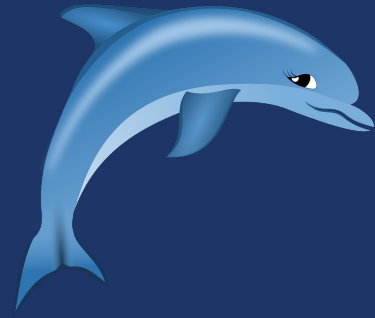


# Dolphin Days



IT'S A GREAT TIME TO BE AN  
MBS DOLPHIN!  
October 1, 2020



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*If you believe what you like in the Gospels, and reject what you don't like, it is not the Gospel you believe, but yourself.*  
*Saint Augustine*

**Good afternoon!**

**We have a plan; we are following it and it is working! I cannot say again how much we appreciate your support in what we do!**

**Please keep us in mind if you are able and willing to donate any of the following: hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, Lysol spray and baby wipes. These items are difficult to find and hopefully if you see them, you will keep us in mind! Thank you.**

**This month, October, in keeping with the diocesan school theme, *Called to Serve*, we are incorporating the Corporal Works of Mercy, *Give Drink to the***

**Thirsty.** On October 23<sup>rd</sup> we will have a NUT Day. We encourage you to wear a fall T shirt, or a shirt with fall colors. Your donation of \$1.00 will help us to support our local first responders, to thank them for their hard work and dedication. We will put together individual packages along with thank you cards with the donations you share. Please support this effort to show our men and women who serve and protect our communities how much we appreciate them.

**UPDATE:** Our new Chrome Books have arrived! Once they are catalogued and numbered, we will be completely 1:1 in the middle school, we will also deploy 25 to the intermediate pod.

**October Dates:**

- 7** Virtual Rosary at 10:00 am
- 8** SJN Mass: Grades 7 and 8
- 12** Fall Break: No School
- 13** Interims grades 3-8: Please check your child's PowerSchool account
- 16** Early Dismissal: Faculty Meeting
- 19** Showell and Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Departments will visit MBS to talk to our students about fire safety and display their apparatus. This activity will take place outside.

Just a reminder to continue to do a wellness check each morning and to report absences via our email [attendance@mbscs.org](mailto:attendance@mbscs.org). Keep practicing social distancing and masking when out in the community and help teach the best way to wash your hands!

God Bless,  
Kathy Manns

**It is a Great Time to be a MBS Dolphin!**



Parents we appreciate your help in fighting COVID-19 and keeping our school safe and open for all students. This is the format we are using, and request you use as a guideline to determine if your child should stay home from school or be sent home from school, based upon the Maryland Division of Public

Health and CDC guidelines. It is very important to continue to check your children daily for these symptoms and to keep them home from school if they have any of the symptoms listed. If your child comes to school and exhibits these symptoms as described below, they will be removed from class and need to be picked up immediately. Siblings will also be sent home. All children will have to remain out of school until they are cleared by a physician with documentation of an alternate diagnosis for the symptoms, or physician documentation of a pre-existing condition, or proof of a negative COVID-19 test result **AND** symptoms have resolved. If no physician documentation or negative test results, the students must remain home from school for 10 days after initial exclusion from Most Blessed Sacrament. This information can also be found in your MBS Family Handbook, in the Appendix section on pages 22-24. The symptoms and exclusion guidelines are updated frequently per the CDC and MD Division of Public Health and MBS will adhere to those recommendations. If you have any questions, please call the school nurses or email them at [\*\*attendance@mbscs.org\*\*](mailto:attendance@mbscs.org)  
Mrs. Carlson R.N. and Mrs. Mumford R.N.



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### RETURN TO SCHOOL – GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

School Nurse: \_\_\_\_\_

Individuals with COVID-19 can experience a wide range of signs and symptoms that may vary from very mild to severe. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to virus. Students experiencing COVID-19 like illness during the school day must be excluded from school.

