



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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*Filled with the holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.
Luke 4:1-2*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

SPRING FORWARD

This Sunday, March 10th Daylight Savings Time begins.

Wednesday, February 14th begins the Season of Lent.

1. The Season of Lent is a time of atonement, reflection and preparation.
2. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.
3. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence only.

Church Law requires:

- The law of abstinence (not eating meat) obliges those who have completed their fourteenth year.
- The law of fast (only one full meal each day, nothing between meals) obliges those who have completed their eighteenth year until the beginning of their sixtieth year.
- Proportionately grave inconvenience excuses from the laws of fast and abstinence.

The substantial observance of these laws is a grave obligation.

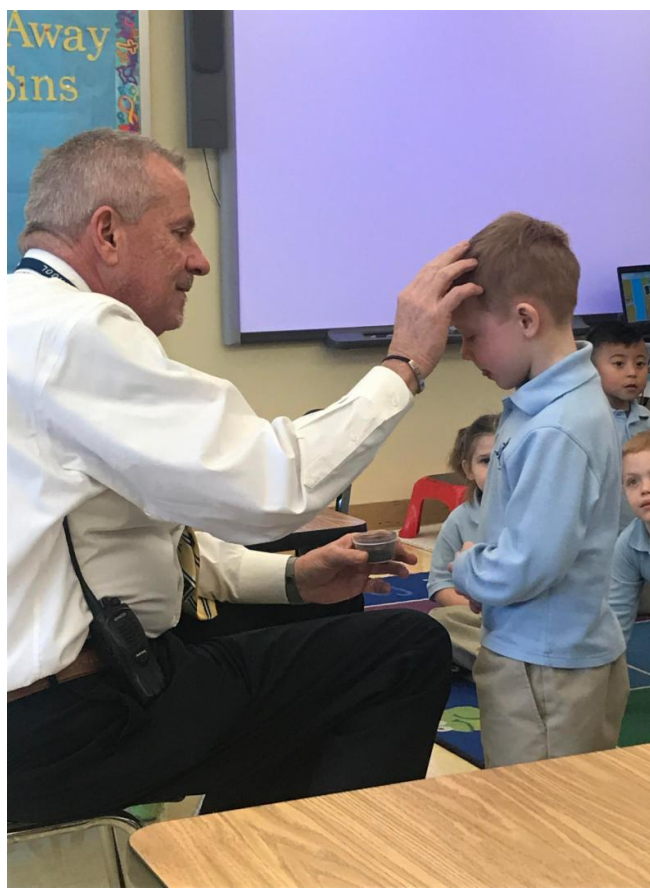
- Anyone who neglects all forms of penance violates divine law and is guilty of grave sin.
- Anyone who occasionally violates the law of fast and/or abstinence is not guilty of sin.

RICE BOWL

During Lent, our church encourages us to build a closer relationship with the Lord through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In order to provide an opportunity to our families to join us in almsgiving, our school will participate in the Operation Rice Bowl program that is sponsored by the Catholic Relief Services. In doing so, we join Catholic families across the globe in responding to God's people who are in need. Each family is receiving a "rice bowl" box in today's folder. We ask that you fill it with change and plan to return it to MBSCS during Holy Week. Thank you, in advance, for whatever you can do in this regard. May God bless us with a holy Lenten Season as we move forward to the Triduum and the glory of Resurrection.

ASH WEDNESDAY WAS OBSERVED THROUGHOUT OUR CLASSES

Students in grades kindergarten-eight joined together for Ash Wednesday Mass. Although our younger students did not attend Mass, they learned about the importance of this special day in our faith. Below, Mr. Record distributes ashes with the pre-K 4 class.



THANK YOU GALA COMMITTEE!!

The MBS 15 Year Gala Celebration was a HUGE success and we are full of gratitude for all the efforts the event committee put into this special evening. Nichole Behornar, Heather Marinelli, Robyn Bosley, Christa Gunther, Angela Short, Gene and Colleen Rutzler, Rebecca Taylor and Erin Bradley. THANK YOU for all of your hard work and vision. It was a beautiful event!!

