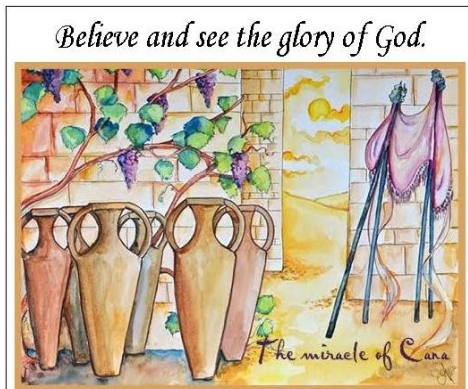


# MBS Most Blessed Sacrament CATHOLIC SCHOOL



## *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 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.*

**December 5, 2019**

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**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

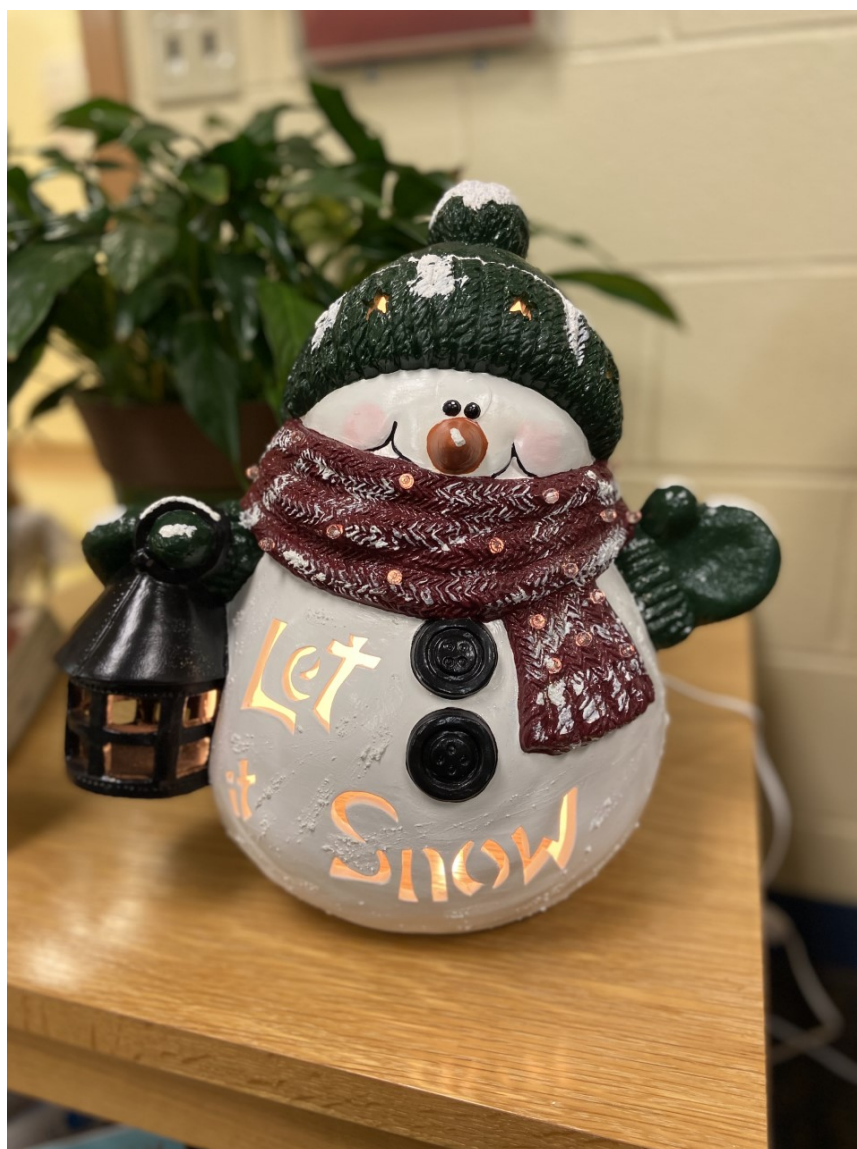
and services that will be offered by their parishes throughout the Advent Season.

