

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 24, 2019

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*I will bless the Lord at all times;
praise shall be always in my mouth.
My soul will glory in the Lord
that the poor may hear and be glad.
Magnify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord, who answered me,
delivered me from all my fears.
Look to God that you may be radiant with joy
and your faces may not blush for shame.
In my misfortune I called,
the Lord heard and saved me from all distress.
The angel of the Lord, who encamps with them,
delivers all who fear God.*

Psalm 34:1-8

Dear Parents and Guardians,

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. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We congratulate Fr. Joseph Cocucci, Pastor of St. John Neuman Parish, for his recent investiture into the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. The Order is a fraternal organization of the Roman Catholic Church that serves by reinforcing the practice of Christian life in absolute fidelity to the Holy Father. In addition, the Order supports the spiritual and social work of the Church in the Holy land. Congratulations, Father Cocucci!!!

INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF FASTING AND PRAYER

During the week of Sunday, November 2nd through Sunday, November 10th, our Church will observe the 27th International Week of fasting and prayer. Under the theme of "Mercy, Forgiveness and Healing," Catholics across the globe are called to pray the Rosary, spend time before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and fast from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. daily. All Catholic families are encouraged to participate. Please follow this link for more information. [Week of Prayer and Fasting](#)

8TH GRADE SERVICE PROJECT

We are very proud of our 8th grade students for their recent service project which they completed in Somerset County, Maryland. The project involved the students in dismantling and removing the previous accessibility ramp and installing a new one on a private residence. It was amazing to see the students working so hard in collaboration and using the various power tools to complete the construction of the new ramp. Many thanks to our Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Gabbard, for organizing and coordinating this event. Thanks also to our 8th grade homeroom teacher, Mrs. Selba, and to parents, Mrs. Selzer, Mrs. Zender, Mrs. David, Mrs. Wanalista and Mr. Delahanty for their support and participation. Our children worked as a team, learned so many new things and felt the true gift of service. Great job 8th grade!!



ETERNITY BRICKS

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY PERIOD

Our middle school students meet every two weeks from 1:45-3:00 p.m. from October-June for an activity period. Teachers, parents, grandparents and mentors lead the students in learning experiences that extend the curricula. This trimester, our students had the opportunity to choose between branding/logo making, holiday baking, computer coding, holiday crafting, service projects and photography. Below you see our students involved in their activities.



CHRISTMAS CARD CONTEST

Each year, we ask our talented students to submit an original piece of their artwork for our annual Christmas card. This year, the theme is "Oh Holy Night". Please encourage your children to participate in this fun contest. Not only will our card go out to our MBS community, it will also grace the program covers of our Christmas Show and Piano Recital. All entries must be submitted on an 8.5x11" piece of white paper. Please have children use crayons, markers or colored pencils.

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: @mostblessedsacramentcatholicschool

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 24, 2019**

UPCOMING HSA EVENTS

DINE & DONATE AT CHIPOTLE

Come out and support MBS for our DINE & DONATE fundraiser! On November 18, 2019, we will have a DINE & DONATE fundraiser at Chipotle in West Ocean City from 4-8 p.m. Chipotle will donate 33% of the 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 & friends to support MBS.

HALLOWEEN SPIRIT DAY

On Thursday October 31, 2019, participating students may wear SPOOKY SOCKS & CREEPY SCRUNCHIES/ HAIR BOWS. In order to participate in Halloween Spirit Day, students must bring in a \$1.00 donation. The donated money will be used to ship items collected to Haiti, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and the Dominican Republic for Cross Catholic Mission.

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

During the 1st week of December, HSA will hold Santa's Workshop. Students will be able to shop and purchase gifts for parents, grandparents, siblings, or anyone on their shopping list. There is something for every shopper's budget. We will be working with a company by the name of Lil' Shopper's Shoppe. They provide us with all the supplies and gifts. We need to supply the volunteers to help set up, run, & break down the workshop. The company will donate 20% of the total sales back to MBS. Please consider signing up to make Santa's Workshop a success. For more information and to sign up to volunteer contact Angela Short at angshortconsulting@gmail.com. More information will come in the next few weeks.

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 to work at the concessions stand 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 future HOME GAMES! All games begin at 4pm.

VOLLEYBALL HOME GAME SCHEDULE

Tuesday, 10/29/19

SOCCER HOME GAME SCHEDULE

Monday, 10/28/19

Wednesday, 10/30/19

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. We will offer

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

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. Volunteering for HSA events 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 DELAYS AND 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 17, 2019- 4:00PM Golf- St. Francis, Worcester Prep- 2nd Place
Monday, October 21, 2019- 4:00PM Soccer- Home v. Lighthouse Christian- W
Tuesday, October 22, 2019- 4:00PM Volleyball- Away v. Delmarva Christian- L

UPCOMING GAMES:

Girls Soccer: Monday, October 28, 2019- 4:00PM Home v. Worcester Prep
Girls Volleyball: Tuesday, October 29, 2019- 4:00PM Home v. Epworth
Co-Ed Soccer: Wednesday, October 30, 2019- 4:00PM Home v. St. Francis

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/K.O.C. SOCCER CHALLENGE AWARDS- 11/8/2019:

We will recognize our fall athletes and our Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge award recipients on Friday, November 8th at 9:00am in the MBS Cafeteria. Parents are encouraged to attend.