THE HSA ACKNOWLEDGES THE SUPPORT FROM OUR MBS COMMUNITY

The HSA Board is incredibly thankful to our families and attendees. Your support in every aspect of this event is very much appreciated. To all of the homeroom parents, your classroom projects were amazing! Thank you Andrea Whittington for organizing those sweet projects. Anna Hoge, we appreciate your willingness to write all of the "thank-you" notes. It truly takes a village to bring these big fundraisers to fruition and our hearts are full.



We are also very grateful to the management team and staff of the Residence Inn by

Marriott of Ocean City for their generous support and professional service. Many local restaurants contributed to the Taste of the Town. Thank you for sharing your delicious offerings. This event would not have happened without the generous support of the following sponsors.

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Park Place Jewelers

Cupcake Auction

Sweet Dispositions



Annie, Jr. is around the corner. Performances are as follows:

- Thursday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 17th at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 18th at 1:00 p.m.

These performances are free of charge. Doors open 30 minutes prior to showtime.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Showtimes for Lion King, JR

- Friday, April 5th at 7pm
- Saturday, April 6th at 7pm

Tickets for *The Lion King, Jr.* will be available for pre-purchase by sending in a request for tickets stating the night you want to attend to school office or they will be available at the door. Tickets are \$5 for adults and students. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. the Friday and Saturday night shows.

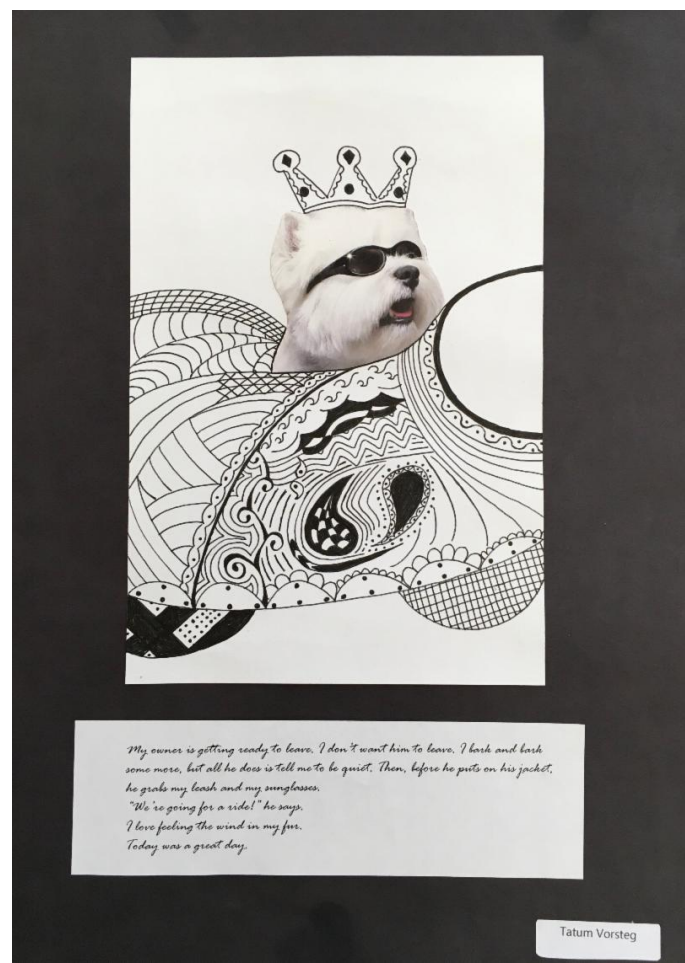
STUDENTS CELEBRATING DR. SUESS'S BIRTHDAY



This week our younger students have been celebrating Dr. Suess's birthday with fun activities. Pictured is our kindergarten class in the "Cat in the Hat" hats they made.

EIGHTH GRADERS WIN HONORABLE MENTIONS AT THE OCEAN CITY ART LEAGUE

Two of our MBS eighth-grade students were recognized with honorable mention awards at the Ocean City Art League, Sandra Pawlowska for Abstract Portrait and Tatum Vorsteg for Character Zentangle - Dog. Congratulations!



My owner is getting ready to leave. I don't want him to leave. I bark and bark some more, but all he does is tell me to be quiet. Then, before he puts on his jacket, he grabs my leash and my sunglasses. "We're going for a ride!" he says. I love feeling the wind in my fur. Today was a great day.

