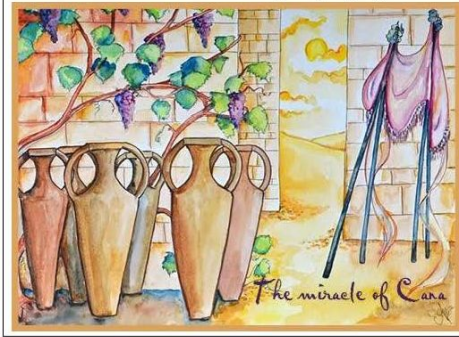




*Believe and see the glory of God.*



### ***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 5, 2019**

**Phone: 410-208-1600**

**Fax: 410-208-4957**

**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

**Your children have done an excellent job in transitioning into the new school year. Thank you for all of your cooperation and support. You are awesome!**

**Please allow me to share our immense appreciation for the trust and confidence that you place in us, the administrators, teachers and support staff, by choosing to enroll and continue enrollment at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School. We love your children and are grateful for the opportunity to provide this ministry of the Catholic Church to your family. We look forward to another outstanding year of faith, academics and extra-curricular activities.**

**On our first day, September 3rd, our school met in the cafeteria to offer prayer and thanksgiving for the blessing of a new school year. Our wonderful student council led us in prayer. We were pleased to have so many parents, grandparents and visitors join us.**

# DIOCESAN THEME

The Diocesan Theme for 2019-2020 is, "Believe and see the glory of God." This theme is derived from the Gospel of St. John and brings us to reflect on the "seven signs" of Jesus' miracles.

September - Listening Responsibly  
October - Asking for Assistance  
November - Helping Others in Need  
December - Helping Others in Need  
January - Giving of All One Has  
February - Facing Challenges without Fear  
March - Doing What's Right  
April - Demonstrating Faith  
May - Welcoming New Ideas

Our prayer for the year is the Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with you;  
blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to Your word.

Hail Mary, etc.

V. And the Word was made Flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, etc.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY

Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Your Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Our song for the year is *Song - 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*.....Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman.

## 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](#)

## PICTURE DAYS

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.

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## RAINY DAY DISMISSAL

On days when it is raining heavily and/or there is lightning at dismissal time, we will follow a rainy day dismissal procedure. On those days, students will be dismissed from the front doors of the school. Parents will line up in their vehicles in the regular pick-up line. Please wait until the staff signals the cars to pull around to the front of the building where staff will call for the children to come out to their vehicle. We ask that parents make a sign (8.5" x 11") with the children's last names on the sign and place that sign on the right side of the vehicle's dash board.



## SCHOOL MASS

Each Thursday and occasionally on other days of significance, our school will attend Mass at St. John Neumann Church. Our joining together to celebrate Liturgy is a very special experience for our school community. We encourage

family members to join us as schedules permit. We ask that children arrive to school no later than 8:10 a.m. on all days and especially on Thursday or days on which we are attending Mass. Our first school mass of the 2019-2020 school year will be celebrated on Thursday, September 12th. Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation.

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## 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.

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## FALL FESTIVAL

SAVE THE DATE! Our annual Dance-a-thon and Fall Festival will be held on Friday, October 4th. The Dance-a-thon will take place from 1:45 p.m.-2:45 p.m. followed by the Fall Festival. We will have new rides, carnival games, food and much more! We are asking any parents that would like to be on the Fall Festival Committee please email Kristen Littleton at [klittleton@mbscs.org](mailto:klittleton@mbscs.org). Our first committee meeting will take place on Tuesday September 10th at 7:00 p.m. in

the school library. Stay tuned for more information coming home in your students folder!



## 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.

## GIANT AND HARRIS TEETER GROCERY STORE LINKS

If you shop at Harris Teeter or Giant, please make sure your store accounts are linked to Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School. These need to be linked every year at this time.

You can sign up your VIC card at <https://www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education#/app/cms> Find the Click to Link your Card. Our code is 6845. Your card will be linked for the entire school year. This program does not interfere with your VIC savings or cost you any money! You can also link your card in the store.

To link your card with Giant, you will need our school ID 04563 and password NJNG when you visit their website ([www.giantfood.com](http://www.giantfood.com)) and then click on Our Stores then A+ to register.

## SCHOOL DELAYS/CLOSINGS

We are keeping our eye on Hurricane Dorian



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 OR WBOC WEBSITE FOR CLOSINGS!



## ATHLETICS

### FALL PRACTICES BEGIN:

Our middle school fall sports season starts next week. The first practice for each of our sports will take place on the following dates and time:

Co-Ed Soccer: Monday, September 9th: 3:30-5:00pm: MBS Athletic Fields

Co-Ed Golf: Tuesday, September 10th: 3:30-5:00pm: Ocean Resorts Golf Course

Girls Volleyball: Tuesday, September 10th: 3:30-5:00pm: MBS Gymnasium

### SPECIAL THANKS:

The MBS Athletic Department would like to thank the Delahanty Family! Through their kind and sizable contributions, we were able to purchase and install a second scoreboard in the gymnasium. Furthermore, we were able to buy brand new girl volleyball jerseys for the upcoming season.



The new scoreboard gives our fans an unobstructed view of the score and updates functionality. The sleek new volleyball jerseys allow us to meet NFHS volleyball jersey regulations. No more softball jerseys out on the volleyball court! Thank You Julie, Tom and Brooke!!!



## COUNSELING CORNER

Welcome back to another wonderful year at MBS! I am so excited to see all of our lovely students and families this week. I look forward to visiting classes in the next few weeks. Parents, please read our News and Muse weekly for important information. If you ever need to reach me, please call the school or email me at



## 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](mailto:cgunther@mbscs.org) with any questions.



## IMPORTANT DATES

### September

12th	Mass to Celebrate the Opening of the School Year
19th-20th	School Pictures
20th	12:10 Dismissal Students, Teacher Professional 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](mailto: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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### ***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.*