Your child has exhibited ONE of the following symptom(s):

<input type="checkbox"/> Cough	<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
<input type="checkbox"/> New loss of taste or smell	

Your child has exhibited or complained of TWO or more of the following symptom(s):

<input type="checkbox"/> Fever (100.4 or greater)	<input type="checkbox"/> Chills
<input type="checkbox"/> Nausea	<input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat
<input type="checkbox"/> Vomiting	<input type="checkbox"/> Headache
<input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea	<input type="checkbox"/> Muscle or body aches
<input type="checkbox"/> Congestion or runny nose	<input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue

\*\*\*This list does not include all possible symptoms.

\*\*\*MBS will continue to update this list based on CDC guidelines

According to Maryland Division of Public Health:

Students may return to school after meeting one of these conditions:

1. With documentation of negative COVID-19 test and until all symptoms have resolved.
2. With healthcare provider documentation of alternate diagnosis as reason for symptoms.
3. With healthcare provider documentation from 2020/2021 school year of pre-existing condition.
4. If person does not receive COVID-19 test or healthcare provider documentation of alternate diagnosis, they must stay home 10 days after exclusion from school.

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## SPIRIT ITEMS

Thank you to everyone who purchased items from our MBS Pop-up Spirit Store. Items will be delivered by October 13 and sent home. If any of the items are gifts, please call or email Mrs. Evans to make other arrangements for delivery. The next store will be open in November for mid-December delivery. We will have the blue sweatshirts with



the option to add a name on the back at that time. Keep in mind that students may wear those sweatshirts as jackets, but they will be asked to remove them in class. If students get chilly in class, the following items are OK to wear: MBS cardigan, MBS grey gym sweatshirts and any other spirit wear zip-up or without a hood. We are trying to move towards a dressier look with our uniforms. Parents, thank you for your understanding.

We also have some other MBS spirit items for purchase in the office. Just send in an envelope with payment to Mrs. Evans and she will make sure to send them home. In the coming weeks, she will also be visiting everyone in the car line to sell some items. Stay tuned!

All proceeds for these sale go directly into our MBS Scholarship Fund.

  
**Spirit Items for Sale**

 <b>Scrunchie \$5</b>	 <b>Headband \$5</b>	 <b>Bracelet \$6</b>	 <b>Car Magnet \$5</b>
			
<b>Small Stickers \$3 each or 4 for \$10</b>			

## THURSDAY FOLDERS

Please return your family's clear envelope-style Thursday Folder each week. If you loose yours, please let Ms. Higgins know and she will make sure you get a new one. We use these folders throughout the year to provide our families with printed communications.

## **WEATHER RELATED REMINDERS**

As the weather is becoming cooler, please make sure your child has a warm jacket and/or sweatshirt to wear outside. We do much more outside and we want to make sure everyone feels comfortable.

## **RAINY DAY DISMISSALS**

At this time, it will not be feasible to have rainy day dismissals like we have had in years past. If there is any chance of rain in the forecast, please send your child(ren) to school with a rain jacket.

## **MBS FAMILY HANDBOOKS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORMS**

Today in your family's Thursday Folders, you will find our family handbook. Please send back your acknowledgement form to let us know that you have received your copy. If you ever need another copy, please let Ms. Higgins know. We only sent home forms to families if we did not receive this form earlier. The handbook was also sent electronically in the late summer.

## **CALLING ALL PARENTS!**

Due to the Bauer Foundation Grant that MBS was awarded in August, we are now ready to begin Phase I of MBS@Play! We are looking for parent volunteers who are able and willing to shovel the old playground mulch out in preparation for the new turf to be installed. We need TEN volunteers on Friday 10/9/20 beginning at 4:00 p.m. Please email Mrs. Littleton ASAP if you would like to volunteer for the entire time or even a couple hours- [klittleton@mbscs.org](mailto:klittleton@mbscs.org).

## **Thank you for Helping us Feed the Hungry**

Yesterday, Andy and Sue Rowland picked up our donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for the parishes at St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Luke's. We collected canned goods this past Friday to help restock their food pantry. Thank you to our beautiful MBS community for such an incredible outpouring of generosity!! The Rowland's minivan was full when they left. As we continue to learn about the Corporal Works of Mercy this year, we will weave in service projects for our students to participate. We are all *Called to Serve*!





*Eight-graders, MaryAnn Rutzler and Blake Ell and Madeline Ernst, from pre-K 4, helped greet the Rowlands and share our gifts.*

## Join our MBS Family Business Directory

Please let Mrs. Evans know if you would like to be added to our family directory listed on the school's website. She shares the link to this directory with new families and many families have shared how helpful it was. It's a wonderful way to help our fellow families.

