



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.

September 12, 2019

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*Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.*

*A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.*

*Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.*

Taken from Psalm 51

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Today, our school attended and participated in the opening Mass of our school year. Our celebrant, Fr. Cocucci, chose the Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit which provided us with readings and Gospel text on the presence of the Holy Spirit and the many gifts that are derived from the Spirit. Having our students and staff together at Mass was a boost to our faith community and helped us focus on the center of our Catholic faith, the Eucharist.

Our school community will attend Mass each Thursday at 8:30 a.m. (unless there is a holy day that week) at St. John Neumann Church. Parents, grandparents, and others are always welcome to join us.

We ask that all students arrive at school by 8:10 a.m. on days that we will attend Mass.

Thank you.

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

Please note that lunch orders, Before/Aftercare forms and milk orders all must be completed and returned to school BEFORE students may receive these services. All of these services begin on Monday, September 10th.

[Before Aftercare Registration](#)

[Before Aftercare](#)

[September Lunch K-8](#)

[September PK lunch](#)

[Bus form](#)

[Milk form](#)

[Ice Cream Form](#)

[Family Directory](#)

[Volunteer form](#)

[Publicity Release 19-20](#)

PICTURE DAYS NEXT WEEK

Picture-Art photographers will be at our school to take student pictures on Thursday, September 19 and Friday, September 20.

ALL STUDENTS SHOULD BE DRESSED IN THEIR SPRING/SUMMER UNIFORMS ON THESE DAYS (PLEASE REFER TO THE PARENT AND STUDENT HANDBOOK). Students should NOT wear their PE uniforms on either day. Individual pictures will be taken along with class group pictures.



LOOK WHAT'S POPPING WITH HSA!! September 12, 2019

The HSA board would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our NEW & RETURNING MBS FAMILIES!! We hope that you are settling into the 2019/2020 school year. The HSA board members have been quite busy planning this year's fundraisers! We are excited about our three BIG fundraisers this year!!

We will have an Open HSA meeting, September 19, 2019 at 5:30 at MBS. All are welcome and we are looking forward to hearing all of your ideas. We hope that you can join us!!

MARK YOU CALENDARS

October 4, 2019

Fall Festival/Dance-a-thon

February 8, 2020

Winter Ball

April 2020

Bull & Oyster Festival

Fall Festival/Dance-a-thon Information:

We will have a Pep Rally on Friday, September 13th at 2:15 p.m. to kick off our annual Dance-A-Thon and Fall Festival.

Parents: Your child brought home a dance-a-thon sponsorship packet in their folders. Please have your child collect donations to sponsor them as a dancer. They have until September 27th to turn in their packets. If your child obtains any corporate sponsors

(a donation over \$100) PLEASE send that to the front office ASAP.

Remember, our top prize this year to the student with the most donations is an Apple watch! If you would like to volunteer to help with Fall Festival, please contact Kristen Littleton at klittleton@mbscs.org.

BOOSTER PROGRAM:

Check your Thursday folders for the Booster Flyer!!

The MBS Booster Program comes with several perks that you and your family can enjoy throughout the school year. On the backside of the page are the different levels we are offering. Please contact HSA President Nichole Behornar n.behornar@verizon.net.

We are looking for Volunteers for all 2019/2020 fundraisers. Please consider donating your time, talent, or treasure. If you have any questions or want to volunteer please contact Nichole Behornar @ n.behornar@verizon.net.

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM

There are plenty of ways to earn your FIP hours in the next few weeks. Each volunteer needs to have their background check completed. Please contact Ms. Higgins (lhiggins@mbscs.org or by phone at 410-208-1600) if you have any questions.

Fall Festival Volunteers - Please email Mrs. Littleton (klittleton@mbscs.org) if you would like to help with this fun event.

Used Uniform Store - The store is open during school hours on Mondays and Fridays. It looks so great right now, thanks to Mrs. Kris Hagy. We want to keep it organized. If you can spare an hour every so often or even 30 minutes, it would be a BIG help. Please contact Mrs. Evans (aevans@mbscs.org) if you have any questions.

