# Most Blessed Sacrament



#### **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 lifelong 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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"After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the customs post, He said to him, 'Follow me.' And leaving everything behind, he got up and followed him." Luke 6:27-28

## Dear Parents and Guardians,

## DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR DIOCESAN and MBS TUITION ASSISTANCE IS MARCH 1, 2019

The Diocese of Wilmington has been accepting tuition assistance applications for the 2019-2020 school year since December 2018. Tuition assistance through the Diocese of Wilmington is provided to children attending grades K-12. Last year 7 of our families qualified and received over \$28,000.00 in tuition support.

To be considered for assistance, parents must submit an online application before March 1st, 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. Pre-school, before and after care are not funded through this program.

Completed applications, including all supporting documentation such as tax forms are due March 1st. Applications that are submitted <u>after that date will NOT be</u> <u>considered for assistance.</u>

PLEASE REMEMBER: ALL families who wish to be considered for MBS assistance must complete and submit the FACTS application.

## THANK YOU TO THE ANIUNAS FAMILY

We want to share how grateful we are for our friends at A Plus Upholstery and The Aniunas Family for installing black out shades on every door with a window in our building. Our School Safely Committee saw the need to add them to all of our classrooms and offices. This donation of all materials and labor is a true gift and we are blessed by God have such a generous family in our MBS community! Thank you again. If you need any marine or commercial upholstery work done, please give John Aniunas a call.







## **RE-REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE NOW**

Thank you to all the families that sent in their re-registration forms! It's not too late

to submit your form. We are currently working on the tuition rates for the next academic school year and this is a major component in determining those rates. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to stop in, call or email Amanda Evans. Your continued support of our school is appreciated so much.

## **15 YEAR GALA CELEBRATION**

The 15 year Gala is almost here! The Gala committee and HSA board have been working extremely hard to get the Gala ready for you all to attend! You don't want to miss this event. Get your tickets today! There is still time!! Invite all your friends and family around town. It is going to be amazing. Live entertainment, by Monkee Paw, butlered hor d'oeuvres, exceptional libations by Residence Inn, delicious food & fare from several of our local restaurants around town, and our live and silent auctions will definitely be a big hit! We can't wait to see all the amazing class projects! They are going to be great! The Homeroom parents and students have been working hard to put together some fabulous class auction items. Don't forget about our special auction item Bubbles & Bling...you want a chance to win a diamond?? Get your tickets today so you can take your chance!!

As you all know, part of the event's success relies on the Live & Silent Auctions & Event Sponsorships. A big thank you to all of our MBS families that have helped us make the Gala possible. Our fundraisers are a tremendous success because of your continued support. Please have all Gala auction items & sponsorship forms in the office by tomorrow Friday, March 22, 2019.

The Residence Inn by Marriott has set up special room rates for the MBS 15 Year Gala Guests!! See link below. Have some fun and make this a special night out. https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1550080333465&key=GRP.

If you haven't already... make your reservation today by visiting our Facebook page (link below) or contact Heather Marinelli at 302-228-0800 or heathermarinelli@comcast.net . http://www.facebook.com/pg/mostblessedsacramentcatholicschool/events/.

We are calling all VOLUNTEERS! Do you want to get your FIP hours?? It takes a village to pull off this event and we are currently looking for volunteers to help during the Gala. It is a great way to earn FIP hours. For more information on volunteering, please contact Nichole Behornar at n.behornar@verizon.net

#### DROP OFF DATE & TIME FOR ALL CLASS PROJECTS

All classroom projects can be dropped off Friday March 1, 2019 at the Residence Inn by Marriott between 8:30am & 10:30am. Please have your projects ready to be displayed for the Gala. Thank you all for your time, talent, & dedication! We can't wait to see the wonderful class projects. <u>Gala Letter</u> <u>Gala Corporate Sponsor Form</u> <u>Gala Poster</u> <u>Donation Letter</u>

# WE WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP - EARN FIP HOURS

There are a few ways to earn FIP hours in the coming weeks.