ASKING FOR PRAYERS

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Flynn family. Helen "Eileen" Flynn, a long time school board member, is mourning the loss of her husband, Patrick Joseph Flynn. Mr. Flynn was born on March 14, 1939 and passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 24, 2019. He loved his family dearly. If you were lucky enough to know Patrick, you were lucky enough. Eternal rest grant unto Patrick, Oh Lord, and may his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest In Peace. Amen.

WE WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP - EARN FIP HOURS

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

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!

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>.



The advertisement features a red Kia Rio car parked in front of a school building. The text 'WIN A NEW CAR' is written in a large, white, hand-drawn font at the top left. To the right, 'FUNDRAISING CAR RAFFLE' is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. Below this, the Kia logo and 'Selbyville Holly Kia' are displayed, along with the website 'KiaSelbyville.com'. On the left side, the MBS logo (Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School) is shown. Below the logo, the text reads 'New Kia Rio 4-Door or \$10,000 Cash'. Further down, it states 'Drawing to be held at: STREAM NIGHT May 22, 2019'. Ticket information follows: 'Tickets \$5 each, 5 for \$20 or 13 for \$50' and 'Winner need not be present at drawing.' A vertical list of subjects is on the left: 'STREAM NIGHT CELEBRATING Science Technology Religion Engineering Art Math'. The website 'mostblessedsacramentschool.com' is at the bottom right.

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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>



Please alert the office and your child's teacher if you are going out of town and your children will be taken care of by someone other than their parents. Included in the memo should be whom to contact and all of their contact information in case of an emergency or if the student becomes ill.



COUNSELING CORNER

This week I met with our middle school. We discussed what kinds of things stress us out, worry us and make us mad. We discussed the feelings we feel and then the signals our body gives us when we stress, worry or feel angry. We then talked about ways we can calm down, we discussed coping/chill skills. We practiced and discussed the calming skills. We practiced different methods of deep breathing, muscle relaxation and using our senses to calm down. We discussed praying and giving our worries to God. Parents, please talk with your middle school student. They have more worries at this age than we ever had. Help them use their calming/chill skills. Model these skills for your children. We all need to take the time to "chill".



RETURN OF BASKETBALL JERSEYS:

Please return any basketball jerseys from the winter season. If you have a volleyball or soccer jersey from the fall season, we will gladly take those back as well.

SPORTS FEE PAYMENT:

Please pay any outstanding sports participation fees. We adopted a new \$40/\$20/\$10 fee structure for sports at the start of the academic year. So, if a student played a fall sport and then played basketball in the winter, the student is expected to pay a \$20 fee for basketball.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE- YOUTH PHYSICAL FITNESS:

The Marine Corps League will conduct their annual Youth Physical Fitness (YPF)

Challenge on Wednesday, March 20 and Friday, March 22. On those two days, our 3rd-8th grade students will participate in several different fitness challenges during their regular P.E. time.

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

14th	<i>Annie</i> Production 7:00 p.m.
15th	Faculty Retreat Day- School Closed for Students
17th	<i>Annie</i> Production 2:00 p.m.
18th	<i>Annie</i> Production 1:00 p.m.
27th	Professional Development- School Closed for

Students

PARISH NEWS

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: Our next gathering will be the Parent only meeting for the newbies on Sunday 24 March from 10-11AM at MBS.

VBS Dates change alert! Our Vacation Bible School dates have been changed due to a scheduling conflict. The new dates will be July 15-19th from 9AM-Noon. We hope that many of you will be able to join us in the fun!

You Are Invited!

Interest/Information Night

Wednesday March 20 at 6PM in SJN library

The Women of Grace® Study Program is designed to teach women about God's mission and purpose for them. In a group study format with video lectures by Johnnette Benkovic, host of the Women of Grace® television and radio programs, women explore the fit of prayer, Sacred Scripture, Catholic Church documents and teachings, the Catechism, the lives of women saints, and the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Fed spiritually, intellectually, and emotionally through the Study Program, women are lead to embrace their gift of authentic femininity™ as daughters of God. The Women of Grace® Study Program equips them to fulfill their call and mission in their homes, parishes, communities, and in the world today!
Come to hear more of what it's all about....

Lenten Dinner - Friday 22 March from 5-6:30 @ MBS. Pizza, soup and salad from Denovo's. Adults \$10 Children 12 and under \$5. RSVP to parish office no later than 18 March 410-208-2956.

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.

