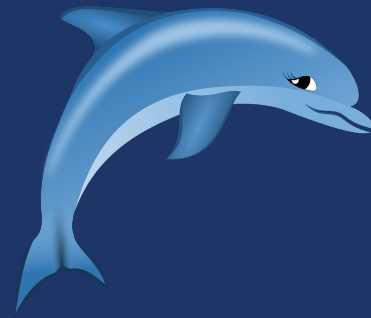


Dolphin Days



IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A
DOLPHIN!
February 27, 2020

[Visit our website](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2/27 Sports Recognition program 2:00 p.m.

We have some fun events planned for the month of March:

3/13 Middle School Dance 6:30-9:30 p.m.

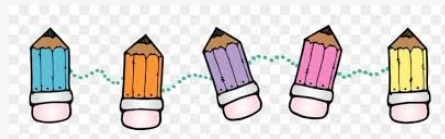
3/17 St. Patrick's Day - Green Tag Day
\$1.00

3/18 Twilight Retreat for Teachers

3/26 Family Reading Night 6-7:30 p.m.
Scholastic Bookfair Night
We hope to see all of our families attend!

3/27 12:10 Dismissal - Teachers will attend Technology Professional Development

A Note From Mrs. Manns...



Just a reminder our doors close every morning out front at 8:15 a.m. If they are shut and locked upon your arrival, you need to walk your child(ren) into the office and sign them in. Thank you for your cooperation.

A reminder that you are welcome to join your student at lunch time any day. Pack a lunch and sit with your child and his/her class. Enjoy the conversation!

Our Lenten theme this year will center around doing acts of kindness for others and abstaining from meat on Fridays. These are examples of ways to grow in our love for God during Lent. We know our sins affect others so doing acts of kindness is a good way to show the Lord that we want to change our hearts.

More background on our initiative to build a playground and restore the old with new mulch and fencing.

Last October we were invited to apply for a Grant from the Bauer Foundation. A survey was sent out to the teachers asking for ways to spend the money. This money is dedicated for a Catholic School to use toward a capital project. The choices were technology, safety advancement, flexible seating and playground. Under the guidance of Mark Record it was agreed by the committee to go forward with a playground. We are asking for Grant money, but

with most grants, we still need to match the amount given.

I am following through with our "MBS at Play" playground and I hope you see the value of this project, it is for the kids!

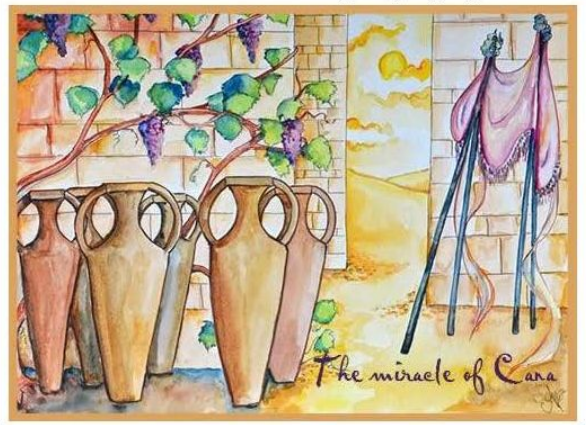
Speaking about our fundraising efforts, this upcoming month of March we will have our second "official" student fundraiser. Mark your calendars now for Tuesday, March 17th St. Patrick's Day. We will celebrate with a "Green" Tag day! \$1.00 to wear green.

May 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 began 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. Please call 1-866-441-4637 if you have any questions.

PIANO FEES

Piano fees for trimester 2 are past due and fees for trimester 3 are due March 17.



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.

Alley Oops dine to donate

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.

*****BOX TOPS*****

Thank you for your continued support with our BOX TOPS. The spring date for Box Top submission is quickly approaching. If you have any Box Tops to turn in please send in by Friday February 28th. Don't forget to ask your family and friends to collect them for you. We have raised over \$700.00 thus far with our Box Top program. Way to go MBS families!!

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!

SAVE THE DATE!

Save the date for the MBS Spring Play! This year our students will be performing *Frozen, Jr.* on April 3rd, 4th and 5th.



MOVIE BOOKLETS

We only have 34 movie booklets left. We have profited close to \$1,000 so far. Let's get these remaining booklets sold. First come, first serve.

Lent is here!

What a perfect time to make Jesus a priority. The Tabernacle in the Divine Mercy Chapel has the presence of Jesus and he is waiting for a visit from you. Take a few minutes in your busy day and visit him. The graces will fill your soul!

Every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. is rosary hour, please come pray, even if just for a

decade or for 5 minutes! What a beautiful sacrifice to make during this Lent season.



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.