As a school community of faith and academics, we gathered 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 again 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.

## Shining Stars

We are so happy to see our MBS shining stars featured in local media! Last week's Student of the Week on the WBOC morning TV program, Good Day Delmarva, was David Wanalista! They shared the following information about David. "David is an eighth-grader at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School. He just moved to the Delmarva Peninsula last year and has quickly adjusted to his new school. David is already receiving high honors in grades, he is involved in sports with his school's golf team and with Lower Sussex Little League. David also recently helped build a new handicap ramp as a part of an eighth-grade service project with Chesapeake Housing Mission. Way to go David!"



Brayden Bosley is featured in this month's Metropolitan Magazine's Student Worthy Page. Great job, Brayden!

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- BY ERIC STEWART -

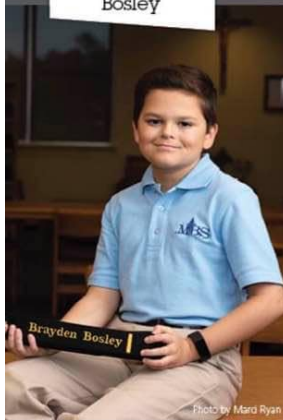


Photo by Mara Ryan

Brayden Bosley is a 6th Grade student at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School

You recently received your black belt in Taekwondo. What was that experience like for you? What did you have to do to earn that recognition? I went from my red belt and then to my purple belt, the one right before black. I had to recognize every belt form, self-defense and one step. For my black belt, I had to do special classes taught by the grandmaster. They were three hours long and very hard classes. It was very intense. The classes lasted for three months, and during this time I was taking three lessons a week. My test for black belt was eight hours long. There was stuff like sparring with other students. We made up our own self-defense moves, and I had to write and share an essay about what it meant to me to be a black belt.

How long have you been doing Taekwondo, and what made you want to start? I received my black belt at the end of 5th grade, so I've been doing Taekwondo for five years. I started in 1st grade, training two to three

times a week. When I was really little it meant everything to me. There was a slogan in the dojo I went to that said, "Become a black belt in life." That message really stuck with me. My dad encouraged me to try Taekwondo. One day he just came up to me and asked if I wanted to try it, and without thinking too much about it, I said yes. I didn't really do or enjoy many sports before starting Taekwondo.

In addition to Taekwondo, what other activities do you participate in?

I was thinking about trying golf. With golf, I was just brainstorming ideas, and it popped into my head. I like depending upon myself to do things, and setting and attaining personal goals. I get more from doing stuff individually. I feel like I'm an independent person. I'm also interested in becoming a junior life guard with the Ocean City Beach Patrol. They do a week-long camp, and each year you do it, you build up seniority until you become 15 years old. When I'm 15, I'll be able to get hired by the Beach Patrol, and hopefully become a life guard when I'm 18.

You are one of your grade's two student council representatives. What are your responsibilities with the student council?

We have meetings and pitch ideas for events and fundraising. My main goal is to raise more money for field trips. The 6th grade class goes on a big field trip at the end of the year, but I don't see why we can't have field trips of similar sizes that get all of the kids involved. I help collaborate on different ideas for Spirit Week, car wash fundraisers and spaghetti dinners. Some of the things we raise money for go to charities, like our Halloween fundraiser for Cross Catholic Outreach, which supports sending care packages to Haiti and surrounding areas.

You recently started working with your school's drama department: what do you do with your theater group? I was an apprentice for lighting. I did the spotlight for the Lion King play. I'm trying to build up my confidence to try out for a supporting role in one of the plays... I think it will really help me grow.

How long have you been attending MBS? What makes it such a special place to you? I've been going here since preschool, this is my ninth year. I like that it's familiar and it's smaller... it's less for me to handle. The teachers actually care about what they're teaching, too. They put in the time with the students. They give very good lessons, and I like how they incorporate religion, because it helps teach us about developing our moral compass... things we've been taught since a young age, like manners and respect. You can tell when someone goes to a school like this because of how they act and treat others.

