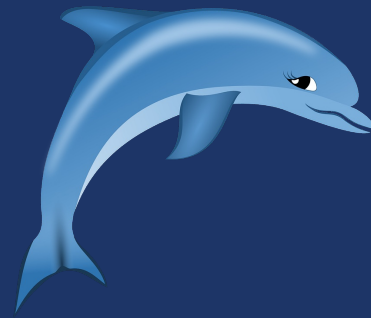


# Dolphin Days



IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A  
DOLPHIN!  
February 20, 2020

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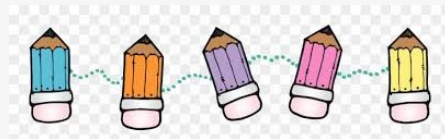
## UPCOMING EVENTS

2/25 Open House - 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

2/26 Ash Wednesday - Mass 10:00 a.m.

2/28 Sports Recognition Program 2:00 p.m.

## A Note From Mrs. Manns...



Whose Ready to Vote on our Mascot's Name?

Thank you to everyone who shared their great ideas for a name for our MBS mascot! After going through everyone's fun and creative submissions, we have three names our students will have a chance to vote on next week during lunches. These are names that received more than three submissions. The winning name will be announced on Friday, February 28th after the polls close.

The choices are:

Dolly  
Flipper  
Finn



To celebrate 100 days of school our 5th grade brainstormed ways not only to celebrate but to make a difference. They brought in 50 dimes each and counted it out and in the end came up with \$136.60. They presented me with an enormous check to put toward our "MBS at Play" playground. What a wonderful surprise! Thank you Mrs. Hayes and 5th grade for your generous and creative way to support our new

"MBS at Play" playground.

Results of our Star Renaissance testing went home today. Please check your child's folder for results.

Parents, just a reminder that not only being present but also being on time daily means your child is ready to learn and will not miss out on learning. It is an easy goal to achieve.

It's a Fact:

Children who regularly eat meals with their families tend to do better in school. Eat dinner together is great but all meals count too.

Therefore, I encourage you to pack yourself a lunch and join your child(ren) in the cafeteria during their lunchtime. All are welcome!

Please join us Wednesday, February 26th as we celebrate Ash Wednesday at 10:00 Mass. This is a change in time to our usual day and time for weekly Mass.

As I walk through the halls I am reminded of a Mark Twain quote, "Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." Thank you students for being who you are.

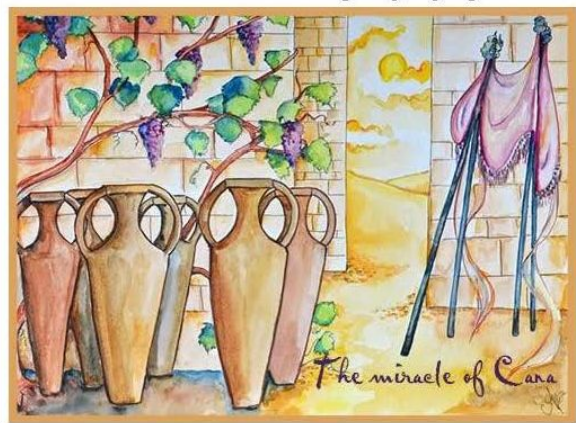
Enjoy your weekend.

God Bless all of our families!

It's a great time to be an MBS dolphin,

*Mrs. Manns*

*Believe and see the glory of God.*



## SEASON OF LENT

Wednesday, February 26th begins the Season of Lent.

1. The Season of Lent is a time of atonement, reflection and preparation.
2. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.
3. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence only.

Church Law requires:

- The abstinence (not eating meat) obliges those who have completed their fourteenth year.
- The law of fast (only one full meal each day, nothing between meals) obliges those who have completed their eighteenth year until the beginning of their sixtieth year.
- Proportionately grave inconvenience excuses from the laws of fast and abstinence.

The substantial observance of these laws is a grave obligation.

- Anyone who neglects all forms of penance violates divine law and is guilty of grave sin.
- Anyone who occasionally violates the law of fast and/or abstinence is not guilty of sin.

## RICE BOWL

During Lent, our church encourages us to build a closer relationship with the Lord through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In order to provide an opportunity to our families to join us in almsgiving, our school will participate in the Operation Rice Bowl program that is sponsored by the Catholic Relief Services. In doing so, we join Catholic families across the globe in responding to God's people who are in need. Each family is receiving a "rice bowl" box in today's folder. We ask that you fill it with change and plan to return it to MBSCS during Holy Week. Thank you, in advance, for whatever you can do in this regard. May God bless us with a holy Lenten Season as we move forward to the Triduum and the glory of Resurrection.



### Diocesan Tuition Assistance

**The deadline for applying for tuition assistance is around the corner!!**

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.**

Parents must submit an application online to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment for evaluation at [www.online.factsmgt.com/aid](http://www.online.factsmgt.com/aid). Please call 1-866-441-4637 if you have any questions.

## Valentines Day Celebration In PK4



Spring is around the corner and HSA is busy planning a few fundraisers for the rest of the school year.