## CALLED TO PRAY THE ROSARY

There are many graces obtained by praying the Rosary in community. All are welcome to join daily as petitions are presented, and the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and other devotions are prayed. Thank you for sharing this opportunity.

Call in Monday through Saturday around 8:50 AM, with prayers beginning at 9:00.

Call in on Sundays at 7:50 AM, with prayers beginning at 8:00.

Please, follow these simple steps:

1. Dial  
425 436-6363
2. Enter access code: 642083

Enjoy this added feature:

Please, follow these simple steps to pray along with the conference recording.

1. Dial 425 436-6309

2. Enter your normal Access Code: 642083

The automated attendant will prompt you to enter a reference number. You just enter # to play the most recent recording.

## COUNSELING CORNER

As we are 4 weeks into our school year let us all take a deep breath! These are busy times. Our students are working hard, our teachers are working hard, and our parents are working hard. Let us all be mindful to take the time to take care of ourselves. Let us all model and pray with our children during the stressful times around us. Taking care of our mental health is so important. Here are a few self-care acts to try: \*Take a walk \*Pray \* Read \*Exercise \* Call a friend \*Journal \*Color/Draw.



## ATHLETICS

### ICE CREAM THURSDAYS

Starting Thursday, October 15th, MBS Student Athletes will be selling ice cream during the different lunch breaks (K-8th). This is a very important fundraiser for the athletic department and helps fund many important projects. The cost will be \$1.00 a week or you may pre-pay \$15.00 for now until January 31st. Please look in the upcoming Thursday take home folder (10/8/2020) for more information. We will send out another \$20 ice cream registration form for the February 1<sup>st</sup> to June 17<sup>th</sup> time frame. Thank you for your support!

## GROCERY STORE LINKS

We are grateful for three local grocery stores that give MBS cash for shopping at their stores. Weis Market is new this year!! See the instructions provided below to make sure your grocery store trips help support MBS.

### Harris Teeter Together in Education

You can link your VIC card to Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School at [harristeeter.com](http://harristeeter.com). Go to the Together in Education link and scroll down to Link Your School Today. Our code is 6845. Your card will be linked for the



entire school year. This does not interfere with your VIC savings or cost any money. You can also link it at the customer service counter at the store. Remember to link it at the beginning of each school year. You will see our school name on the bottom of your receipt.

## Giant A+ Bonus Bucks

You can link your Giant rewards card to Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School at [giantfood.com/member-benefits/](http://giantfood.com/member-benefits/). Scroll down to find A+ Give Back to Local Schools, then choose register now. Our school ID is 04563 and our password is NJNG. You can also link it at the customer service counter at the store.



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## 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, those calls informing of cancellation or delay must 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. **IT IS NECESSARY THAT THE PERSON WHO ANSWERS THE PHONE SPEAK IN ORDER TO ACTIVATE THE MESSAGE.**

**REMEMBER THAT YOU CAN ALWAYS CHECK ON WBOC TV OR WBOC WEBSITE FOR CLOSINGS!**

# PARISH NEWS

## **St. John Neumann**

Confirmation 2021: To all current 8<sup>th</sup> graders who wish to prepare for the sacrament and are currently enrolled in RE or MBS - Preparation for the sacrament will begin on Sunday 18 October from 12:30-1:30PM in the church. Parent and child must attend this first session. There is a \$75 materials fee. Please give me a heads up that you are coming so that we are prepared for you: [ngroves@stjnrcc.com](mailto:ngroves@stjnrcc.com)

## **St. Luke**

If you have a 4 - 5 year old and want to join us for 'Mommy, Me and Jesus', contact the parish office (410)250-0300 or email Kim Zarif: [kzarif@stlukeoc.com](mailto:kzarif@stlukeoc.com) for more details.

Please join us on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon for our 'Blessing of the Animals' Bring a furry friend! We are also collecting for the Worcester County Humane Society; cleaning supplies(Fabulosa dish detergent, bleach), Verus dog food, unopened pet treats/toys, blankets/towels. Hope to see you there!

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