# 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 he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to help them. They came and filled both boats so that they were in danger of singing. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Luke 5:4-8

#### Dear Parents and Guardians,





# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ACTIVITIES



Top Row left to right: Family Luncheon, Valentines for Veterans Bottom Row left to right: Family Luncheon fun

#### THANK YOU, MRS. GABBARD!

In recognition of National School Counselor Week 2019, our primary pod shared a beautiful piece of art and handmade cards to thank Mrs. Gabbard for all of her hard work, kind words and guidance. We are thankful that she is part of our MBS family!



# **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK COAT DRIVE**

Our MBS Community is the BEST!! There is a car-load of coats, hats, scarves, gloves and mittens to donate to the Seton Center thanks to our caring students and their supportive families! Thank you to everyone who sent in donations and to our Student Council for helping those that need it the most. We are bundling up our community with God's love!



# **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 Most Blessed Sacrament 15 year Gala, which will take place on March 2nd, is fast approaching. Part of the event's success relies on the Live and Silent Auctions. We are currently looking for items for the auctions - including but not limited to concert and sports tickets, trips - airlines miles, timeshares, hotel stays, paddleboards, surf lessons, sunset cruises, charter fishing trips, and gift certificates. Consider making a donation or asking a local business that you frequent for one. No item is too big or too small and we thank you for your generosity. Because of our amazing MBS families, the 15 year Gala will be a tremendous success. For donation information, please contact Colleen Rutzler@cdrutzler@gmail.com

Event sponsorships are now available!! It is a great way to advertise a local business while supporting MBS. In today's folder, you will find information on the various levels of sponsorships available. For more information on sponsorships, please contact Robyn Bosley at robynbosley@gmail.com

You don't want this miss this event!!! Make your Reservations today for the 15 year Gala. Please contact Heather Marinelli at 302-228-0800 or heathermarinelli@comcast.net . You can also visit our Facebook page for online reservations.

<u>http://www.facebook.com/pg/mostblessedsacramentcatholicschool/events/</u> or our school's website.

It takes a village to pull off this event and we are currently looking for volunteers to help. It is a great way to earn FIP hours. For more information on volunteering, please contact Nichole Behornar at n.behornar@verizon.net <u>Gala Letter</u> <u>Gala Corporate Sponsor Form</u> <u>Gala Poster</u> <u>Donation Letter</u>

# ONLY A FEW WEEKS LEFT TO APPLY FOR DIOCESAN and MBS TUITION ASSISTANCE

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. Pre-school, before and after care are not funded through this program.

#### To be considered for assistance, parents must submit an online

application before March 1st, to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment for evaluation at <u>www.online.factsmgt.com/aid.</u> 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**

Congratulations PreK 4 for selling the most tickets in January! Don't forget that there will be a monthly pizza or ice cream party for the class that sells the most tickets! Families also reserve one free ticket for every 10 they sell. Thank you for your support! Please let Mrs. Evans know if you need more tickets.



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.

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.



We are in full swing of the flu season. If your child/children are sick and you suspect your child is infected with the flu, please, have your child evaluated by their primary care provider. The flu swab will provide a positive or negative test result. Children who test positive for the flu are out of school for about a week, depending on what your PCP recommends. If your child is showing symptoms of the flu; achy, fever, or malaise, and you do not have them tested, you may run the risk of sending your children back to school too soon. Therefore, putting your child at risk of picking up other viruses. The best way to stay healthy this and every flu season is by getting the flu vaccine. In addition to getting vaccinated, make sure you practice healthy habits; frequent hand washing, staying home if you don't feel well, covering your mouth or nose with a tissue or your elbow, getting enough sleep, and eating healthy. We take the health of our students seriously and work very hard to keep viruses from spreading. If your child tests positive for the flu please, make the health suite aware. We thank you for all of your efforts in helping us to help maintain a healthier environment for our school community.

During the next few weeks all new students attending MBS and students in grades 1, 3, 5 and 7 will be tested for vision and hearing. <u>Parents will only be notified if the student fails to pass either, or both of these screenings.</u> Please encourage all students who wear glasses or contacts to wear them to school as recommended by their physician.

### **COUNSELING CORNER**



This week I visited the middle school. We discussed Cyber Safety! Parents, please

make sure this is a topic discussed in your home frequently. We discussed trusted adults, playing games with people they do not know, and being secure with settings and passwords. We discussed showing kindness as they communicate with others online and in social media. We discussed never arranging to meet with people they meet online. We discussed if they see something, say something. Parents, please contact me if you have any questions or if you want to talk about this topic. I feel it is a very important topic and we all need to work together to help our children's safety and to encourage proper use of technology.

#### 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.

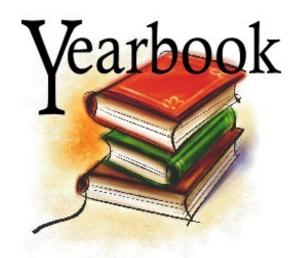
## LASER TAG FUN!

Thank you for supporting our 8th grade for fun at Laser Tag after our Family Luncheon on Feb. 1st!! Despite the snowy weather, we had fun sharing time with our fellow students of all grades. We appreciate your support as we raise funds for our class trip and activities. We thank the wonderful staff of Game World on 146th street in OC. The staff was so kind and helpful to us!! Make sure you check them out for future b-day parties or just a fun time. https://gameworldoc.com/



#### VALENTINE CANDY GRAMS

Please support our 8th grade by purchasing Valentine Candy Grams. You will see 2 sheets of Valentine Notes in the Thursday Folder. You may purchase these for your child, your child's teachers and your child's friends. They are 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5! The Valentine Candy Gram will be delivered on Valentine's Day! If you need additional papers they will be in the main office. Thank You! - The 8th grade



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:** Thursday, 1/31/19: Varsity Boys v. Pocomoke- W Thursday, 1/31/19: Varsity Girls v. Epworth- L Thursday, 1/31/19: JV Boys v. Epworth- L **UPCOMING MATCHES:** None WINTER COACHES & HELPERS- THANK YOU: MBS Athletics wants to thank everyone who helped with the Winter sports season: Head Coaches- Melanie Wooldridge, Julie Delahanty, Dan Mergott, Scot Eberly Assistant Coache- Stephen King Special Helpers- Nicole Maskell (Scorer's Table), Julie Delahanty (Scorer's Table), Christine Selzer (Scorer's Table), Amy Mergott (Scorer's Table), Julie Vorsteg (Equipment), Maureen Mumford (Statistics), Theresa Gabbard (Communication), Daniel Genga (Scorer's Table), Audrey Mumford (Scorer's Table). WINTER SPORTS RECOGNITION- 2/22/2019: We will recognize our winter athletes on Friday, February 22nd at 9:00am in the MBS Cafeteria. Parents are encouraged to attend.

# **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**

#### February

15th 18th

#### 12:10 Early Dismissal Presidents Day, NO School PARISH NEWS

#### <u>St. Ann</u>

**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:

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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

#### 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.