Join us for a FUNTASTIC night at Ally Oops for a DINE and DONATE. Monday March 23 5pm-8pm. Ally Oops will give MBS 15% of total sales. Bring your family and friends and the dine and donate flyer. Please see this week's Thursday folder

for Ally Oops flyer.

Congratulations to the 4 MBS parking spot winners. We auctioned off 3 median parking spots and 1 VIP parking spot. The "Volunteer Parking Spot" will now be "MBS family of the Year". The winner will begin using this spot next week and a new sign will replace the old one with the family's name. This spot will be reserved for that family only for until March 2021.

We have a few Mystery Boxes left in the office that were unsold from the event. They are \$10 a box and include either an item donated from Park Place Jewelers, D.A. Kozma Jewelers or a hand crafted jewelry piece from one of our students, you can purchase them in the office until next Wednesday.

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](mailto:n.behornar@verizon.net).

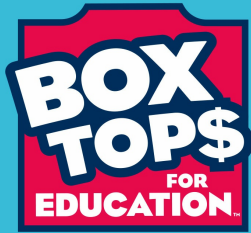
Joining HSA is a great way to get your FIP HOURS!!

Thank you for all your continued support!

### SAVE THE DATE!

Save the date for the MBS Spring Play! This year our students will be





We are fast approaching the Spring date for Box Top submissions. If you have any hanging around your home, please send in to MBS by next Friday, 2/28. Ask family and friends if they have any as well!



## FROM THE NURSE:

We are in full swing of the flu season. **Doctors say the best way to prevent getting the flu is to get the flu shot.** It takes two weeks after receiving the vaccination for the body to fully develop the antibodies to fight the flu virus. Health officials state it is still **NOT TOO LATE** to get the flu shot. Multiple pharmacies and health clinics offer this vaccination for free or for a minimal fee. Some symptoms of the flu may be abrupt fever that can last 3-4 days, complaints of feeling achy and having the chills and unusual weakness and fatigue. If your child is ill and you suspect the flu, please have the child evaluated by their physician. Children who test positive for the flu virus are usually out of school for a week. If you do not have your child evaluated and they return to school too early, you are putting your child at risk for contracting other viruses and exposing other school children to the flu virus. If your child tests positive for the flu, please notify the school nurse before the student returns to school. As always we recommend thorough hand washing, getting enough sleep and eating correctly to help your body fight any infection.

## HIT THE BOOKS!

The Shorebirds **Hit the Books** reading Program for grades K-8 is underway. The program started on January 20th and concludes on Friday February 28th. During this time, each student is asked to read a minimum of 4 books, record each book on his/her bookmark and return the bookmark to their assigned teacher. The shorebirds will reward every student who completes the "**Hit the Books**" program with 2 FREE Upper Reserved Seat Vouchers for their school's designated night at the ballpark. These vouchers will be distributed to our school approximately 4 weeks prior to our game night.

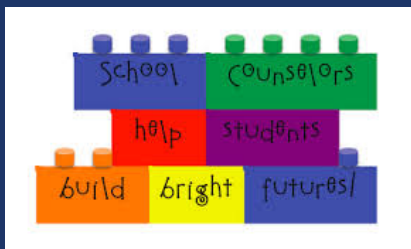
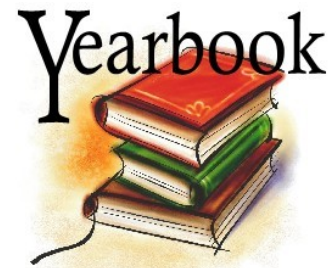


The school that has the highest redemption percentage

of Hit the Books tickets for the overall program will receive a **\$1000 donation** to their school. Also, the school with the second highest redemption will receive a \$500 donation. However we must meet a minimum of 100 bookmarks completed to qualify for the contest. Please encourage your student to read, read, read!

## Yearbook Sale

There are a limited amount of yearbooks, so be sure to order yours today.



## Counseling Corner

This week I met with our middle school. In the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade we focused on Random Acts of Kindness week projects. Each class worked on ways to spread kindness in our middle school and cafeteria! In the 8<sup>th</sup> grade we worked on a career/personality test to help our 8<sup>th</sup> graders discover interests in career choices for their future. Parents, please be a model of kindness to our youth! We have such kind and loving students and families at MBS. “Know that your kindness has a ripple effect in the universe.”



## Sports Corner

### **KOC FREE THROW CHALLENGE- STATE QUALIFIERS:**

Congratulations to the following students who qualified for the state level competition of the Knights of Columbus' Free Throw Challenge: Helena Udinski (3<sup>rd</sup>), Katelyn Chuvala (5<sup>th</sup>), Dominic Marinelli, Alexander Behornar (6<sup>th</sup>), Gianna DePietro (7<sup>th</sup>).

### **WINTER SPORTS RECOGNITION:**

We will recognize our winter athletes on Friday, February 28th at 2:00pm in the MBS Cafeteria. Parents are encouraged to attend. Please note the different start time!

