

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 3, 2019

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Today, October 3rd at 2:20 p.m. our school will host a Blessing of the Animals 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.

We ask all visitors and their animal friends to stay behind the yellow tape before, during and after the service.

Dismissal Procedures for Friday, October 4th-Fall Festival

In order to provide a safe and orderly dismissal on Friday, October 4th, we are asking that everyone please cooperate with the following:

- Children who attend-after care will report to after-care as usual. Parents of those children should pick up their children following the usual procedure from the after-care room. If someone other than the parent is picking children up, proper notification must be made in advance and identification may be required.
- Children whose parents wish to pick-up and then attend the Fall Festival will be available for pick-up in the cafeteria at dismissal time.
- Parents should come to the cafeteria where the children must be signed-out in order to pick-up.
- Children must be signed out by the parent. If someone other than the parent is picking children up, proper notification must be made in advance and identification may be required.

- It is important that all children are picked-up from the cafeteria by 3:30 p.m. Children who are not picked-up from the cafeteria by 3:30 p.m. will be taken to the after-care room.
- Parents arriving for pick-up after 3:30 p.m. will be billed for after-care services.
- Bus dismissal and departure will proceed as usual from the front of the school building.
- Car line dismissal will take place as usual with one exception. As cars exit the school parking lot, drivers will be directed to do so through the St. John Neumann parking lot. Exiting cars will not be able to exit onto rte. 589 via the front driveway of the school.
- Volunteers who arrive at MBS before 2:30 p.m. are asked to please park in the parking lot behind the school.
- Anyone arriving after 2:30 p.m. is asked to park in the St. John Neumann parking lot.
- Guests attending the Fall Festival should park in the St. John Neumann parking lot. Parking in the school parking lots will not be available during the Fall Festival.



LOOK WHAT'S POPPING WITH HSA!!

OCTOBER 3, 2019

Please join us as we kick off our Fall Festival right after dismissal TOMORROW, October 4th until 6:00 p.m. All large attractions will be set up outside, with games, bake sale and food items located in the cafeteria. All purchased or won wristbands will be sent home in the Thursday folders today. Please have your child wear them tomorrow or bring them with you. Wristbands will be on sale during the event at the front of the school. If you did not receive your wristband, please go to the wristband table during the event and have them contact Kristen Littleton.

-Primary Pod (K-2) Come to school dressed like a person from the Baby Boomer generation. This would be dressing like a disco diva or a hippie!

- Intermediate Pod (3-5) You will be representing Gen X which is from the 80's and

90's. This would be a great time for some neon colors and parachute pants!

- Middle School Pod (6-8) Come to school decked out as a Millennial! You will wear dance clothes that show anytime from the late 90's to today! Take some time and come up with your best outfit!

Please bring all kitchen and bake sale donations to school during drop off tomorrow, October 4th, morning. We will have a cart at the front of the building for your donations. Please contact Kristin Coane with any bake sale questions at kmac0709@gmail.com.

If anyone is interested in volunteering during the event, please contact Kristen Littleton at klittleton@mbscs.org.

We are excited to see everyone tomorrow, Friday, October 4, 2019 at our Fall Fundraiser. The HSA board members and the Fall Festival Chair, Kristen Littleton would like to extend a big THANK YOU to our MBS families and the community for helping to make this event a success! We look forward to another great event!

HSA Concessions

****NEW**** HSA is excited to announce another new fundraiser for MBS! 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 that would like to volunteer for concessions may participate. All students that volunteer will get service hours. If you have any questions or would like to help please contact Nichole Behornar @ n.behornar@verizon.net.

We are in need of Volunteers for are upcoming HOME GAMES! All games begin at 4pm.

VOLLEYBALL HOME GAME SCHEDULE

Thursday, 10/10/19

Tuesday, 10/29/19

SOCCER HOME GAME SCHEDULE

Wednesday, 10/16/19

Monday, 10/21/19

Monday, 10/28/19

BOX TOP



Congratulations to the Velasquez-Perez family our Box Top Raffle WINNER!! Thank you to all those that participated in the Box Top Raffle. Keep your Box Tops coming!!! We will still be collecting & submitting Box Tops throughout the entire school year.

