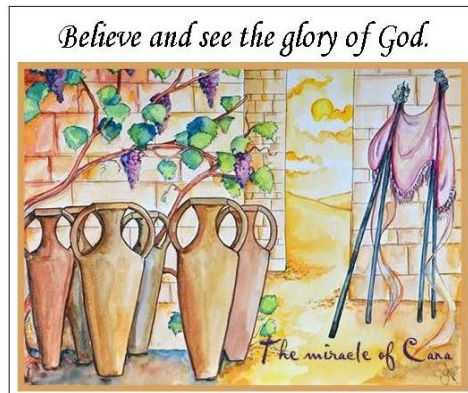


MBS Most Blessed Sacrament CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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 12, 2019
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Dear Parents and Guardians,



As we enter our third week of Advent, Gaudete Sunday we celebrate with joy. The Gospel reading is about St. John the Baptist, the others readings about the

joy associated with the Birth of Jesus. This Sunday is one of only two where the priest wear rose colored vestments, and this week we also begin to light our rose candle on the Advent Wreath. Let us all remember to enjoy getting closer to the coming of our Savior.

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 13th for an Advent Penance Service at 10:00 a.m. Finally, on December 20th, we will hold our last Advent Prayer Service at 10:00 a.m.

REMINDER we will have a 12:10 dismissal tomorrow, Friday, December 13th for a Teacher Professional Development Day.



DIOCESAN and MBS TUITION ASSISTANCE -- VERY IMPORTANT

The Diocese of Wilmington is now accepting tuition assistance applications for the 2019-2020 school year. Paperwork was sent home in last week's Thursday folders. Tuition assistance through the Diocese of Wilmington is provided to children attending grades K-12. Pre-school, before and after care are not funded through this program.

To be considered, parents must submit an application online to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment for evaluation at www.online.factsmgt.com/aid. FACTS representatives are available to guide parent through the application process and to answer any questions by calling 1-866-441-4637. Completed applications, including all supporting documentation such as tax forms, are due March 1st. Applications that are submitted after that date will NOT be considered for assistance.

PLEASE REMEMBER: ALL families who wish to be considered for MBS assistance must complete and submit the FACTS application.

CHRISTMAS PIANO RECITAL

The Christmas piano recital will be held on December 18th at 6:00 p.m. Piano students who are performing in the recital should report to the cafeteria no later than 5:45 p.m. First year students will not perform in the program. Sunday best or Christmas attire is requested.

**KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATED THE
FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS
by making their own felt shoes!**

