

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 19, 2019

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*Praise, you servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord.*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord
both now and forever.*

*Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.
Alleluia.*

*High above all nations is the Lord;
above the heavens is his glory.*

*Who is like the Lord, our God, who is enthroned on high
and looks upon the heavens and the earth below?*

Taken from Psalm 113

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The annual Diocesan Share In The Spirit Collection will be taken at Masses this weekend. The proceeds from this collection are directed toward tuition support for

children in our diocese whose parents desire a Catholic school education and are in need of assistance in meeting the costs of tuition. We encourage your generosity in this collection. During this current school year, families from our school received an average assistance award of \$2,025.00 Below, you will find an excerpt from Bishop Malooly's article in the September 13th edition of the Dialog. Thank you!

"I'm grateful every year for your generous support for Catholic education through Share in the Spirit. However, the need for tuition assistance far exceeds the aid the Diocese is able to provide. This year, families of more than 500 students who applied for tuition will go unassisted due to limited resources.

The desire of so many people to send their children to Catholic schools challenges our responsibility to evangelize future generations in the faith and our goal to keep our schools within the means of as many families as possible. That's why a Share in the Spirit donation is an opportunity to extend the heritage of Catholic education in our diocese by investing in the future of our students now.

Please consider donating to the Share in the Spirit collection. Your support will help ensure our Catholic schools continue to be places where students' souls are formed while their minds are enriched; places where our dedicated faculties teach all lessons with Christ-centered values; and places where students will be empowered to lead moral lives amid future challenges facing our church, our country and the world."

- Bishop Francis Malooly



**EARLY DISMISSAL TOMORROW,
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH**

REMINDER: 12:10 dismissal. Aftercare open until 3:00 p.m. ONLY!

PICTURE DAY CONTINUES!!

Picture-Art photographers will be at our school to take student pictures again on 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.

BLESSING OF THE PETS



On Thursday, October 3rd at 2:20 p.m. our school will host a Blessing of the Pets prayer service on the school lawn adjacent to the Prayer Garden. Families are invited to bring their pets for a blessing and prayer. Attendees are asked to please park in the St. John Neumann parking lot. All pets should be leashed or caged. Students will be dismissed by their teacher following the prayer service.



LOOK WHAT'S POPPING WITH HSA!!
September 19, 2019

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

Our annual **MBS FALL FESTIVAL & DANCE-A-THON** is coming up on **OCTOBER 4, 2019**. Fall Festival is open to everyone so invite your family, friends, neighbors, & community members.

Fall Festival/ Dance-a-thon Information

We have **TWO** more weeks to get our **SPONSORS** ready for the Dance-A-Thon. Please consider asking local businesses to support us as we raise funds for our school. Remember every dollar we raise helps our school reach its highest potential! The monies raised go towards improving the education of our students. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting event for our students, families, & the community members.

****NOTE**** Due to an overwhelming response, we will have backpacks (cinch sacs) as the prize this year in place of the long sleeved t-shirt that is listed on the forms. Every child that raises **\$60.00 or more**, will receive an MBS cinch backpack. The top seller for the annual Fall Festival/Dance-a-thon will have the **CHOICE between and APPLE WATCH or an APPLE IPAD**.

HSA is excited to announce a **NEW Prize Incentive** this year. Every class that has **4 or more business sponsorships** will receive a **Chick-fil-a lunch!** All sponsorship packets are due on **Friday, September 27th**.

Attached are additional business sponsor forms, please turn any business sponsorships into the front office ASAP

If you would like to volunteer to help with Fall Festival, please contact Kristen Littleton at klittleton@mbscs.org.

BOX TOP

One week left for our Back to School Box Top Raffle! The family who submits the most Box Tops by September 30th will win a basket full of breakfast goodies. As of today, the leading family is the Deale family with 100 Box Tops submitted! Please remember to send your clipped Box Tops to school in a Ziploc bag with your last name/teacher's name for credit.

JOIN IN THE FUN WITH HSA & GET YOUR FIP HOURS!!!

We are looking for Volunteers, Chair Persons, & Committee Members for all of our 2019/2020 Fundraisers! Ready to start planning and join HSA!! Now is the time!! It takes a village to make our events successful!

February 8, 2020

Winter Ball: The idea of the Winter Ball is to hold this event off site, cocktail atmosphere, live entertainment, live & silent auctions, & much more. Please consider joining HSA this year! We are looking forward to your fresh ideas!

April 2020

Bull & Oyster Festival: The idea for the Bull & Oyster Festival is to have this event on the MBS grounds, food trucks, vendors, games, libations, and to make it a family friendly community event. Please consider donating your time & talent to make this event happen!

HSA would like to form an AUCTION COMMITTEE this year! The auction committee members would work together to reach out to our local community and ask for donations for upcoming HSA events. This would be a great way to get your FIP hours from the comfort of your home or office.

BOOSTER PROGRAM

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 at n.behornar@verizon.net.

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.

Joining the HSA is a great way to get your FIP HOURS!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!

