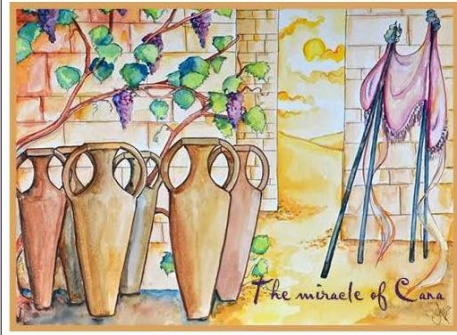




Believe and see the glory of God.



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.

December 19, 2019

Phone: 410-208-1600

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Dear Parents and Guardians,



This Sunday, we enter our 4th week of advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our

Savior. This final candle, "Angels Candle," symbolizes peace. "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

MBS on WBOC

Please tune in to WBOC tonight from 5-6 p.m. to see a special MBS segment. If you miss it tonight it will air again tomorrow on Fox 21 from 8-9 a.m. The theme centers around "How does MBS celebrate Christmas" some of our students are practicing their Nativity Play during the segment.



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.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Our school would like to congratulate our students and teachers for the wonderful performances that were given at our annual Christmas Program and our annual Piano Recital. We are very blessed to have so much talent among our students and so many dedicated teachers and staff members. Many thanks to everyone who contributed and supported both programs. Congratulations, Mrs. Cover on two jobs that were well done. Another big thank you to our families by coming out to support our students.

MBS OPEN HOUSE

We are planning our annual MBS Open House on Sunday, January 26, 2019 from 12:00-2:30 p.m. We want to showcase all the amazing things we offer at MBS. Please call or email Nichole Behornar at nbehornar@mbscs.org or 410-208-1600 if you would like to help us with this important event. We are BLESSED by our families at MBS.

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!

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

This promotion is good through Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

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

Merry Christmas to our MBS family. May you all find the time to rest and relax and enjoy the reason for the season. Enjoy your family and friends. Thank God for all of our many blessings. I pray we all have a Happy New Year!



LOOK WHAT'S POPPING WITH HSA!!

DECEMBER 19, 2019

The HSA board would like to wish all of our MBS families a Merry Christmas!! Have a safe and wonderful Christmas Break!!

Gather your friends and you're dancing shoes because the MBS Winter Soirée is right around the corner!! This fabulous event is going to be held on February 8th from 5-9 pm at Secret's. We will have live music, delicious food, and Live and Silent Auctions, this is going to be an event you won't want to miss. Reservations are currently being accepted and your \$75 not only allows you access into the event but will also include food and 2 drink tickets.

Make your reservations today, please contact Heather Marinelli at 302-228-0800 or email heathermarinelli@comcast.net. We are currently seeking items for our Live and Silent Auctions, as well as sponsorships for the event. Please consider visiting a local business during the holiday break to kindly ask for a contribution to the Winter Soirée. Sponsors will not only receive a ticket to the event but it is also a great way to advertise their business. Auction items such as shopping and restaurant gift cards, hotel stays, adventure lessons, and entertainment experiences are all welcomed. No item is too small and if each family contributes one donation or sponsorship, then this event is sure to be a resounding success. As the saying goes, it takes a village and we cannot do this without all of your support. We can't thank our MBS family enough for helping us pull off this event. Hope to see everyone on February 8th!! If you are interested in helping us with the Winter Soirée or need more donation/sponsor forms, please contact Nichole Behornar @ n.behornar@verizon.net

****NEW**** MBS HSA Winter Soirée KICK OFF!! We will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets until the evening of the Winter Soirée. Tomorrow each family will get an envelope with 10 raffle tickets to sell over Christmas break. If each family sells 10 raffle tickets @ \$10 each the 50/50 pot will be a minimum of \$15,000. The winner could take home \$7,500.00. Let sell those tickets and make the 50/50 pot enormous!! 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

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR:

MBS Athletics would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The basketball season will start back up on Monday, January 6th with a girls practice.

UPCOMING GAMES:

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

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

IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

20th

As a school community of faith and academics we will gather together for our final Advent Penance service and Nativity Play, 10:00 a.m.-Please join us. All are welcome.

NO AFTERCARE

JANUARY

6th WELCOME BACK!

December 20th

In the Spirit of Christmas, we invite all of our students to wear their comfy Christmas themed N.U.T. day attire.

From all of us at MBSCS, we wish everyone a Healthy, Happy New Year. God Bless.

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

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.

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.

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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.