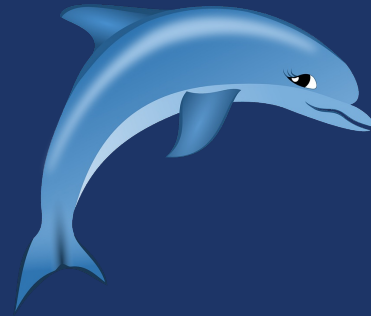


# Dolphin Days



*IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A  
DOLPHIN!  
April 30, 2020*



Visit our website

Good afternoon,

It is a great time to be an MBS Dolphin! I feel in my heart that this is so positively true as I sit in on Zoom meetings, dive into Teams, see lesson plans, attend principal coffees and meetings and observe the dedication and hard work that our teachers and staff are putting forth to make MBS what it is. Our level of instruction has continued as we prepare for the closing of the academic school year and the opening of 2020-2021!

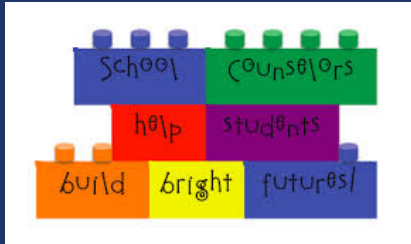
A reminder that our Virtual Book Fair is still open until Sunday, May 3rd. Click on this link to take you to

Scholastic <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=mostblessedsacramentschool>. Thank you for your support.

The office staff is working hard accepting new applications for admissions, preparing the budget, calendars and schedules, ordering books, etc... Great events are in the planning process for the 2020-2021 school year. Our opening date is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Our MBS Morning Announcements and Prayers, airs daily, Mon.-Fri., at 9 am, Tuesday Tales and Prayers, airs each Tuesday at 7:15 pm, and opportunity to pray the Rosary together, airs each Friday at 7 pm, are all planned to continue through the end of the school year. They are aired live on Facebook. We share the announcements and story currently via Constant Constant for our families that do not use social media.

Thank you for those of you who have reached out to teachers, staff and myself expressing concern and support regarding the closure of the schools until the end of the school year. Know we all feel the same gut wrenching sadness and disappointment many of you have expressed. More information will come later regarding final plans for graduations, returning to the school to get things left behind and to return books, devices, etc... We are in this together, MBS Strong!



## Counseling Corner

Just a few things we should all be doing...

- Remember it is okay to feel lots of different feelings during this time!
- Tell your feelings to your family/trusted adults
- Journal/Draw
- Get exercise daily
- Get a good night sleep
- Eat healthy foods
- Laugh
- Make an effort to think of things you are grateful for

Love and miss you all!!

I am here for you, contact me at [tgabbard@mbscs.org](mailto:tgabbard@mbscs.org) anytime!

Theresa Gabbard



## **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESOURCES**

Maryland 211: Call 211, press 1

Life Crisis Hotline: 410-749-4357

Maryland Crisis Hotline: 1-800-422-0009

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:  
1-800-273-8255

Crisis Text Line: Text **HOME** to 741741

Eastern Shore Crisis Response Services:  
1-888-407-8018

SAMHSA Disaster helpline: 1-800-985-5990



**Dear students and families,**

**We are saddened to hear that our school will be closed for the rest of this academic year. We want you to know that we miss you and think of your smiling faces daily. Once the states of Delaware and Maryland decide we no longer have to “shelter in place” we will be contacting parents with a date and time to pick up their medications at school. Until then, stay safe and stay healthy. Please contact us if you have any health or medication concerns you need to discuss. [mcarlson@mbscs.org](mailto:mcarlson@mbscs.org) and [mmumford@mbscs.org](mailto:mmumford@mbscs.org). You may also contact Mrs.Mumford via phone at 443-497-0130.**



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## **YEARBOOK ORDERS**

**Reserve your Copy of the 2019-2020 MBS Yearbook - Quantities are Limited**

**Please feel free to mail your payment of \$35 per yearbook along with the name of the student that will receive a copy to the school at 11242 Racetrack Road, Berlin, MD 21811.**

**They will be delivered before we return.**

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# 2020/21 Home School Association Board Nominations

Do you love MBS? Do you love seeing our students and families join together for fun and fellowship? If so, we need you! Next week we will include a link for our 2020-2021 Home School Association Board nominations. The ballot will include the following roles:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Pre-K & Primary Representative

Intermediate Representative

Middle School Representative

## GIVING TUESDAY NOW- May 5th

While we are away from our school physically, we are still hoping to continue some of our fundraising efforts. We understand that many of our family are experiencing effects of this unprecedented time in one way or another.

We pray for you and are here to support you in any way we can. If you are in a position to give, please consider donating to MBS this Tuesday through our Annual Fund link as part of Giving Tuesday Now. We will share the link on Monday and Tuesday of next week in the MBS Morning Announcements and Prayers email and will be advertising through our free social media avenues, as well. This link is always available on the home page of our website under "Please Give." Thank you for your support today and always!



## PRAY A NOVENA WITH US

Join our Diocese, beginning on Saturday, May 2, praying a Novena in response to the Coronavirus. Please see the attached document for all of the prayers. It is also listed on our website under the newsletters tab. Mrs. Selba has shared the following information about Novenas.

The Catholic Encyclopedia, available at Catholic.org, defines a Novena as "nine days' of private, or public devotion in the Catholic Church to obtain special graces." While the number eight in the

Judeo-Christian tradition was always thought of as a festive number of new

beginnings, the number nine seemed to be often linked with suffering.

On the tenth day, Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon them and the Church was born.

The heart of any Novena is the same as the first one, called by our Lord Himself. "He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father." (Acts 1:4)

When we pray a Novena, we either pray the same prayer for all nine days or follow a list of prayers to be prayed for each day. Every novena is a bit different in the intention, formation of prayers and practice.

### Novena



## **VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR**

We are excited to host the MBS Virtual Scholastic Book Fair! The "doors" are open 24 hours a day through May 3. Simply scroll down on the page to shop. MBS receives a percentage of all sales. There is FREE shipping on all-book orders over

\$25. Please share this with your friends and family.

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/mostblessedsacramentschool>

## **VIRTUAL BOOK READING**

Author, Maximo Castellanos, shared a virtual reading of his first book at the Frankford Public Library in both Spanish and English. Your MBS community is very proud of you, Maximo!

<https://www.facebook.com/FrankfordPublicLibrary/videos/2919070298170633/>

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