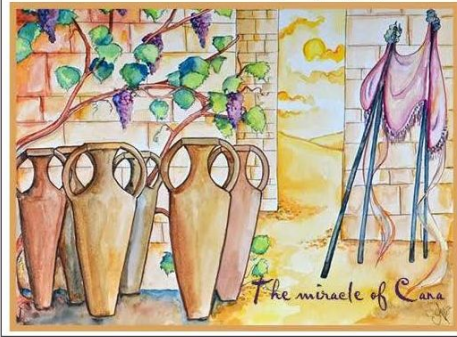




Believe and see the glory of God.



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.

October 17, 2019

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*The Lord is your guardian; the Lord is your shade;
he is beside you at your right hand.
The sun shall not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The Lord will guard you from all evil;
he will guard your life.
Psalm 121*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

During the month of October, our Church encourages us to pray the Rosary (more than usual) for the forgiveness of sins and world peace. Our Blessed Mother Mary has, on many occasions, expressed the importance of praying the Rosary. In the Rosary, we find scriptural focus on the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries that are derived from the New Testament and based upon the lives of Jesus and His mother, Mary. On Friday, October 18th, our school will gather at 10:00 a.m. in the

cafeteria to be led, by our students, in praying a Live Rosary. We invite all parents and other family members to join us in our Rosary devotion to Our Lord and Our Lady.

CHRISTIAN HOUSING MINISTRY PROJECT

On Monday, (weather permitting) our 8th grade will participate in a Christian Housing Ministry project in Westover, MD. The day will involve our students in a guided hands-on service to a pre-selected family by completing a building project on their home. Our students will work under the direction of trained adults in using hand and power tools in their task completion. We commend our students for their willingness to participate in this act of service to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Many thanks to our Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Gabbard, for coordinating this event.

PARENT CONFERENCES

On Thursday, October 24th (3:00-6:00 p.m.) and Friday, October 25th (1:00 - 6:00 p.m.), our school will host parent conferences. Our teachers are currently scheduling those conferences in fifteen minute blocks either through direct contact or through Sign-up Genius. Students will be dismissed at 12:10 p.m. on Friday, October 25th. **We would like to remind parents that we cannot provide childcare while parents are involved in conferences. Children may not wait in the office, gym or library for their parents. Unless the teacher requests that the student be present for the conference, it is not appropriate to bring children to the conference site.** In order to use our after-care program, parents must have previously signed-up their children and submitted all required paperwork. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.





Pre-K and Kindergarten Field Trips

Last week our pre-K and kindergarten classes had the opportunity to visit some wonderful local attractions. Our pre-K 3 and 4 classes visited the Salisbury Zoo and our kindergarten class visited Parsons Farm. Both classes enjoyed the fun and interactive learning experiences.

Eternity Bricks

In last week's Thursday folder, we sent home a letter with an order form on the back to purchase eternity bricks for our beautiful Prayer Garden located in the front of the building. Purchasing a brick not only helps our school, but leaves a lasting mark in our faith-filled community. There is an attached copy of the order form to share with family, friends, neighbors and fellow parishioners. Please contact Mrs. Evans if you have any questions. [Prayer Garden Bricks](#)

FAMILY DIRECTORY

We are in the process of compiling our family directory. If we have not received a completed family directory form, we can not add your family information to our directory.

[Directory Form](#)

MBS FAMILY BUSINESS DIRECTORY

On our school website, we have a wonderful directory of our family businesses. Many new families to the area take advantage of this special list. Please consider adding your family's business to our directory. Simply email Mrs. Evans at aevans@mbscs.org with your business name, contact information, and a brief description of what you

offer. Some families have even added a discount for MBS families.

SCHOOL SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEBSITE

Be sure to visit our Facebook page, Instagram and Twitter feeds often. Please like and follow them for up-to-date information. It's a great way to see what's going on at MBS on a daily basis.

Facebook link for the public page: @mostblessedsacramentschool

Facebook link for the closed group: Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School in Ocean Pines, MD

**The closed group is a place where we share information that just pertains to our families. Please ask to join the group if you haven't already.