Brayden is the son of Robyn & Jay Bosley

DOES YOUR SCHOOL HAVE A WORTHY STUDENT? EMAIL US! CAROL@METROMAG.NET

14 DECEMBER 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](http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com) Group #990056115

[www.LynchCreekFundraising.com/c/206260](http://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

Last Week Maximo Castellanos, one of our 5th grade students, visited with the fourth grade. Maximo has written 6 books. He read a chapter from his most recent book "The Haunted Swamp". Maximo also answered questions that the students had about his books and his journey as an author. Thank you Maximo for sharing your story with us.



## COUNSELING CORNER

This week I met with our Middle School Students. It was a time to re-fresh with the start of the 2nd Trimester. We discussed starting fresh with our classes, homework and staying on top of assignments. We talked about the 30 hours of Service Middle School students need to gain before leaving MBS. We talked about Service needed at MBS on Dec. 7th at 4:00, help is needed for clean up at MBS after the Grace Center event. If any middle school students can help, please email [tgabbard@mbscs.org](mailto:tgabbard@mbscs.org). We also continued our Red Ribbon Week talk from the last time we met. I stressed the importance of making smart choices and keeping our bodies and brains healthy by not trying smoking, vaping, alcohol or any drugs. I stress the importance of talking to our trusted adults with any questions and concerns.

## 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](mailto: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!!**

Santa's Workshop was a huge success!! Thank you for making this a special event for the students.

Christmas Parades: BERLIN parade is tonight, December 5th, at 7 pm. MBS will be float number 40. Ocean City parade is Saturday, December 7th, at 11:00 am. Snow Hill parade is Monday, December 9th, at 6:45 pm. We look forward to seeing everyone at the parade!! Good luck to all of the students, faculty, & parents for making this happen!! We know that you will WOW the judges!! Yesterday packets went home to all parade participants. Please see packet for instructions and arrival times.

Winter Soiree: Saturday, February 8th at Secrets in Ocean City! It is time for our BIGGEST FUNDRAISER of the year! Please see this weeks Thursday folders for more information. WE NEED YOUR HELP to make this event a huge success!! Please contact Nichole Behornar at n.behornar@verizon.net.

Basketball Concessions: Parents this is a great way to earn FIP Hours!! All 6th -8th grade students can earn service hours!! Contact: Nichole Behornar at n.behornar@verizon.net to sign up!

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 HSA is a great way to get your FIP HOURS!!

## **Upcoming Fundraisers: Mark your Calendars!**

### **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.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!**

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## **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 will 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

### RECENT RESULTS:

11/21/19: Girls Away @ Worcester Prep- W  
11/21/19: Boys Away @ Pocomoke- L  
12/4/19: Girls Home v. Sts. Peter & Paul- L  
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### UPCOMING GAMES:

1/8/19: Girls Home v. Worcester Prep- 4:00PM  
1/8/19: Boys Home v. Worcester Prep- 5:15PM

### STUDENT FANS- PARENT SUPERVISION REQUIRED:

It is great our students want to cheer on their classmates at our home games. However, all students in attendance at our games need parent supervision. Thank you for your cooperation!

### 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 make sure you are up to date with your sports fee payment. Thank You!

# IMPORTANT DATES

## DECEMBER

6th	St. Nicholas Visit, 10:00 a.m
11th	Christmas Program, 6:30 p.m.
13th	Prayer Service, 10:00 a.m. 12:10 Early Dismissal, Professional Development
18th	Piano Recital, 6:30 p.m.
20th	Prayer Service, 10:00 a.m.- full day of school
23rd-Jan 5	School Closed, Merry Christmas

## PARISH NEWS

### St. John Neumann

Parents of 2nd Graders: January 12, 2020 - Time to pick up the folder for First Holy Communion (\$35) and turn in the completed 1st Reconciliation folder. Newbie parents will stay for a meeting. This all takes place at MBS from 10-11AM.

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

## 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.*