

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.

November 14, 2019

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***"Sing praise to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song.
With Trumpets and the sound of the horn
sing joyfully before the King, the Lord.
Let the sea and what fills it resound,
the world and those who dwell in it;
let the rivers clap their hands,
the mountains shout with them for joy."
Psalm 17***

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our Thursday, November 14th, our school gathered for a prayer service (St. John Neumann Church was closed for painting). We were led in prayer by our eighth grade students who read Scripture and the Responsorial Psalm and offered the Prayer of the Faithful. One of the many benefits of a Catholic school education is

that students learn to lead their peers through Sacred Scripture reading and prayer. Our students are the future of our Church and our goal is to prepare our students to lead our Church. We are grateful that our students are learning to assume their role in our Church.

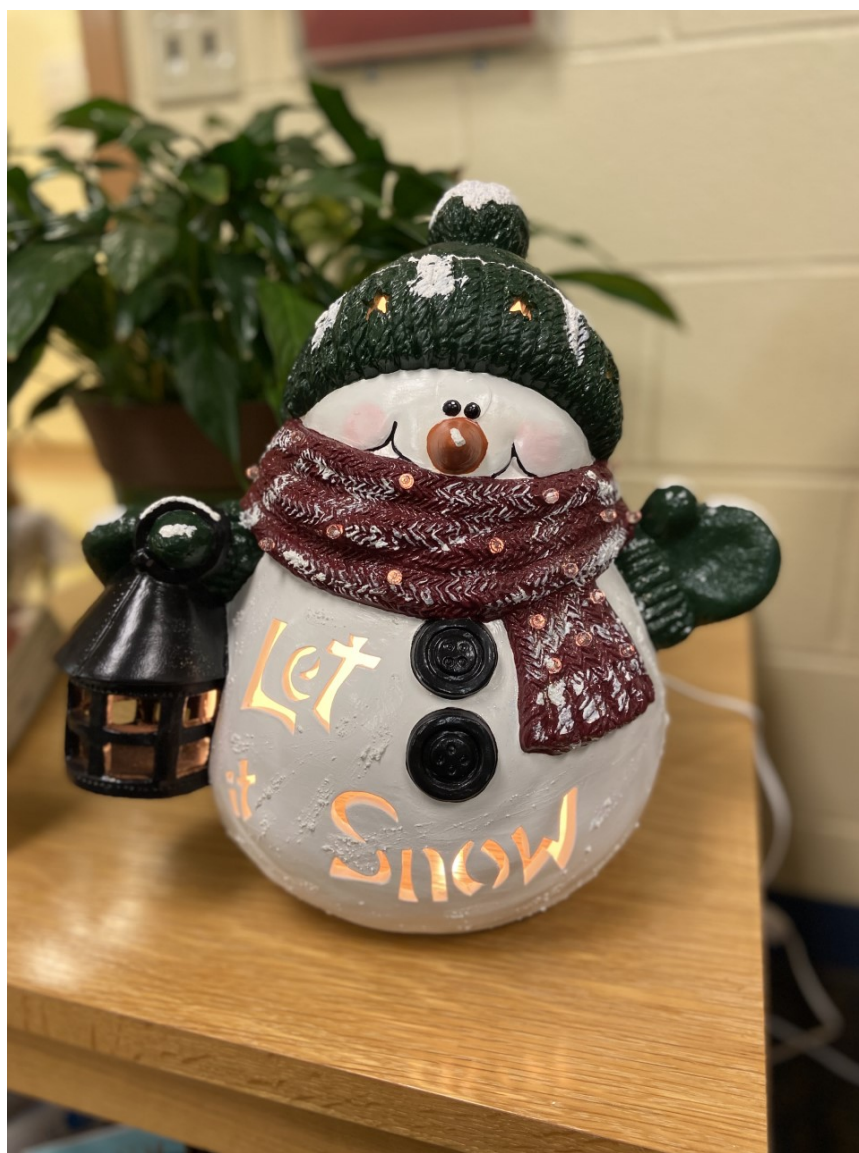


FIRST SNOW DAY FUN WITH TEACHERS AND STUDENTS!!

WINTER WEATHER IS HERE!

Parents, please dress your children accordingly. On the coldest day of the year, we had students with no coats, no socks and/or shorts on. We prefer the students to go out to recess if even for a few minutes but students who are not dressed appropriately will need to sit in the office.

