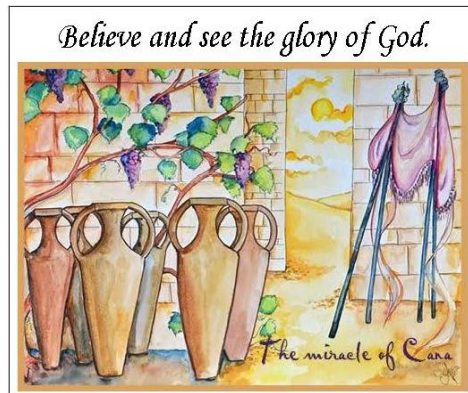


MBS Most Blessed Sacrament CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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 lifelong 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 7, 2019

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"My steps have been steadfast in your paths, my feet have not faltered. I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my word. Keep me as the apple of your eye, hide me in the shadow of your wings. But I in justice shall behold your face; on waking I shall be content in your presence."

Psalm 17

Dear Parents and Guardians,

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

In total, 100 boxes of joy were assembled and are currently ready to be shipped to Haiti, Dominican Republic, Guatemala and Nicaragua. Thank you to our M.B.S. families for their generous response to our "Box of Joy" collection. May God bless you!!!

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](#)

DIABETES AWARENESS NUT DAY

On Thursday, November 14th, our school will participate in the national Diabetes Awareness Day by having a NUT day on which students are asked to wear blue. Please refer to the Family Handbook for specifics on NUT day attire. We will address diabetes prevention and treatment through the morning announcements and out middle school health classes.

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.

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/>.



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.



COUNSELING CORNER

Thank you to all of our students and families for filling our Boxes of Joy!! We could not have done this with out everyone's help. Tomorrow is the final day to turn in items or checks. Thanks to Mrs. Anuinas' 3rd-8th grade Spanish classes for making

nice cards to go in the boxes.



This week I met with Pre-3 and Pre-4. We had a lesson on Friendship. We talked about ways to show kindness to our friends. We read a book called, "The Caring Me I Want To Be!". We shared stories of how it feels when friends act kind. We also discussed how we feel when friends don't choose kindness. They were asked to show acts of kindness today and every day!!

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 this message, please email me 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 7, 2019

Thank you to everyone that participated in our HALLOWEEN SPIRIT DAY!! The students raised \$150.00 to put towards the cost of shipping for THE BOX OF JOY PROJECT!

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.

****SANTA'S WORKSHOP NEEDS YOUR HELP****

December 2nd - 4th, HSA will hold Santa's Workshop. Students can purchase gifts for parents, grandparents, siblings ... You will receive a letter with your child's shopping day and time. A budget envelope will be sent home for parents to fill out. We NEED volunteers to set up, help students shop and break down. MBS will earn 20% of the total sales! PLEASE sign up to volunteer, even for just an hour - contact Angela Short at angshortconsulting@gmail.com with your availability.

CHRISTMAS PARADES

Our school is planning to enter a float in the Berlin (December 5th), Ocean City (December 7th) and Snow Hill (December 9th) Christmas parades. Mrs. Kim Mihaly has graciously agreed to coordinate the planning and construction of the float as well as working with the students who will march in the parades. Volunteers are needed to construct the float and drive the vehicle that will pull the float in the parades. This is a great way to earn F.I.P. hours while having "a blast" of a good time.

There will be a meeting next Tuesday, November 12, 2019 after drop off in the cafeteria. Anyone who is willing and able to assist in this endeavor please contact Kim Mihaly at kim@rurakgolf.com. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!!

BOX TOP THANKSGIVING RAFFLE

Don't forget to submit your BOX TOPS!!! We are raffling off a \$ 25.00 FOOD LION gift card for all BOX TOP submission sheets turned in before NOVEMBER 15th. Families will receive one entry for every 10 BOX TOPS submitted. If you have any questions please contact Kristin Coane at KMAC0709@gmail.com.

HSA CONCESSIONS

Thank you to everyone that helped kick-off the concession stand during soccer and volleyball seasons!! MBS Basketball season starts on November 21st. We are asking for volunteers to help keep the concessions going during boy's and girl's basketball games. We will have concessions for all of our home games. The concession stand will have drinks, chips, snacks, fresh popcorn, fresh PHILLY pretzels, & much more! All 6th-8th grade students 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.

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!!

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

FALL COACHES & HELPERS- THANK YOU!

MBS Athletics wants to thank everyone who helped with the fall sports season:

Coaches- Scott Simmons (Golf), Lori Genga (Golf), Andrew Genga (Golf), Anne Vogel (Soccer), Stephen King (Soccer), Susan Velasquez-Perez (Soccer), Todd Hayes (Volleyball).

Special Helpers- Dan Maskell (Soccer), Juliet Delahanty (Volleyball), Rachel Erickson (Volleyball), Amanda Evans (Volleyball), Nichole Behornar (Concessions), Dr. Dan Pascucci (Physicals).

BASKETBALL- FIRST PRACTICE

Girls: Monday, November 11th: 3:15-5:45 p.m. (6th Grade: 3:15-4:45pm)

Boys: Tuesday, November 12th: 3:15-5:30 p.m.

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.ococean.com/wbWSC/webtrac.wsc/wbsearch.html?](https://rec.ococean.com/wbWSC/webtrac.wsc/wbsearch.html?wbsi=f813c00b-fd04-6ab9-e911-dafb3c52b9c8&xxmod=ar&xxtype=bball)

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IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

- 7 Winter Sports Information Meeting, 3:25 p.m.
- 8 Fall Sports Recognition, 9:00 a.m.
- 11 Optimist Student Fingerprinting, 8:30 a.m.
- 14 National Diabetes Awareness Day- Wear Blue!
- 18 Dine & Donate, Chipotle West OC, 4:00-8:00 p.m.

NON-MBS FLYERS (Flyers are not created at MBS)
Sea Colony Tennis

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 10 November beginning at 12:30PM and ending at 2:00PM. Don't forget your Bibles and the Sponsor sheet is 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. 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.