15 Yea Gala - Contact Nichole Behornar, n.behornar@verizon.net Lion King - Contact Mrs. Selba, jselba@mbscs.org Annie - Contact Mrs. Zender, jzender@mbscs.org

Also, lunch and recess duty (between 11:10 am and 12:12 pm) is always a great way to help throughout the year. Thank you for your continued support!

# **Rainy Day Pick-up**

When lining vehicles up for rainy day pick up, please, please, please form the vehicle line just as we do on a regular day. Please do not line up the vehicles in the driveway closest to the building. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

# CAR RAFFLE

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



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 developmentfund 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.



We are in full swing of the flu season. Doctors say the best way to prevent getting the flu is to get the flu shot. It takes two weeks after receiving the vaccination for the body to fully develop the antibodies to fight the flu virus. Health officials state it is still NOT TOO LATE to get the flu shot. Multiple pharmacies and health clinics offer this vaccination for free or for a minimal fee.

Some symptoms of the flu may be abrupt fever that can last 3-4 days, complaints of feeling achy and having the chills and unusual weakness and fatigue. If your child is ill and you suspect the flu, please have the child evaluated by their physician. Children who test positive for the flu virus are usually out of school for a week. If you do not have your child evaluated and they return to school too early, you are putting your child at risk for contacting other viruses and exposing other school children to the flu virus. If your child tests positive for the flu, please notify the school nurse before the student returns to school. As always we recommend thorough hand washing, getting enough sleep and healthy eating to help your body fight any infection.



## **COUNSELING CORNER**

8th Grade Parents-<u>tonight</u> is the SDHS Parent Night at SDHS at 5:00! Students should attend too. This is a great time to get into SDHS, see the building and get any questions answered.

#### 8th grade news!

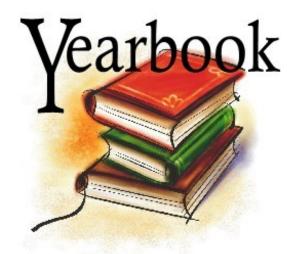
The 8th Grade Semi-Formal will be held at MBS tomorrow, Friday, the 22nd! The class voted on a Hollywood Themed fun event for their class! Pictures will follow next week!

#### Valentine Candy Grams

The 8th grade thanks our MBS family for the participation in the Valentine Candy Gram sales! Our 8th grade did an amazing job with this event and hope everyone felt the love!!

#### Attention 6th, 7th and 8th grade Parents!

Please see the attached flyer for the St. Thomas More Spring Open House on March 20th! Parents, it is not too early to start thinking about High School. Explore St. Thomas More as an option to continue your child's faith filled education!



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!



#### WINTER ATHLETE RECOGNITION

Tomorrow (2/22) at 9:00am, we will have our winter athlete recognition assembly in the MBS cafeteria.

#### JERSEY RETURN

Please return any volleyball, soccer or basketball jerseys as soon as possible.

#### SPORTS FEES

Please pay any outstanding sports fees from the fall or winter seasons. We have a new fee structure this year, \$40-\$20-\$10. Participation in the first sport of the academic year is \$40, participation in the second sport of the academic year is \$20 and participation in the third sport of the academic year is \$10.

#### SOFTBALL COACHES NEEDED

Please let me know if you are interested in helping coach girls softball. The season will run from April 10 to May 21. It is a great way to complete FIP hours and be outdoors. Our practices and home games are across the street at Showell Park.

## **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**

#### March

2nd

15 Years Gala,

### **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: 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

Parents of 2nd Graders preparing for the sacraments: Our next gathering will be our 1st Reconciliation Workshop on Saturday, 2 March at MBS from 9AM - 12 Noon. Both a parent and your child receiving the sacrament must attend. Any questions or concerns please call Nancy at 410-208-2854 or ngroves@stjnrcc.com

**Confirmation 2019:** Our next gathering will be Sunday 10 March same time and place.

#### 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.