



Most Blessed Sacrament  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Educating the *M*ind  
Strengthening the *B*ody  
Nurturing the *S*oul

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## Our Mission

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School (MBS), serving pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in the eight sponsoring parishes of the region, is dedicated to excellence in education by developing life long learners and leaders. In partnership with families, we foster a faith-filled environment emphasizing reverence, respect and personal responsibility, in the traditional spirit of Christian teaching.

## Who We Are

Founded in 2003, MBS is a regional Catholic school under the auspices of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, Delaware. Since our founding, more than 1,500 students and their families have been part of our valued community. MBS currently serves eight Catholic parishes of Southern Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

MBS is housed in a welcoming, modern facility situated on a beautiful 18-acre campus in Berlin, Maryland, which is conveniently located to residents of Maryland and Delaware.

### Sponsoring parishes include:

- St. Ann
- St. Edmond
- St. John Neumann
- St. Jude the Apostle
- St. Luke
- St. Mary Star of the Sea
- St. Michael the Archangel
- Our Lady of Lourdes

### Parent Community

For MBS families, school isn't just for children, we are a faith-filled community of families as well. School functions and volunteer opportunities provide meaningful experiences for parents to build fellowship as they participate in school life. For students, their shared experiences throughout the elementary and middle school years form bonds that last a lifetime.

## Our Vision

We provide rigorous and technologically relevant instruction that is intentionally integrated with Catholic identity. Teachers, administrators, parents and parishes work together to nurture the development of each student's mind, body and soul preparing him or her 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. Students are prepared to relate their Catholic faith to their culture and actively live their faith as members of the greater community.

## Our Philosophy

We are dedicated to the development of the "Whole Child". By nurturing individual gifts, we provide a healthy environment that fosters a commitment to Gospel values. Instruction in the Catholic tradition enables students to live these values— through mutual cooperation and everyday interaction of home, church, school and community. We recognize that children vary in learning styles, talents and abilities, and so foster growth through a variety of teaching methods, learning activities and relevant experiences. While emphasizing respect for others, we provide each child with opportunities to develop his or her potential for knowledge, self-inquiry and ultimately, self-esteem. We believe that parents are the primary educators of their children, and we value their partnership. We strive to create a sense of community through mutual respect, communication and cooperation.



## Overview

We follow curriculum standards established by the Diocese of Wilmington. However, our learning environment and ability to go beyond these standards sets us apart. Our core curriculum emphasizes the content areas of reading, math, science and social studies while offering additional courses that challenge students to think critically and creatively, as well as expand their world view and live the Gospel message.

## Preschool

Children are introduced to formal learning in a structured but child-centered setting. Our program focuses on readiness and love for learning in accordance with Christian values. Children can learn at their own pace through age-appropriate activities. A certified teacher leads each class with the assistance of a full-time instructional aide. All children in the preschool programs participate in enrichment classes, including: music, art, technology, library and Spanish.

### Programs (Monday—Friday)

- 3-year full/half-day programs (*must be 3 by August 31*)
- 4-year full/half-day programs (*must be 4 by August 31*)
- *Half-Day:* 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. / *Full-Day:* 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Before & after care programs available for additional costs

*PRE-K CHILDREN MUST BE ABLE TO USE THE RESTROOM INDEPENDENTLY.*

## Primary and Intermediate Grades

Our kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade programs are enriched with a rigorous foundation in language arts and mathematics. By integrating technology, teachers are able to offer differentiated instruction and accelerated, leveled learning. Cursive handwriting is introduced in second grade, and implementation of the Daily Five instructional strategy is a cornerstone of Integrated Language Arts (ILA) curricula.

## Middle School Grades

Our middle school program utilizes teachers for each subject area within the 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades, which sustains consistency in lesson planning, communication and rigor. Our math program is tailored to meet students' individual needs by offering advanced courses in pre-algebra and algebra. Students who require more challenges may, at the teacher's recommendation, enroll in math enrichment, which explores the same concepts but moves at a different pace. Life Science, Earth Science and Physical Science are taught each year throughout middle school. Our ILA program emphasizes grammar, vocabulary, reading and reading comprehension and spelling. Each trimester, students participate in one pre-selected activity that provides opportunities to extend the curriculum into real-life settings. Offerings include digital photography, sewing, cooking, wood working, dance, crafting, computer coding and many more.

## Academic Support

A team of faculty and staff for all grade levels assist teachers with students who may need help within a particular subject area or accommodation. Students in need of extra help also have the opportunity to participate in study hall during their recess time or stay after class to work with their individual teachers.



## S.T.R.E.A.M

We emphasize science, technology, religion, engineering, arts integration and math, throughout each grade. Our grade-level and core subject teachers work alongside our enrichment area teachers to weave a common thread within lesson planning.

## Technology

### Computers

The technology curriculum for pre-K 4 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade is integrated weekly into various subject areas and our core curriculum. The technology lab offers every student access to the Windows 10 operating system and Microsoft Office 365.

- **Pre-K–2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** use technology such as computers, smartboards and iPads to enhance instruction.
- **Intermediate and Middle School Grades** use technology (computers, smartboards, iPads, Microsoft Surface Pro tablets) to collect, record and analyze data. They produce documents and multimedia presentations.

### MBS Morning News Cast

This show is produced and presented entirely by students using green screen technology and is broadcasted daily via the classroom SmartBoards. The show encompasses morning prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, our School Pledge, announcements, weather and news.

## Faculty and Staff

With an average of 15 years of teaching experience and many advanced degrees, our faculty of dedicated, caring teachers brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to each child's MBS education. Individualized instruction and differentiated learning enable teachers to closely monitor each student's intellectual, social, spiritual and emotional growth. Teachers grow and develop their instructional skills through monthly professional development programs, with opportunities to attend numerous symposia and seminars throughout the year.

Our faculty includes one full-time certified teacher in each grade level and aides in pre-K 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Our middle school faculty includes a designated certified teacher for each core subject area (ILA, math, science, social studies and religion.) We also have teachers in Spanish, music, art, technology, physical education and library, as well as a part-time guidance counselor and two school nurses.

## Athletics

Several sports are available to middle school students year-round. Our teams compete against other Catholic, Christian and private schools in the surrounding area. The success of our sports program depends heavily on the involvement and dedication of parents—from coaches, to athletic board members, to chaperones and cheering sections.

- Fall Sports:** Coed Golf / Coed Soccer / Girls' Volleyball  
**Winter Sports:** Boys' Basketball / Girls' Basketball  
**Spring Sports:** Girls' Softball / Boys' Lacrosse / Girls' Lacrosse

## Extracurricular Activities

Clubs and activities enhance our students' learning experience. There is something for every interest.

- Altar Servers and Lectors
- Student Government
- Go Green Environmental Group
- Drama
- Choir
- Piano Lessons



## Choose MBS Because

- We offer an education that combines Catholic faith and teachings with academic excellence.
- We partner with parents in the faith formation of their children.
- We set high standards for student achievement and help them succeed.
- We provide a balanced academic curriculum that integrates faith, culture and life.
- We integrate technology effectively to enhance learning.
- We instill in students the value of service to others.
- We teach children respect of self and others.
- We emphasize moral development and self-discipline.
- We prepare students to be productive citizens and 21<sup>st</sup> century leaders.
- We cultivate a faculty and staff of people who are dedicated, caring and effective.
- We provide a safe and welcoming environment for all.

## Get In Touch

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