8th GRADE RECOGNITION:

We will recognize our 8th grade fall athletes on the following dates and times. Parents are encouraged to attend:

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

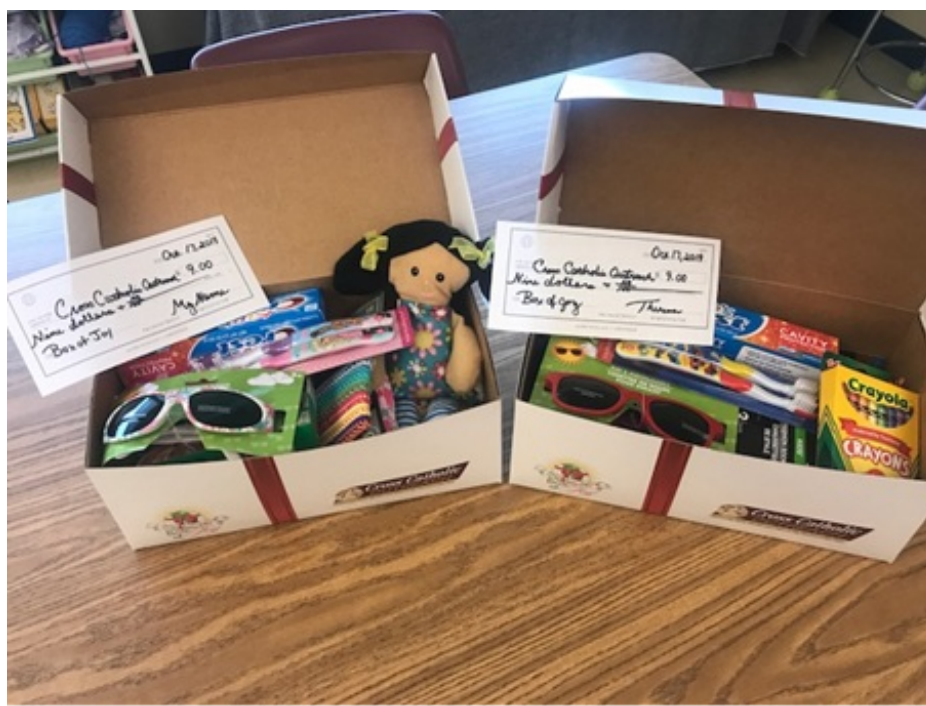
Co-Ed Golf: Friday, November 8, 2019 @ 9:00AM- Fall Sports Recognition



COUNSELING CORNER

Service- BOX OF JOY

MBS will participate in our first school-wide service project of this school year! We will be participating in a program called Box of Joy which is a ministry of Cross Catholic Outreach. Please look for emails from your homeroom teacher. **We will collect items for the boxes and \$9 checks to Cross Catholic Outreach during the week of Nov. 4-8.** 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 3, 4 and 5. 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. We also talked about our school wide Service Project - Box of Joy. Please talk to your child about this project and look for emails from your child's homeroom teacher. As always, please reach out to tgabbard@mbscs.org.

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to our wonderful 8th grade and parent volunteers who helped with the Chesapeake Housing Mission Trip on Monday, the 21st! Our students helped make a handicap ramp for sweet woman in Westover.



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.

NON-MBS FLYERS (Flyers are not created at MBS)

Sea Colony Tennis

IMPORTANT DATES

October

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| 24 | Parent Conferences, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Golf vs The Country School, Home, 4:00 p.m. |
| 25 | Parent Conferences, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. |
| 28 | Soccer vs Worcester Prep, Home, 4:00 p.m. |
| 29 | Volleyball vs Epworth, Home, 4:00 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.

Confirmation 2020: Our next gathering will be Sunday 10 November beginning at 12:30PM and ending at 2:00PM. Don't forget your Bibles and the Sponsor sheet is due.

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.

St. Jude The Apostle

St Jude The Apostle Church is honored to have Holocaust survivor Ann Jaffe, who will speak on November 7, at 1:30 pm in our Parish Life Center. All are welcome to attend.

Ann Jaffe is a retired teacher connecting with young people by speaking as a first-hand witness and survivor of the Holocaust. She chairs the Speakers' Bureau of Delaware's Holocaust Education Committee and has presented her story, and the lessons from it, over 400 times. She inspires and influences countless individuals.

Born in 1931 in the small village of Kobylnik, Poland (now Belarus), her family survived by hiding from the Nazis for two years in a nearby forest. Ann endured exposure to freezing temperatures, starvation, and constant fear of capture. She credits her parents for her survival, and the life lesson she shares with others, "to never hate your fellow man."

As a Holocaust educator, she advocates for tolerance and respect for differences, while encouraging individuals to speak out against injustice. For these reasons, Ann was also honored by the Anti-Defamation League last year at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC.

St. Jude The Apostle is located at 152 Tulip Dr. Lewes, DE, just north of the Five Points intersection on Route 1 Northbound in Lewes, DE.

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.