NEW SWEATSHIRTS

Show off your MBS School Spirit with a New Sweatshirt

We are offering hooded sweatshirts in blue or heather grey 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 last week's Thursday folders. You may download it [here](#), as well.

[sweatshirt order form](#)

USED UNIFORM STORE

We plan to have the used uniform store open during the Fall Festival. This will be a great opportunity to pick up some items for the November 1st uniform change to the

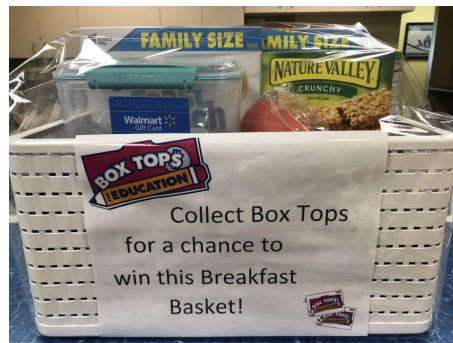
cold weather uniform. Mrs. Christine Seltzer has volunteered to run the shop and would love at least one more parent to help her. It's a great way to earn your FIP hours! Check and cash only for this event.

LUNCH ORDERS!

Lunch order forms for October are being sent home in today's Thursday folders. We ask that students turn in their forms for their lunches in advance each month so that the cafeteria staff is able to prepare the correct amount of food for the month. **October lunch orders are due in to school by Friday, September 30th.**

BACK TO SCHOOL BOX TOPS

Our school collects Box Tops! 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.



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, 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.

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



FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

A few reminders of the policies for student illness:

- **Absence** - Student who is not in school for three or more consecutive days **MUST** have a doctor's note to return to school.
- **Medication** - NO medications, over the counter or prescription, will be administered without a written prescription from the students' doctor. This includes items such as Tums, cough drops, antibiotics and pain medication.
- **Diarrhea/Vomiting** - Student must remain home from school for 24 hours until symptoms cease without medication. If the student is sent home, the student must stay home from school the next day.
- **Fever** - Student must be 24 hours fever free without medication. If the student is sent home, the student must stay home from school the next day.
- **Pink Eye** - Student must remain home until they have received 3 doses of eye drops or ointment. Student must have a doctor's note to return to school.
- **Strep Throat/Scarlet Fever** - Your child needs to remain home for at least 24 hours after the onset of antibiotic treatment and must remain fever free before returning to school. If the student is sent home, the student must stay home from school the next day. You must have a doctor's note to return to school.
- **Head Lice** - Student must be treated and be nit-free. Student must come in with their parent and be examined by the nurse before they are able to return to class.

All health policies are listed in the family hand book. Policies are in place to help keep the children of our school healthy and to help prevent the spread of germs.



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

AWAY GAME PROCEDURES:

If you are helping transport players to an away game, please follow the below procedures:

- (1) Arrive at MBS 5-10 minutes before game dismissal time
- (2) Park out in front of the school on the outer road (not the fire lane)
- (3) Check in with Ms. Higgins in the front office
- (4) Sign out the players who will be riding in your car
- (5) Make sure the players in your car have all their belongings
- (6) Accompany/supervise the players at the host facility until our coach has arrived

Please email me at jhaskell@mbscs.org if you have any questions.

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 (6) Sports Participation Fee- \$40. 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!

COACHES

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to our fall coach volunteers. Your time, energy and dedication are valued and a true benefit to our students.

Soccer-
Anne Vogel

Stephen King
Susan Velasquez-Perez

Volleyball-
Todd Hayes

Golf-
Scott Simmons
Andrew Genga
Lori Genga



COUNSELING CORNER

This week I visited with grades K, 1 and 2. We had introductions, discussed using eye contact when we talk with one another and talked about our responsibility of showing kindness to one another. In the 2nd grade, we talked about cotton balls/sandpaper, kind words/harsh words. We read a book called, Love". In 1st grade we read , The Caring Me I Want To Be! Parents, please help as we model kindness to our children and encourage acts of kindness in our school, our home and our community. Please help them remember and practice the golden rule. Do to others as you would have them do to you - Luke 6:31



LIBRARY NEWS

We are 2 weeks away from our first Book Fair of the school year. This week students were sent home with their Book Fair flyers. Please look over it with your child, they are very excited about a the new books we will be receiving in the Library. Also,

check out the e Wallet program. This program allows you to add funds to an account for your children to use the week of the fair. That means you will not have to send cash or a check into school with your child. Its easy to use, just follow this link

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=mostblessedsacramentschool2>

On our homepage you will be able to access the e wallet and volunteer schedule. Please remember that if you are going to order books online to do so through our homepage. We will only receive rewards for books ordered through the fair homepage. Any questions please contact Mrs. Gunther, cgunther@mbscs.org.

The Storybook Pumpkin Patch is also 2 weeks away. I know many of the students have already started thinking about their pumpkins. There will be prizes for each winner. Please be creative and remember this is a fun contest for the children. A flyer was sent home this week with contest details. Any questions please contact Mrs. Gunther.

IMPORTANT DATES

September

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.

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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.