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

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

April 2020

Bull and Oyster Festival: The idea for the Bull and Oyster Festival is to have this event on the MBS grounds with 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.

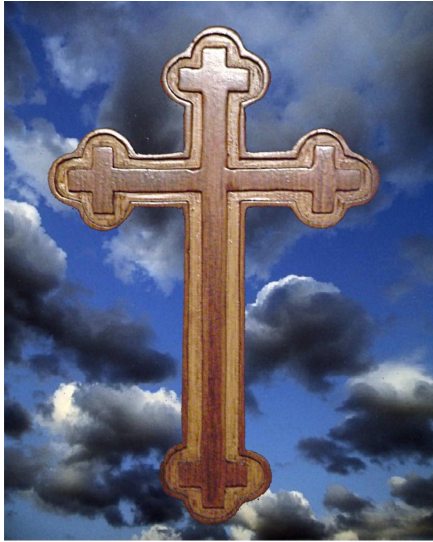
BOOSTER PROGRAM

MBS Booster Program comes with several perks that you and your family can enjoy throughout the school year. For more information 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 @ n.behornar@verizon.net. Joining the HSA is a great way to get your FIP HOURS!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!



A LOSS TO OUR MBS FAMILY

We are sorry to inform everyone that Nancy Welsh, wife of Denny Welsh, has passed away. Nancy and Denny were big supporters of our school plays. Nancy and Denny worked tirelessly and until the wee hours of the morning working on sets, lighting and sound for many years. You could find either one of them here at school, working everyday until the school production was finished.

There will be a viewing on Monday October 7th from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. There will be a short prayer service at 3:00 p.m. after the viewing.

Eternal light shine upon Nancy, oh Lord.

May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest In Peace. Amen

UNIFORM CHANGE TO COLD WEATHER

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

USED UNIFORM STORE

We plan to have the used uniform store open during the Fall Festival and items will only be \$2.00 a piece!! This will be a great opportunity to pick up some items for the November 1st uniform change to the cold weather uniform. We want to thank Mrs. Christine Seltzer for volunteering to run the shop. Check and cash only for this event.

PRESENTATION OF FRIENDSHIP TABLE

Many thanks to MadaLynne Rutzler for refurbishing the school's picnic tables and Buddy Benches. MadaLynne performed this service as part of her Bronze Award for Girl Scouts.

Please stop by and check out the tables while visiting the Fall Festival. Great job, MadaLynne! We appreciate your service to our school.

Hello! I am MadaLynne Rutzler and I am a 5th grade student and Girl Scout Junior. Over this past summer I worked on a Girl Scout project in hopes to earn the highest award a Girl Scout Junior can achieve; the Bronze Award. Five years ago, then 8th grader Marissa Alvarez and the Student Council developed and painted the picnic tables to present the school with the concept of a friendship buddy table. A buddy friendship table is a place for our students to be able to sit and make new friendships, to relax and most importantly a "safe place" to let others know you are wanting to be included.

I had noticed more and more over the last school year we needed to refurbish the tables. The tables had become worn down and had lots of splinters. After talking with Mr. Record about my ideas I spent about thirty hours in total over some really hot summer days and learned how to power-wash, sand and paint! To finish off the tables I decided to use some inspirational quotes to remind us all to always be kind.

I would like to thank several people. First, Mr. Record for giving me permission to do this project; Mr. Chris and Mr. DeVine for helping me with electricity and hoses when we needed them. Next I'd like to thank Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Littleton, Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Alvarez for encouraging me. Last but not least a big thank you to my sister MaryAnn, my mom and my dad who helped me each step of the way. With that, I would like to present our new friendship tables to the student body.