CERAMIC SNOWMAN RAFFLE



Please help our school sell tickets for this beautiful handcrafted Christmas Snowman donated by Mr. and Mrs. Tony Carozza. A letter and tickets will be sent home in the next few weeks. If every family sold two sheets of tickets (a total of 20 tickets) we would raise over \$3,000!! We will pick a winner in this raffle at our Christmas program, December 11, 2019.



Our students enjoyed a NUT day today. Eighth grader, Wes Simmons, wore his new Vans that displayed his own original design. Go Wes!

8th GRADE FUNDRAISERS



MBS Families, we NEED your help! Each year the 8th Grade class raises funds to send the graduating students on an end-of-the-year field trip to assist in purchasing graduation event supplies (i.e. graduation gowns).

Please consider helping the 8th grade class by purchasing from their Yankee Candle Fundraiser (we earn 40%) and the Lynch Creek Farm Wreath Fundraiser (we earn 15%). You could also sign up to be a seller and share the info with your friends and family.

www.yankeecandlefundraising.com Group #990056115

www.LynchCreekFundraising.com/c/206260

Thank you in advance for helping us make this 8th Grade class graduation event a success! Any questions or concerns, please contact Angela Short @ angshortconsulting@gmail.com.

WORLD DIABETES AWARENESS DAY

In honor of World Diabetes Awareness Day, our sixth-graders are wearing blue. Our teachers are using this day to educate our students about this disease.



CALENDAR ERROR

There was an error made by the printing company in the 2019-2020 Family Handbook calendar. Our school, MBS will be closed on Wednesday, November 27th to start the Thanksgiving holiday. [MBS School Calendar 2019-2020](#)

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: @mostblessedsacramentcatholicsschool

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: mbscatholicsschool

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/>.



LIBRARY NEWS

Thanks again to everyone who purchased books from the book fair. The school received 50% back in scholastic dollars from the total sales. Because the book fair was successful, the school was able to purchase a variety of new books for the library. The new books range from preschool to 8th grade reading levels. This week, students have had a chance to sample several of the books during their library time. Starting next week those books will be available for students to check out and read at home. Look for them next week in your child's backpack.



COUNSELING CORNER

THANK YOU!!

Once again, thank you all for helping MBS exceed our Box of Joy goal! We filled over 120 boxes and had extra checks to benefit Cross Catholic Outreach. A special thanks to the MBS Service Activity Period for helping by collecting and stuffing boxes. We could not have done this project without everyone's help!! May God bless the children who will receive these boxes, and may God bless you all!



This week, I met with grades K, 1 and 2. We discussed the wonderful job they did with Box of Joy. We then discussed being thankful for what we have. We discussed being thankful for our friends and did a turkey activity to show feathers of friendship! In grades K and 1, we read the book, "I am Kind".

WAIT UNTIL 8th

- Don't let the conveniences outweigh the risks. Delay the smartphone. Parents, please consider joining fellow parents in a movement to wait until 8th grade to let your child have a smart phone/tablet. Please check out <https://www.waituntil8th.org/>. We need to come together to help our children stay children. Before the Christmas shopping begins, please consider waiting to buy your child a smart phone/tablet.

If there are parents willing to help me spread the word, please contact me at tgabbard@mbscs.org.



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!



LOOK WHAT'S POPPING WITH HSA!!

NOVEMBER 14, 2019

UPCOMING HSA EVENTS

LOOK WHAT'S POPPING WITH HSA!!

November 18: 4 - 8 pm Dine to Donate at Chipotle West OC

MBS earns 33% of proceeds when your family eats out next Monday! Send in your receipt Tuesday morning with family name and contact info written on the back of receipt for a chance to win a \$25.00 cash prize!

November 26: Santa's Workshop Sneak Peek!

Help setup on Tuesday, November 26 after drop off and get a SNEAK PEEK of the shop! December 2 - 4, students shop for their family! Next week your student will bring home info with their specific shopping day/time and budget envelope. We NEED volunteers to help students shop! Contact Angela Short at angshortconsulting@gmail.com with your availability.