Lunch and Recess Duty - We are always glad to see an extra smiling face to help at recess and lunch with our younger students. Please feel free to come in any time to help.

Computer Lab Helpers - Please email Mrs. Selba (jselba@mbscs.org) if you would like to volunteer. She is always looking for parents to help during technology class for the younger students.

Book Fair - Please email Mrs. Gunther (cgunther@mbscs.org) if you have any questions. She has more information listed in the library section below.

NEW SWEATSHIRTS

Show off your MBS School Spirit with a New Sweatshirt

We are offering hooded sweatshirts with the MBS screen logo on the front. An activity

can be listed on the sleeve and/or your family name listed on the back, if you would like. Orders will be taken until Monday, September 23, 2019. Please return the form with payment to Amanda Evans in the school office. The cost of sweatshirts \$40.00. Make checks payable to MBSCS.

An order form was sent out in this week's Thursday folders. You may download it here, as well.

[Sweatshirt Order Form](#)

NEW GYM UNIFORM ADDITIONS

We have added a navy blue track suit to the Flynn O'Hara website for our middle school students only. Additionally, we have added a new gym short that all student may wear. The shorts are a longer basketball-style. Please check out the Flynn O'Hara website for these new items.

<https://www.flynnohara.com/school-landing.aspx?scn=md220>

AQUOS BOARD

We are pleased to report that through a business agreement with Centric Business Systems we are able to provide a new interactive board in our third grade classroom. The board is an Aquos Board to which the students may connect their devices to during instruction. The Aquos Board is a great addition to our instructional program. Below is a picture of our third grade students enjoying a brain break to a video on the Aquos Board. We thank Centric Systems for their generosity in allowing our use of the Board.



BACK TO SCHOOL BOX TOPS

Our school collects Box Tops! Just in time for back to school, we are raffling a basket for Box Tops submitted in the month of September. For every 10 Box Tops for Education that are turned in, your family will receive an entry for a chance to WIN a Back To School Breakfast Basket! See the flyer in today's Thursday folder.



THURSDAY FOLDERS

Please remember to return your child's Thursday folder each week so that you can keep current with any information, forms, etc., being sent home.



A COUPLE PRECAUTIONS

When visiting the school office, please do not park in the fire lane. The fire lanes are designated by the red curbs.

Also, when entering or exiting our building, please, please, please do not allow anyone else to enter the building until they have identified themselves to the office.

Please be prepared to show proof of identity (driver's license) when signing students out during the day and during aftercare.

The pick-up line traffic moves in one and only one direction. Please DO NOT park in the front spaces and then try to exit against the flow of traffic.

SCHOOL DELAYS/CLOSINGS



Should it be necessary to delay, cancel or dismiss children early due to weather or any other emergency situation, parents will be notified by the School Messenger Notification System. Due to bus schedules, those calls informing of cancellation or delay must be made BEFORE 6:00 a.m. Please be sure that we have your current phone number at which you wish to receive the notification calls. IT IS NECESSARY THAT THE PERSON WHO ANSWERS THE PHONE SPEAK IN ORDER TO ACTIVATE THE MESSAGE.

REMEMBER THAT YOU CAN ALWAYS CHECK ON WBOC TV, THE WBOC WEBSITE, or WMDT FOR CLOSINGS!



ATHLETICS

UPCOMING GAMES:

Co-Ed Soccer: Monday, September 23rd- 4:00PM Away @ St. Francis (Fruitland Fields)

Co-Ed Golf: Thursday, September 26th- 4:00PM Local Match @ Assateague Greens (WP & TSS)

Girls Volleyball: Tuesday, September 24th- 4:00PM Home v. Lighthouse Christian

REQUIRED FORMS:

If you have not already done so, please make sure to turn in all required athletic forms so your child can participate in the fall season. The required forms are: (1) Student-Athlete Contract (2) Parent Contract (3) Transportation Waiver (4) Physical Exam Form (5) Emergency Contact Info (6) Medical History Form. With games quickly approaching, we want to make sure all players can participate. If you need any of the forms, please visit the Athletics section of the MBS website or email me at jhaskell@mbscs.org. Thank You!