Instagram link: mbscatholicschool

Twitter link: @MBSCS11242

Also, our website is a great reference to frequently asked questions, links to the uniform and spirit wear stores and our month-to-month calendar of events. The MBS family business directory is listed on our website, as well as our event sponsors. Our website is: <https://mostblessedsacramentschool.com/>.



LOOK WHAT'S POPPING WITH HSA!! OCTOBER 17, 2019

UPCOMING HSA EVENTS

DINE and DONATE

Chipotle

Come out and support MBS for our DINE and DONATE Fundraiser! On November 18, 2019, we will have a DINE and DONATE Fundraiser at Chipotle in West Ocean City from 4-8 p.m. Chipotle will donate 33% of proceeds back to MBS. Bring your flyer or show it on your phone. Super easy!! Everyone loves a night off from cooking!! Bring your family and friends to support MBS. See the flyer in this week's folder.

HALLOWEEN SPIRIT DAY

Spooky Socks & Creepy Scrunchies

On Thursday October 31, 2019, students may wear SPOOKY SOCKS and CREEPY SCRUNCHIES/ HAIR BOWS. Students are asked to bring in \$1.00 to participate in Halloween Spirit Day. The money raised will be used to ship items collected to Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala and Nicaragua for Cross Catholic Mission. Details to follow in next week's folder.

HSA Concessions

We will have concessions for all of our home games. The concession stand will have drinks, chips, snacks, fresh popcorn, fresh PHILLY pretzels and much more! We are looking for volunteers to help us make this fundraiser a success. Also, any 6th-8th grade student who would like to volunteer for concessions may participate. All students who volunteer will get service hours. If you have any questions or would like to help please contact Nichole Behornar at n.behornar@verizon.net.

We are in need of Volunteers for our upcoming HOME GAMES!
All games begin at 4:00 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL HOME GAME SCHEDULE

Tuesday, 10/29/19

SOCCER HOME GAME SCHEDULE

Monday, 10/21/19

Monday, 10/28/19

Join In The Fun With HSA And Get Your FIP Hours!!!

We are looking for volunteers, chair persons and 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 in a cocktail atmosphere with live entertainment, live and silent auctions, and much more. Please consider joining HSA this year! We are looking forward to your fresh ideas!

April 2020

Bull and Oyster Festival: The plan for the Bull and Oyster Festival is to have this event on the MBS grounds and to offer food trucks, vendors, games, libations, at 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 to 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. Please contact HSA President Nichole Behornar 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 at n.behornar@verizon.net.

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!

UNIFORM CHANGE TO COLD WEATHER

On November 1st, students should wear the cold weather uniform as detailed in the Family Handbook.

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

It's that time of year again! Cold and flu season is upon us!! PLEASE have your students vaccinated for the flu! The Health Department, local pharmacy and your pediatricians office all have the shot available NOW!



ATHLETICS

RECENT RESULTS:

Thursday, October 10, 2019- 4:00PM Volleyball- Home v. Salisbury Christian- W
Tuesday, October 15, 2019- 4:00PM Volleyball- Away v. Salisbury Christian-W
Tuesday, October 15, 2019- 4:00PM Soccer- Away v. Worcester Prep- L

UPCOMING GAMES:

Co-Ed Golf: Thursday, October 17, 2019- 4:00PM Local v. The Country School,
Worcester Prep
Co-Ed Soccer: Monday, October 21, 2019- 4:00PM Home v. Lighthouse Christian
Girls Volleyball: Tuesday, October 22, 2019- 4:00PM Away @ Delmarva Christian

WINTER SPORTS MEETING- 11/7/2019:

For those students/parents interested in winter sports (basketball), we will hold an info meeting after school on Thursday, November 7th at 3:25pm in the MBS Gymnasium.

FALL SPORTS RECOGNITION- 11/8/2019:

We will recognize all our fall athletes on Friday, November 8th at 9:00am in the MBS Cafeteria. Parents are encouraged to attend.

8th GRADE RECOGNITION:

We will be recognizing our 8th grade fall athletes on the following dates and times.

