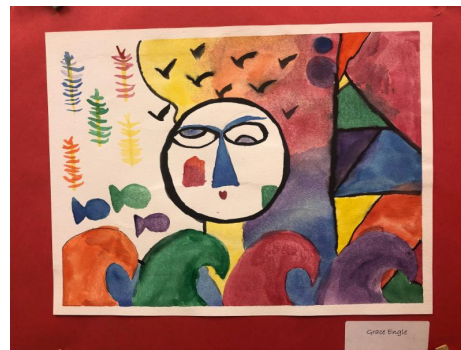
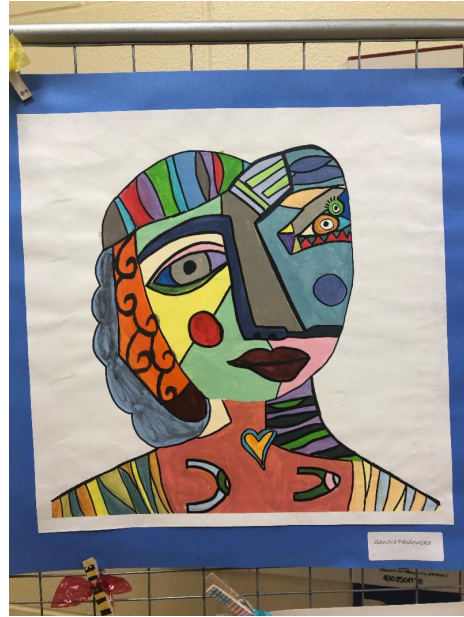
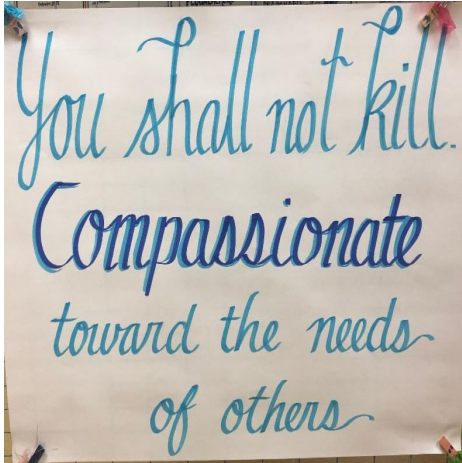


15 YEAR GALA CELEBRATION

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; Sandra Pawlowska, 8th grade

Bottom Row left to right: Scott Blakeslee, 7th grade; Grace Engel, 8th grade; Ashton Selzer, 7th grade

LABELING UNIFORMS

We have a lot of sweatshirts, sweaters, vests and jackets in our lost and found. Labeling your student(s)' uniforms and outerwear would greatly reduce the items that end up in that bin. If we don't find an owner after a couple weeks, the items go to our used uniform store or a local thrift store. One great way to label is with

washable stickers. Name Bubbles have stickers for EVERYTHING and they offer MBS a 20% discount. Their website is www.namebubbles.com and our discount code is MBSCSGRP20 (please type it in all caps).

COUNSELING CORNER

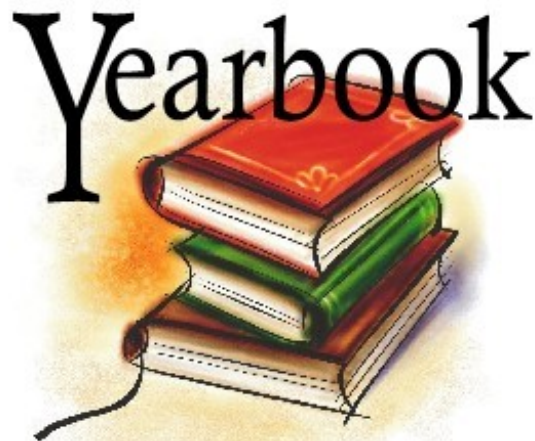


8th grade class fundraising-

Thank you to our MBS family for supporting our 8th grade class fundraising. We appreciate your participation in our Wreath Sale, Gift Card Raffle and Yankee Candle Sales. Your donations and contributions help us with our class trip at the end of our year! We could not do it without your support! Thank you!

If you still would like any Yankee Candles, this online sale ends on Jan. 9th! They have clearance items now! See the information below!

Simply type in www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and enter your Group Number 990056115 in the "Start Shopping" box.



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:

None

UPCOMING MATCHES:

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

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

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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 (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!



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

January 2019

**18th
21st
22nd**

**12:10 Dismissal - Parent Conferences
Martin Luther King Holiday - School Closed
Early Bird Registration Deadline**

27th
27th

Admissions Open House, 12:00-2:30 p.m.
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
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.