COUNSELING CORNER

This week I had a class with our Pre-K program. They taught me the rules of Pre-K. We talked then more about sharing, caring, raising our hands, listening and so on. We got to know everyone's name. We read a book called, "I Care About Others". A large focus of my lessons with Pre-K will be about love and kindness.

To ALL Parents:

On back to school night I discussed a program called Wait Until 8th! Please, please check out this website to explain more about this movement.

<https://www.waituntil8th.org/resources/> Parents, please support each other and your children and wait until 8th grade to introduce smart phones to your children. I will be sending more about this through our weekly newsletter.

Feel free to email me at tgabbard@mbscs.org or call the school to talk if you have any questions or concerns.



LIBRARY NEWS

The school year has started and we already have our first Book Fair quickly approaching. This year the book fair will run the week on the Fall Festival. It will open on September 30th and run until October 4th. Please check the take home folders and the newsletter weekly for updates and information regarding times and volunteer opportunities.

The 5th Annual Storybook Pumpkin Patch will also take place the week of the fall festival/book fair. Students will bring their pumpkins in on Monday the 30th and

Tuesday October 1st. More details for that will be sent home next week in the students folders. Please e-mail Mrs. Gunther, cgunther@mbscs.org with any questions.



IMPORTANT DATES

September

19th-20th School Pictures
20th 12:10 Dismissal Students

October

3rd Blessing of the Pets
4th Fall Festival
11th 12:10 Dismissal Students, Teacher Professional Day
14th School Closed - Columbus Day

PARISH NEWS

St. John Neumann

Parents of SJN 2nd graders - potential 2020 Sacramental candidates: We begin our formation year on Sunday October 6, 2019 with a Parent only meeting at 10AM in the MBS cafetorium. ALL parents of eligible 2nd graders must attend this meeting. Please let me know ASAP if your child will be participating so that I can order the proper amount of materials. The materials fee of \$35 for the sacrament of Reconciliation will be due at this first meeting. I will be using REMIND to keep you abreast of what is going on with the formation so please provide me with the cell number to which you would like to receive these messages.

We will also continue the tradition of the children having their bulletin signed after attending Mass each Sunday and placed in the marked box in the SJN library on the

counter to the left as you enter.

Thanks so very much for your immediate attention to these matters. Nancy Groves
410-208-2854 ngroves@stjnrcc.com

Parents of SJN 8th graders -potential 2020 Confirmation Candidates: We begin our formation year on September 29, 2019 at the 11:30 Mass of Enrollment. If your child is going to take part in the formation kindly register at the parish office or email me. The Confirmation materials' fee is \$75 and a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate is also needed if I do not already have it on file. Please let me know ASAP if your child will be participating so that I can order the proper amount of materials. I will be using REMIND to keep you abreast of what is going on with the formation so please provide me with the cell number to which you would like to receive these messages.

We will also continue the tradition of the candidate getting their bulletin signed after attending Mass each Sunday and placed in the marked box in the SJN library on the counter to the left as you enter.

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St. Jude the Apostle

Catholic Diocese of Wilmington-Annual Marian Pilgrimage October 5, 2019

National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Washington, D.C.

All are welcome to join us for a day of peace with Our Lady, Queen of Peace! The day will include reflections, confessions, Adoration and Mass with Bishop Malooly and many Diocesan Priests!

A bus is leaving St Jude The Apostle parking lot at 7:00 a.m. (park your vehicle by Christian Formation Center, up along Route 1, not in front of the building please) arrival back to Lewes will be approximately 7:30 p.m.

The cost is \$25 and is nonrefundable. Please contact the Christian Formation Office at 644-7413

Note: planning for lunch and dinner will be an additional cost.

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.