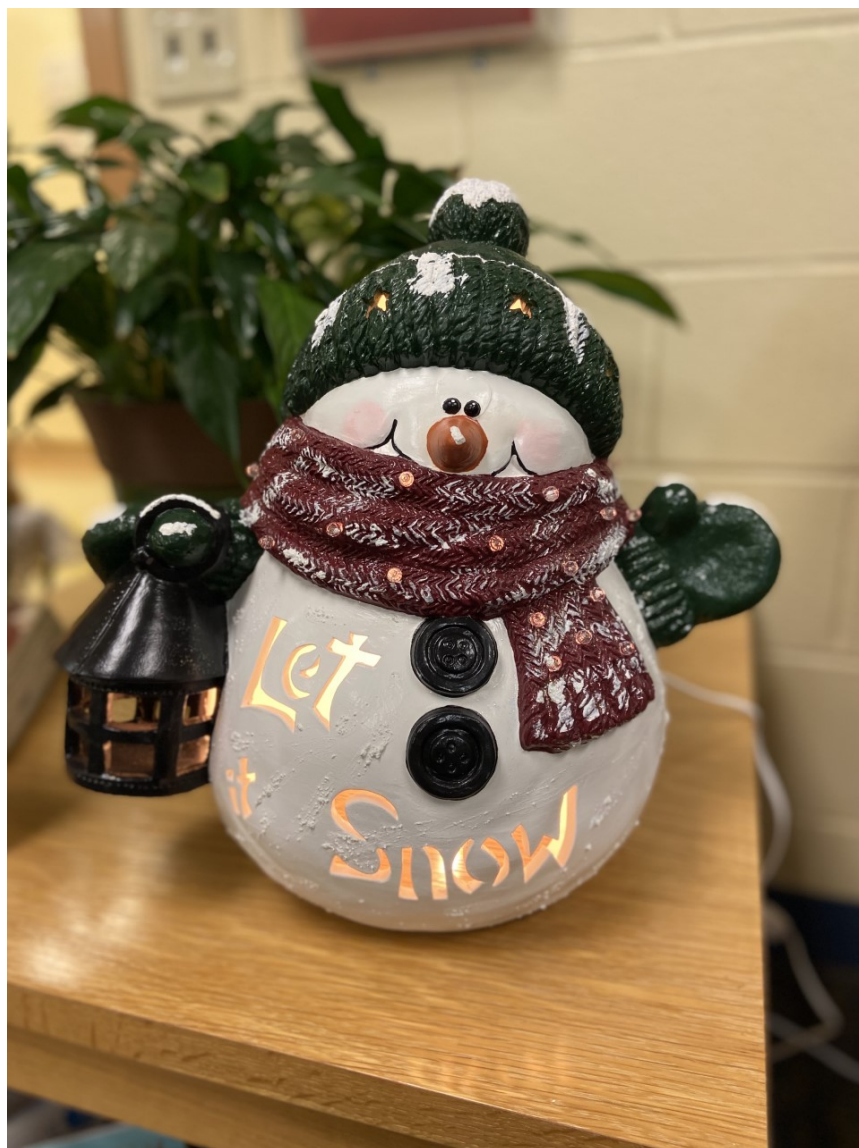


BLIZZARD BAGS

In anticipation of inclement weather and subsequent unsafe road conditions that would cause us to close school, our school has implemented the "Blizzard Bags" program. Blizzard Bags contain assignments to be completed on those days on which school is closed for weather related reasons. Each child is expected to complete the assigned work and return it to his/her teacher when school

resumes. In doing so, we will not be required to "make-up" the days missed. It is very important that all students complete the assignments as provided. Your cooperation in assuring that assignments are completed is very much appreciated. If a student has difficulty with an assignment, the parent is asked to communicate with the child's teacher so that guidance may be provided and additional time for completion will be given. Thank you!

CERAMIC SNOWMAN RAFFLE WINNER!



We would like to congratulate Mr. Tom Delahanty, parent of 8th grader, Brooke Delahanty, for winning the Snowman raffle.

THERE IS STILL TIME LEFT TO ORDER!
8th GRADE FUNDRAISERS



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.



COUNSELING CORNER

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!! DECEMBER 12, 2019

****NEW**** MBS HSA Winter Soirée KICK OFF!! We will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets starting until the evening of the Soirée. Next week each family will get an envelope of with 10 raffle tickets to sell over Christmas break. Let sell those tickets and make the 50/50 pot enormous!!

Our Winter Soiree: Saturday, February 8th at Secrets in Ocean City! It is time for our **BIGGEST FUNDRAISER** of the year! **WE NEED YOUR HELP** to make this event a huge success!! Please consider asking the businesses that you frequent for a donation or sponsorship. No donation is too big or too small!! Please contact Nichole Behornar @ 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 @ 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!!

Thank you for all 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 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

UPCOMING GAMES:

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

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

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

- 13th Prayer Service, 10:00 a.m.-Please join us.
All are welcome.
12:10 Early Dismissal, Professional Development
- 18th Piano Recital, 6:30 p.m.
- 20th Prayer Service, 10:00 a.m.-Please join us.
All are welcome.
NO AFTERCARE
- 23rd-Jan 5 School Closed, Merry Christmas

JANUARY

- 6th WELCOME BACK!

December 20th

In the Spirit of Christmas, we invite all of our students to comfy Christmas themes N.U.T. day

PARADES WRAP-UP!!

Thank you to all who worked hard building our float, those who participated and especially Mrs. Cover for her hard work preparing our children for the Berlin, OC, and Snow Hill Parades. It was a wonderful show of school spirit! You are all awesome! I would also like to announce MBS took 1st Place in our division in the Snow Hill Parade!

It's a great time to be a Dolphin!!!

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.

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.

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.