Parents are encouraged to attend:

Co-Ed Soccer: Monday, October 21, 2019 @ 4:00PM- Home Game v. Lighthouse Christian

Girls Volleyball: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 @ 4:00PM- Home Game v. Epworth

Co-Ed Golf: Friday, November 8, 2019 @ 9:00AM- Fall Sports Recognition



COUNSELING CORNER

Service- BOX OF JOY

MBS will participate in our first school-wide service project! We will be doing a program called Box of Joy which is a ministry of Cross Catholic Outreach. Please look for a flyer and information sent home in today's Thursday folder. You will also hear more about this from your child's homeroom teacher. We need everyone's help to make this service project a success! Thank you, Theresa Gabbard.

Attn: Middle School Parents-

The St. Thomas More Academy's Open House is Nov. 3rd from 12-3! The time has come to start thinking about High School. Check out www.saintmore.org for more information about St. Thomas More.

This week I met with grades K, 1 and 2. We discussed our upcoming Red Ribbon Week. This will be held the week of Oct. 28- Nov. 1st. Red Ribbon Week is a week celebrated among many schools in the nation to promote a healthy, drug free life. In the younger grades my focus is on making healthy choices like drinking milk and water, playing outside vs. too much screen time and we talk about using our trusted adults if they have to take medication. They will hear more information over the week of Red Ribbon Week.

We also talked about our school wide Service Project - Box of Joy. Please see the information in the Thursday folder today. As always, please reach out to tgabbard@mbscs.org.

Parents of our 5th grade and Middle School girls

As mentioned in the News and Muse last week, our 5th grade and Middle School girls

had a speaker yesterday. During recess, Molly McElroy from Beautiful Me came to speak about positive body image. She discussed the difference between positive and negative body image. Molly discussed having a learning disability and that she was teased when she was younger. Molly had an eating disorder in high school due to how poorly she felt about herself. Molly talked to the girls about finding what they love, ways to love themselves and empowering each other. They did an activity writing, "I am beautiful when I or because I..." the girls had a picture of themselves taken that they will come home with.

Parents, please talk to your daughters about this great speaker. She was very positive and helped the girls remember we are all unique because God made us that way. You can check out her website at www.beautifulmecampaign.me.

Feel free to contact me with any questions at tgabbard@mbscs.org.



Some Middle School Dates of Interest:

Monday, Oct. 21st - The 8th grade will have a trip and do service with Chesapeake Housing Mission. The rain date for this trip will be on Monday, Oct. 28th. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at tgabbard@mbscs.org, thank you!



LIBRARY NEWS

We received a new book this week in the library written by our very own 5th grade student Maximo Castellanos. "The Haunted Swamp" is the fifth book in a series of books written by Maximo. Thank you Maximo for giving the library a copy of your books for the whole school to enjoy.

IMPORTANT DATES

October

17	Golf vs St. Francis, 4 p.m.
21	Soccer vs Lighthouse Christian, Home, 4 p.m.
22	Volleyball vs Delmarva Christian, Away, 4 p.m.
24	Parent Conferences, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
25	Parent Conferences, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

PARISH NEWS

St. John Neumann

Parents of 2nd graders: Our next Parent only meeting for the newbies will be Sunday 3 November 10-11:00AM at MBS.

Parents of SJN 8th graders - potential 2020 Confirmation Candidates

Our next gathering will be Sunday 20 October beginning at 12:30PM in the SJN library. Please don't forget your bibles!

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.

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

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SAINT JOHN NEUMANN WOMEN'S RETREAT

"Blessed from Age to Age": A Women's Weekend of Prayer

The 13th Annual Saint John Neumann Women's Retreat will be held January 24-26, 2020 at the Dunes Manor Hotel located on 28th Street in Ocean City. Our Retreat Facilitator will be a return engagement from Sr. Clare A. D'Auria OSF, a Sister of St. Francis of Philadelphia, Aston, PA, who currently ministers as a staff member at the Franciscan Spiritual Center in Aston, Pennsylvania. The entire cost of the weekend

which includes three meals on Saturday, one on Sunday, snacks and materials is \$315 for a private room, \$225 per person for double occupancy, \$200 for a triple, \$190 for a quad, and \$145 for the four meals, materials and not staying overnight. For registration and additional information, please contact Nancy Groves 410-208-2854 or ngroves@stjnrcc.com.

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.