### **WINTER COACHES & HELPERS- THANK YOU:**

MBS Athletics would like to thank everyone who helped with the winter sports season:

Coaches: Stephen King, Julie Delahanty, Melanie Wooldridge, Scot Eberly, Christa Gunther

Special Helpers: Daniel Genga (Scorer's Table, Ice Cream Sales), Julie Delahanty (Scorer's Table), Grace Short (Scorer's Table), Josephine Peranteau (Scorer's Table), Mark Record (Communication), Claire Peranteau (Concessions), Nichole Behornar (Concessions)...and many more!

### **RETURN OF BASKETBALL JERSEYS:**

Please return any remaining basketball jerseys. Inside the gym will be a grey box with a sign-off sheet. Please have your child place their washed jersey in the grey box and sign off their name.

### **GIRLS SOFTBALL- FIRST PRACTICE:**

Our girls softball team will have their first practice on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:30-5:00pm. Our practices take place across the street at Showell Park on Field #1 (first field on the left as you enter the park).

### **MARINE CORPS LEAGUE- YOUTH PHYSICAL FITNESS:**

The Marine Corps League will conduct their annual Youth Physical Fitness (YPF) Challenge on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students should wear their P.E. uniform to school as they will participate in several different fitness challenges.

## **Emergency Closings & Delays**

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 WBOC or WMDT for closings.



## **HONK!**

A musical tale of the Ugly Duckling to play at Saint Thomas More Academy March 13 to 15. The Midnight Dreary Players of Saint Thomas More Academy invite the community to come on down to the farm for fun, laughter, tears and joy as we present HONK! A musical tale of the Ugly Duckling.

Performances will be 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 13; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14; and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at Saint Thomas More Academy, 133 Thomas More Drive, Magnolia, Del. Written by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe (dubbed “the brightest hopes for the future of the British musical” by The London Daily Telegraph), HONK! is the story of Ugly, whose odd, gawky looks incite prejudice from his family and neighbors. Separated from the farm and pursued by a hungry cat, Ugly must find his way home. Along his rollicking and harrowing journey, he not only discovers his true beauty and glorious destiny, but also finds love and acceptance in all its forms. Witty and hilarious, but also deeply moving, HONK! will treat you to equal amounts of laughter and tears. The cast of HONK! includes 16 Saint Thomas More Academy and Holy Cross School students from third through twelfth grade. They will be accompanied by a live orchestra composed of students and community musicians.

Purchase tickets in advance online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/honk-the-musical-tale-of-the-ugly-duckling-tickets-92053694077?aff=ebdssbdestsearch> or at the St. Thomas More Academy school office. Advance tickets are \$11 for adults and \$8 for students. Tickets purchased at the door are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students.

For more information call 302.697.8100 or email [drama@saintmore.org](mailto:drama@saintmore.org).

## Parish News

### St. John Neumann

**Parents of 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders:** Our next gathering will be for our last newbie Parent ONLY session beginning 10 AM Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> at MBS.

**Confirmation 2020:** Our next gathering will be a **retreat on March 7** beginning at 9:15AM in the SJN library. All candidates must attend.

### St. Jude the Apostle

Come join St. Jude's Garden Committee at the **Philadelphia Flower Show** on Monday, March 2nd. Tickets are \$70 and include the show, bus fare and driver tip. For reservations, please call Jean Stewart at 644-2890 Mon-Tues, 8:30-3:00 or Wed-Thurs, 8:30-12 noon. Bus will depart from St. Jude's parking lot in front of Christian Formation Bldg at 11 AM and return here about 8:00 PM.

*Faustina*, the moving, live production performed by actress Jennifer Pagano and directed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at St. Jude The Apostle Parish Life Center on Wednesday, March 4 at 6:30pm.

Experience firsthand the life and message of Saint Faustina whose personal encounters with Jesus have inspired a world-wide devotion to Christ's Divine Mercy. This drama also brings audiences a riveting modern story that makes Divine Mercy remarkably relevant and urgent for our world today. The program is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 90 minutes, and is suitable for ages 13 and up.

Admission will be a free-will offering. For additional information, contact St. Jude The Apostle Parish Office at (302) 644-7300.

A **Ladies Lenten Day of Reflection** has been scheduled for **Friday, March 27** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Marie Joseph**, the Executive Director of the *Legacy of Life Foundation* with 17-years in Catholic education, will be the day's highlighted guest speaker.

Participants will have the opportunity to attend Confession as well as Mass as well as time for group and



personal reflection and adoration.

Retreatants will also be offered a light continental breakfast and boxed lunch.

Participants are required to register as space is limited and a suggested donation of \$25 is requested to defray the cost of the event. Registration info will be forthcoming in an upcoming bulletin.

## **St. Mary Star of the Sea/Holy Savior**

*Faustina*

**Messenger of Divine Mercy**

Performed Live by Jennifer Pagano on Sunday, March 1 at 6 p.m. at St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish Hall. Admission is \$10.00. Suitable for ages 13 and up. For tickets or more information, please call the parish office at 410-289-0652 or email [office@stmarystaroftheseaocmd.com](mailto:office@stmarystaroftheseaocmd.com).

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