December 5 and 9: Christmas Parades

MBS is entering the parades this year! Berlin is December 5 and Snow Hill is December 9. Mrs. Kim Mihaly will coordinate the construction and work with our student marchers. VOLUNTEERS are needed to construct the float and drive the vehicle. Please contact Kim Mihaly at kim@rurakgolf.com. Meeting today after drop off in the cafeteria.

Ongoing: Sports Concessions

Earn FIP Hours working at the concession stand during our basketball season! Students earn community service hours too! Contact Nichole Behornar at n.behornar@verizon.net to sign up!

Upcoming Fundraisers: Mark your Calendars!

Feb 8, 2020 - MBS Winter Soiree

We are excited to announce the location of our winter fundraiser ... Seacrets! Similar to the Gala, we will have live entertainment, live & silent auctions and more. WE NEED YOUR HELP! We need auction items, decorating committee, ticket sales and more! Please contact Nichole Behornar at n.behornar@verizon.net

April 25, 2020 - Bull & Oyster Festival

Held at MBS, this festival will be a fun, family friendly event! With food trucks, vendors, games and libations. Help donate your time and talent! For more information contact Amy Campbell at amy.campbell@wnco.com.

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!!

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!



ATHLETICS

UPCOMING BASKETBALL GAMES:

Girls (6th/7th): Thursday, November 21st- Away @ Worcester Prep (4:00pm)

Boys: Thursday, November 21st- Away @ Pocomoke Middle School (4:00pm)

K.O.C SOCCER CHALLENGE- AWARD RECIPIENTS:

On September 27th, the Knights of Columbus conducted their annual Soccer Challenge here at MBS. The following students qualified for the district-level competition in their age group:

4th Grade: Meera Pascucci, Jayden Sanchez

5th Grade: Zoe David, Henry Hoge

6th Grade: Laila Pascucci, John Fohner

7th Grade: MaryAnn Rutzler, Isaiah Failla

8th Grade: Tayler Flaherty, Kevin Myers, David Wanalista

We thank the Knights of Columbus for everything they do for MBS.

FALL SPORTS RECOGNITION:

Last Friday, November 8th, we recognized and celebrated all our fall sport athletes and coaches. Award winners were the following:

Girls Volleyball:

Rookie of the Year: Theresa Hayes

Coach's Award: Brooke Delahanty

Most Valuable Player: Josephine Peranteau

Co-Ed Golf:

Rookie of the Year: Jack Bradley

Coach's Award: Wesley Simmons

Most Valuable Player: Daniel Genga

Co-Ed Soccer:

Rookie of the Year: Benjamin Parsons

Coach's Award (2): Tayler Flaherty, Katelynn King

Most Valuable Player: John Fohner

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT- BASKETBALL:

Ocean City Recreation & Parks is starting their basketball league on November 18th. This is a great way for our 3rd- 8th grade students to improve their basketball skills. Boys play on Tuesday & Thursday. Girls play on Monday & Wednesday. More info can be found here: <https://rec.ococéan.com/wbwsc/webtrac.w/wbsearch.html?wbsi=f813c00b-fd04-6ab9-e911-dafb3c52b9c8&xxmod=ar&xxtype=bball>.

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

14	National Diabetes Awareness Day- Wear Blue!
18	Dine & Donate, Chipotle West OC, 4:00-8:00 p.m.
27-29	Thanksgiving break - No School

PARISH NEWS

St. John Neumann

Parents of 2nd Graders: Our parent only sacramental prep meeting for First Reconciliation has been rescheduled and will now take place on Sunday 24 November beginning 10AM at MBS.

Confirmation 2020: Our next gathering will be Sunday 8 December beginning at 12:30PM and ending at 2:00PM. Don't forget your Bibles. Sponsor sheet and Saint assignments are due.

Advent Wreath Making Event St. John Neumann invites all parishioners and families to attend our Advent Wreath Making Event Sunday, 1 December 12:30-2:00 PM @ MBS If you have your ring from last year, please bring it! Wreath rings and candles will be available for \$10 or you can bring your own wreath to enhance with greens, candles and ribbon. There will be lots of goodies to eat !! \$15 donation per family is requested.

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. Mary Star of the Sea

St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish is having their Annual Christmas Bazaar November 22nd & 23rd from 10am to 7pm. All are welcome to join us in the many shops, Santa's Corner, Delicious Food and Raffle Auction.

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.