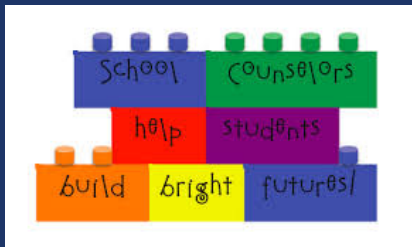
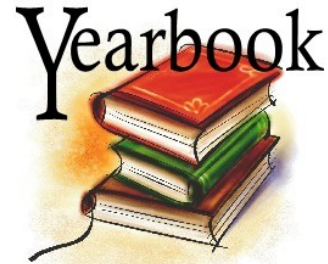
The school that has the highest redemption percentage of Hit the Books tickets for the overall program will receive a **\$1000 donation** to their school. Also, the school with the second highest redemption will receive a \$500 donation. However we must meet a minimum of 100 bookmarks completed to qualify 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. Please click on the link below:

[Yearbook Order Form](#)



Counseling Corner

Parents, for the next few weeks I will be talking to all grades about some very important topics. We are required to teach lessons from the Diocese program "For the Sake of God's Children". I will be focusing on topics such as, Life is a Gift From God, Trusted Adults, Safe Environments, Appropriate Boundaries, Good Touch- Bad Touch, and Secrets. I will do this in each grade with age appropriate resources and dialogue. I visited Pre-K 3 and 4 this week. Parents, feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions tgabbard@mbscs.org.



Sports Corner

WINTER SPORTS RECOGNITION:

We will recognize our winter athletes on **Friday, February 28th** at **2:00pm** in the MBS Cafeteria. Please note the different start time! If attending, please park out in front of the school on the sides of the access road (not the fire lane).

RETURN OF BASKETBALL JERSEYS:

Please return any remaining basketball jerseys. Inside the gym is 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 23rd 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 3rd. Our 3rd-8th 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.

Non-MBS Flyers

River Soccer Club Registration

[Click this button to register](#)

Parish News

St. Ann

Sunday, March 8th is Donut/Coffee day after the 9am (at Our Lady of Guadalupe) and after the 10:30am (at St. Ann's). Join your fellow parishioners for some delicious donuts from Hocker's Bakery and fresh brewed coffee. We are looking for a family to help set up at St. Ann's so please contact Anne (Vogel) Flaherty: annemvogel@aol.com You may earn FIP hours, too.

USO Drive :

In cooperation with USO Delaware, the Parish of St. Ann is again seeking donations for the USO located at the Dover Air Force Base. The airbase is a hub for flights carrying our service men and women and their families to and from military bases and installations around the globe, as well as flights bringing home our fallen heroes.

All donations received will help stock the shelves, pantries and locker rooms and will serve as a bit of home away from home for those weary travelers, and to comfort our grieving families.

So if it is a hot shower that is needed, or snacks to refresh and remind them of home, it has been made possible through your generosity. Please bring your items to Delaney Hall, St. Ann Catholic Church, 651 Garfield Parkway, Bethany Beach, Monday thru Friday, 9-2, March 2nd through March 31st. **If you would like to donate and are not able to deliver your items, please contact Anne (Vogel) Flaherty and I will pick up items at MBS and deliver on your behalf.**

We are particularly in need of the following types of items:

Keurig Cups (Coffee and Hot Chocolate)
Personal hygiene items for men and women
(such as Soap – Shampoo – Deodorant –
Shaving Cream – Disposable Razors – Body Lotion)
Tooth Paste – Tooth Brushes – Foot Powder
Cotton Socks – Baby Wipes – Sunscreen
Ziplock Freezer Storage Bags (Gallon Size)
13-gal Kitchen Garbage Bags – Paper Towels
Writing Paper – Pens – Puzzles – Playing Cards
Individually Packaged (Pretzels – Chips – Crackers
Teddy Grahams – Breakfast Bars) Bottled water
Individually Packaged (Nuts – Slim Jims
Peanut Butter – Hard Candy – Cookies – Gum
Small cans of Fruit – Oatmeal)

St. John Neumann

Parents of 2nd Graders: Our next gathering will be for our last newbie Parent ONLY session beginning 10 AM Sunday March 8th 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.

WITNESSES TO THE FAITH – Come watch a video presentation by Bishop Robert Barron on Venerable Fulton J. Sheen and Flannery O'Connor spread over 4 Wednesdays: 4, 18, 25 March and 1 April 2020. It will run approximately 45 minutes beginning at 5:30PM in the SJN Parish library.

Come Join US - LENTEN DINNER - Soup, Salad, Pizza, and Fellowship!

March 20, 2020 beginning 5:00 PM and ending 6:30 PM

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School

Admission: \$10 (\$5 children under 12)

Please make your reservation at the Parish Office 410-208-2956

St. Jude the Apostle

Beginning on Friday, Feb 28th and throughout Lent, Confessions will follow the 8 am Mass, and will also be every Friday afternoon from 2-4 pm in the Church. Stations & Benedictions will follow from 4-5 pm.

Then, come have a Lenten Fish Dinner with the Knights each Friday evening during Lent in the Church

Hall from 5:15 to 6:15 pm. The first of six dinners will be on Friday, Feb 28th and run through April 3rd. All Dinners include Coffee & Desert - Cash Bar - Adults \$12 & Kids \$6.

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.

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 of more information, please call the parish office at 410-289-0652 or email office@stmarystaroftheseaocmd.com.