



*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 20, 2018  
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Dear Parents and Guardians,



In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2:1-7



## ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE

Each week, our Catholic School community will gather for Advent prayer and reflection. All are invited to join us. Our next Advent prayer service will take place on December 21st at 9:00 a.m. Please join us if your schedule allows.

**12:10 P.M. DISMISSAL**  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2018**

School will close at 12:10 p.m. on Friday, December 21st. **AFTERCARE WILL NOT**

BE AVAILABLE.

## CONGRATULATIONS!!

Our school would like to congratulate our students and teachers for the wonderful performances that were given at our annual Christmas Program and our annual Piano Recital. We are very blessed to have so much talent among our students and so many dedicated teachers and staff members. Many thanks to everyone who contributed and supported both programs. Congratulations, Mrs. Cover on two jobs that were well done.

Congratulations to Mrs. Theresa Gabbard and the Deale family for winning the 8th grade Gift Card Tree and to Mrs. Lori Alvarez for winning the Ceramic Christmas Tree raffle.

## TEACHER WHO MAKES A DIFFERENCE AWARD



On Thursday, December 13th, 47 ABC honored another bright star in our community as part of their 'Teacher Who Makes A Difference' award. November's winner Mr. Lee Ruark, is our fourth grade teacher at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School. He's been teaching here for just a year, but has been a local educator for a total of nine years now. We appreciate the energy and dedication that Mr. Ruark brings to his classroom each day

"I think the best part of teaching is seeing students grow and learn each and every day and then seeing the smiles to their faces when they learn a new concept or master a subject or skill," explains Ruark.



## **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.factsmtg.com/aid](http://www.online.factsmtg.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.**

## **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.

**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?](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.

## THANK YOU FOR SHARING IN THE DINE TO DONATE EVENT AT CAPTAIN'S TABLE

We are grateful for the generosity of The Taylor Family for donating 20% of sales this past weekend to support our HSA! Thank you to everyone that helped and participated in this easy way to raise funding for our school. Sunday was especially fun, as Santa joined the festivities!!

## 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 aspired 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.

## **4th GRADE FINISH THEIR LEGO ROBOTS**

Our fourth graders are just finishing their last minute detail on the Lego Mindstorms robotics program in their science class. MBS offers this program for our third, fourth and fifth graders. It helps create more learning opportunities to help students develop 21st century skills and become lifelong learners. This program fits well with our STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts Integration and Mathematics) curriculum.

## **LABELING UNIFORMS**

We see 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](http://www.namebubbles.com) and our discount code is MBSCSGRP20 (please type it in all caps).

## **MBS OPEN HOUSE**

We are planning our annual MBS Open House on Sunday, January 27, 2019 from Noon-2:30 pm. We want to showcase all the amazing things we offer at MBS and that includes you...our wonderfully supportive parents!! We are currently looking for volunteers to help sign prospective families in and offer them tours of our beautiful school. Please call or email Amanda Evans if you would like to help us with this important event. We are BLESSED by our families at MBS.

## **THANK YOU FROM JULIA KOZMA**

Mrs. Gabbard may give you this. Julia had it in a presentation format, but I asked if she could just type a short thank you.

## **DELMARVA LIFE DECEMBER 11 SEGMENT**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4iK07WG7TQo>

## **YANKEE CANDLE ORDERS!**

Yankee Candle orders are in! You can pick up your order during school hours.

## COUNSELING CORNER



During the last few weeks all grades had a lesson on gratitude. We made cards for some important people. We discussed thankfulness and how to show our gratitude for others all year long!

May you all have a Merry Christmas! Enjoy your precious time with family and friends! - Theresa Gabbard

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, Wait Until 8th grade for your child to have a smart phone. Check out this website, please! More information will follow. Please contact [tgabbard@mbscs.org](mailto:tgabbard@mbscs.org) if you have questions!!

## 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

### December

21st Advent Prayer Service, 12:10 Dismissal, NO

Aftercare

24th-Jan 3rd Christmas Holiday - School Closed

## 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 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](mailto:ngroves@stjnrcc.com).

### St. Jude the Apostle

Solemnity of Nativity of Our Lord

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Time: 4PM (Family Liturgy, 6 and 8 PM)

### CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

Time: 10:30 AM

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

### NEW YEARS EVE SERVICES

Time: 4PM

### NEW YEARS DAY SERVICES

Time: 8:30 and 10:30 AM

### *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.*