



*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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*"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit."  
Luke 6:43*

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](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. 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 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.**

## SENDING A BIG THANK YOU TO THE DELAHANTY FAMILY!

Our MBS families warm our hearts every single day and today is no exception! The Delahanty Family graciously offered to purchase an additional scoreboard for our gymnasium so spectators will have a view of the scoreboard no matter where they're seated. THANK YOU so much Mr. and Mrs. Delahanty for supporting our school in such a special way! We are looking forward to having the board installed soon.

## 15 YEAR GALA CELEBRATION

It is time to celebrate! The 15 year Gala will be held in three days and we are so excited to share this monumental occasion with all of our MBS families and friends! You don't want to miss this event! Get your tickets today! 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, including Touch of Italy, Longboard Café, Fins Ale House & Raw Bar, Hooked, & many more of your local favorites. The live and silent auctions will be up for grabs to the highest bidder. We have some amazing auctions put together for the Gala. Our live auction will contain a 5 night Disney Vacation & Orange Crush Party with a Jolly Trolley, and a few more surprises. The class projects are sure to be a big hit! The homeroom parents, students, & teachers hit it out of the park this year! We can't wait to see all the amazing class projects come together. We can'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](mailto:heathermarinelli@comcast.net) .

<http://www.facebook.com/pg/mostblessedsacramentcatholicschool/events/>

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

All classroom projects can be dropped off tomorrow 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.

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 the night of the Gala. For more information on volunteering, please contact Nichole Behornar at [n.behornar@verizon.net](mailto:n.behornar@verizon.net)

## **8th Grade Semi-Formal**

Our MBS class of 2019 had a Semi-Formal Social last Friday! Thank you to Mr. Record, Mrs. Selba and Mrs. Manns for supervising. Thank you to our 8th grade for helping plan this fun event. They had music, decoration and food committees and have been planning for weeks! Thank you to our 8th grade parents for helping with set up and clean up! Our 8th grade looked wonderful and had a nice time.



## 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](mailto:n.behornar@verizon.net)

Lion King - Contact Mrs. Selba, [jselba@mbscs.org](mailto:jselba@mbscs.org)

Annie - Contact Mrs. Zender, [jzender@mbscs.org](mailto: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!

## 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>.



**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



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>



We remain in full swing of the Flu season. 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 eating

correctly to help your body fight any infection.



## COUNSELING CORNER

This week I worked with grades K - 5. I visited each class to do a lesson on stress, worry, anger, body cues and coping skills or chill skills. We discussed, as a class, what kinds of things worry us, stress us out or make us mad. We then shared what feelings we have due to those worries and stress. We talked about how our body gives us signals to alert us when we are stressed. For example, we may get a worried belly, a headache, our heart may pound faster, our face may get hot and so forth. Once we recognize the body cue it is important that we then use a calming skill. We talked about our breathing as a way to begin the calm down process. We discussed several helpful hints to help us breathe, such as, smell the flower, blow out the candle and square breathing. We discussed many other ideas to calm or "chill". Examples given by our students include, praying, talking to our trusted adults, exercising, counting to 20, moving away from the situation, tensing/releasing, journaling, listening to music and so on. Grades 3-5 wrote notes during our lesson. K-3 will come home with handouts on Thursday. Parents, please review this with your children, practice these skills, model these skills and let's all take a deep breath!

Internet safety is on all of our minds these days. The following article is a good read for all of

us. <https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.cbsnews.com/amp/news/momo-challenge-resurfaces-police-issue-warning-to-parents/>

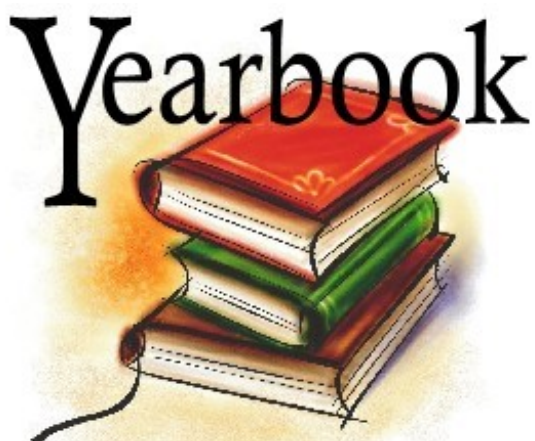
## School Safety

In our ongoing efforts to provide a safe and secure learning and working environment, M.B.S. continues to move forward in steps of preparation and environmental safeguards.

On Tuesday, our students and recess supervisors held a reverse fire drill. This drill involves a fog horn sound and the students immediately line up to enter the building. This measure is planned for possible cases of potential threats outside the building (chemical spills, at-large suspects, etc.). Our students did very well during

the drill.

In addition, our school has been awarded an \$8,000.00 grant from the State of Maryland to be utilized in upgrading the preparedness of our facility. The grant will be dedicated to installing bollards (barriers) at the front and side entrances of our facility that would prevent a vehicle from being driven through the doors. These structures will be removable (with a key) in case there is a legitimate reason for a vehicle to approach and park at the entrances.



**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!**



#### **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



14th *Annie* Production 7:00 p.m.  
15th Faculty Retreat Day- School Closed for Students  
17th *Annie* Production 1:00 p.m.  
18th *Annie* Production

27th Professional Development- School Closed for  
Students

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

*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.*