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

Many children are struggling with the changes and the routine of school. Students are presenting with headaches and stomach pains and fatigue. Please encourage healthy eating. Good grades, a good attitude and a good day at school all start with breakfast. Our children need a chance for food to wake them up and fuel their brains and bodies to learn and stay healthy. Hydration is also key for success. Studies show proper hydration does more than just quench your thirst. It helps our cells carry oxygen and nutrients which keep us healthy and alert. When the body is dehydrated it can cause the brain to temporarily shrink causing headaches. Students may bring a water bottle with them to school. There are several water stations for refills in our school. Sleep is important for success in school as well. Guidelines from the American Academy of Pediatrics state that children age 6-12 are recommended to get 9 to 12 hours of sleep at night and students aged 13-18 years old need 8 to 10 hours of sleep every night. Children who get enough sleep have a healthier immune system, better school performance, better behavior and mental health. Encourage your students to eat well, stay hydrated and get plenty of rest at night.



ATHLETICS

RECENT RESULTS:

Co-Ed Soccer: Monday, September 30, 2019- 4:00PM Away @ Lighthouse- W

Girls Volleyball: Tuesday, October 1, 2019- 4:00PM Away @ Epworth- L

UPCOMING GAMES:

Co-Ed Soccer: Wednesday, October 9, 2019- 4:00PM Away @ Worcester Prep

Girls Volleyball: Thursday, October 10, 2019- 4:00PM Home v. Salisbury Christian

Co-Ed Golf: Wednesday, October 9, 2019- 4:00PM Local v. Sts. Peter & Paul, Worcester Prep

HSA CONCESSIONS:

The HSA is now selling concessions at our home soccer and volleyball games! During a break in the action, please go over and purchase a thirst-quenching beverage or a yummy snack. All funds go to the HSA fund and MBS athletics. If you can volunteer at the concession stand, please email me at jhaskell@mbscs.org.

AWAY GAME PROCEDURES:

If you cannot transport your child to an away game, please contact another parent the evening before and arrange a ride with them. Please then send me a brief email informing me of the arrangement agreed to between parents. Players cannot make their own travel arrangements at dismissal time without the parents first talking to one another. Finally, if you are participating in the carpool, please observe the following procedures:

1. Arrive at MBS 5-10 minutes before early 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 and supervise the players at the host facility until a coach has arrived

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



COUNSELING CORNER

Attn: Middle School Parents-

The St. Thomas More HS 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 middle school. In each class we talked about using good eye contact when we communicate with one another, respect for one another and setting goals for the year. We discussed service. We are asking middle school students to fill out service forms when they do service in our community. We are asking each student to have 30 hours by the time they finish the 8th grade. The students learned where to pick up service forms, to be responsible in filling these out and how to turn them into Mrs. Gabbard.

Some Middle School Dates of Interest:

Tuesday, Oct. 15th - The Middle School girls will have a lunch and recess speaker, Molly from Beautiful Me. She will focus on finding the positive self-esteem and positive body image!

Monday, Oct. 21st - The 8th grade will have a trip and do service with Chesapeake Housing Mission. Permission slips went home today (in student's blue test folder), and an email was sent to parents.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at tgabbard@mbscs.org , thank you!



LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who participated in the storybook pumpkin contest. Your pumpkin entries were awesome! The winners of the contest are listed below:

1st Place -- Josie Peranteau
2nd Place -- 3 way tie Zack Morris, Mia Genga, Michael Peranteau
Most Artistic -- Tie Jack Bradley, Theodore Mediarly
Funniest -- Caleb Bunting
Cutest -- Annie Bradley
Most Unusual -- Tie Louis Cover, Dylan Gunther
Honorable Mention:
Josephine McTavish
Chloe Weller
Cole Wanalista
Clara Gallagher
Gabriel Smith

Congratulations Everyone!

IMPORTANT DATES

October

4th	Fall Festival
8th	Golf vs St. Francis, Away, 4 p.m.
9th	Soccer vs Worcester Prep, Away, 4 p.m. Golf vs Saints Peter & Paul, Home, 4 p.m.
10th	Volleyball vs Salisbury Christian, Home, 4 p.m.
11th	12:10 Dismissal Students, Teacher Professional Development
14th	School Closed - Columbus Day
15th	Volleyball vs Salisbury Christian, Away, 4 p.m.
16th	Soccer vs St. Francis, Home, 4 p.m.
17th	Golf vs St. Francis, 4 p.m.

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 10 a.m. 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

: 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.

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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

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.