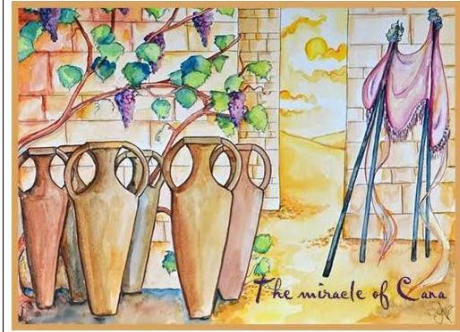


MBS Most Blessed Sacrament CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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.

November 21, 2019

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*"I rejoiced because they said to me,
'We will go up to the house of the Lord.'
And now we have set foot
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem, built as a city
with compact unity.
To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord."
Psalm 122*

Dear Parents and Guardians,



THE BEGINNING OF ADVENT

Advent is the season of expectation of the coming of Christ and is somewhat penitential in tone. It is four weeks long, or slightly less, with the focus during the first two weeks on the final coming of Jesus as Lord and Judge. The final eight days of Advent give us the historical account of the birth of Jesus. The third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, is the Sunday on which the priest wears rose colored vestments that remind us to be joyful in our anticipation of the season.

During the Advent Season, our Church offers us many opportunities to grow in our love of the Lord. We encourage our families to participate in the devotions and services that will be offered by their parishes throughout the Advent Season.

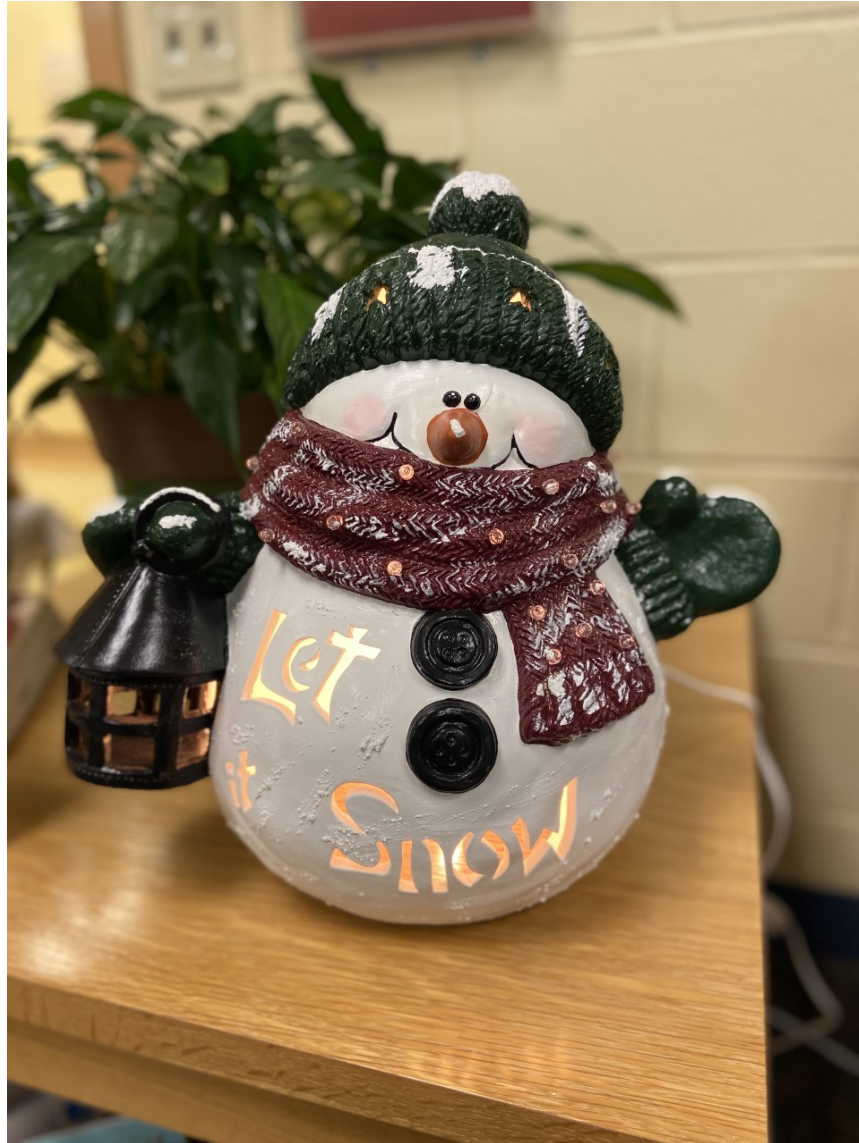
As a school community of faith and academics, we will gather together on December 4th for an Advent Penance Service (with Individual Confessions to follow) at 12:30 p.m. On December 11th, our students will present their talents in prayerful music at our annual Christmas Program. Then, on December 13th, we will hold an Advent Prayer Service that will begin at 10:00 a.m. Finally, on December 20th, we will hold our last Advent Prayer Service at 10:00 a.m.

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 wearing shorts. We prefer that

the students go out to recess if even for a few minutes but students who are not dressed appropriately will have 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 are being sent home in today's Thursday folders. 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.

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.

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: @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

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.



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

Classroom visits

This week I meet with grades 3, 4 and 5. We picked up the Red Ribbon Talk from our last visit. We talked about safety with medications. We discussed, in detail, some

tools and ideas to use as Refusal Skills. We gave examples of when these tools could be used, for example if a peer offered them a cigarette or pressured them into trying something. We discussed negative peer pressure. We discussed positive peer pressure too and how confidence can help a child say no as well as pressure a peer to make the right choice. We discussed using these same tools with regards to friends showing unkindness toward others. Parents, please carry on this conversation with your child. We discussed trusted adults and they have a lot of questions, please listen to them and answer their questions. As always, 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 21, 2019**

UPCOMING HSA EVENTS

LOOK WHAT'S POPPING WITH HSA!!

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.

Thank you! Dine and Donate at Chipotle

Thank you to everyone who came out to dine at Chipotle on Monday night! There was a great turn-out! Kindergarten student, Riley Clemens was the big winner of the Chipotle gift card. Congratulations. Riley!

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: Wednesday, December 4th- Home vs. Sts. Peter & Paul (4:00pm)

Boys: Wednesday, December 4th- Home vs. Sts. Peter & Paul (5:15pm)

SOCCER AND VOLLEYBALL JERSEY RETURN:

Please return any soccer or volleyball uniforms from the fall season.

SPORTS FEE PAYMENT:

Please pay any outstanding sports participation fees. We adopted a \$40/\$20/\$10 fee structure for sports last year. Participation in your first sport of the academic year is \$40, participation in your second sport of the academic year is \$20 and participation in your third sport of the academic year is \$10. Please understand the fee structure was adopted so we can provide more games and playing opportunities to our student-athletes. Keeping athletics affordable and accessible is important to us. If you have not yet paid your sports fees, please do.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING:

MBS Athletics would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! We hope you have a great couple of days with friends and family.

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

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| 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,

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.