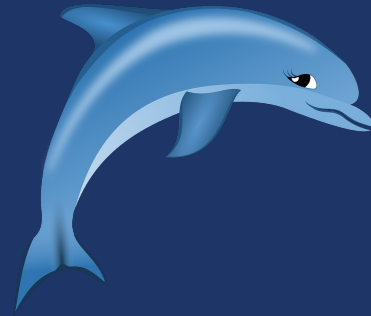


# Dolphin Days



*IT'S A GREAT TIME TO BE AN  
MBS DOLPHIN!  
October 8, 2020*



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**Dear MBS Families,**

**During these difficult times that we all face as a school community, state and nation, please remember to be kind and respectful of others. We may not always agree with our neighbor, but we should always be tolerant.**

**It is wonderful to write that we have completed another successful week at MBS. Thank you to all the parents that have been doing wellness checks every morning and for understanding when we send home students, and siblings along with them, and for simply doing the right thing for all. We must all continue to mask, sanitize, social distance and continue to wash our hands regularly.**

**Just two reminders, please send your child in each day with a placemat. It is much more sanitary when eating at our desks, or outside on the picnic tables. Also, the gator-style masks are not as effective we, therefore ask that all students wear masks that have straps.**

Last Thursday, October 1, we began to celebrate Mass over at St. John Neumann Church, thank you to Fr. Cocucci for opening his doors.

Restrictions are in place and we followed the guidelines for spacing. Both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade participated. We will continue with different grades attending Mass individually, until restrictions are lifted.

In full transparency, we would like to communicate our notification policy for COVID cases in the school community. If an individual tests positive, we will notify you as soon as we are able. No identifying information will be given out regarding students or staff who may be sick or have tested positive for COVID-19. If an individual, either a staff member or student, is quarantined because s/he is a close exposure to a positive case, we will only notify the school community if that individual becomes positive, as close contacts do not pose any risk to the community and are being quarantined out of an abundance of caution to protect our entire community. We want to be clear that this is not to conceal information, rather to ensure that our community is safe, healthy, and prepared with actionable information. We care about every individual in our community and wish to de-stigmatize those in quarantine or ill and to promote positive connections in the school community.

Dr. DeAngelo, Superintendent of the Diocese of Wilmington, was here yesterday. He congratulated us on all that we are doing to maintain our safe environment and the consistent follow through.

We finished up Renaissance Testing this week. Results will go home next week.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:**

Grace Clark in 5<sup>th</sup> grade who guessed the correct number of tootsie rolls in the jar 227. What a great estimator!

THE INTERNATIONAL CLUB ESSAY CONTEST, sponsored by the Ocean City/Berlin Club recognizes the following students for their 2020 essay: Olivia Evans, and Laila Pascucci, both girls are in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

## **October Dates:**

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-Fall Break: No School

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-Interims grades 3-8: Please check your child's PowerSchool account

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**-Student Council Officer Elections**

**-12:00 dismissal-PD for teachers**

**-HSA Grab and Go Chick-fil-A lunch orders are open to all, however, if you take a bus home, you must wait until you get home to eat. There is to be no eating on the bus for safety reasons. Thank you.**

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**-Showell and Berlin Volunteer Fire Companies will bring apparatus to MBS**

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**-In keeping with the Diocesan Theme CALLED TO SERVE, we are incorporating the Corporal Works of Mercy. This month, we would like to recognize our first responders with a small THANK YOU basket. We will have a fall \$1.00 NUT day. We are asking the students to dress in fall colors and to bring in \$1.00 or a small donation. This money will be used to thank local first responders. Thank you for your support!**

**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. Please make sure to read the handout that was sent home today in your child(s) folder.

If you have any questions, please call the school nurses at 410-208-1600, or email them at [attendance@mbscs.org](mailto:attendance@mbscs.org)  
Mrs. Carlson R.N. and Mrs. Mumford R.N.

Sponsoring Parishes

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

Kathleen S. Manns  
Principal

Lori Alvarez  
Business Manager

Amanda Evans  
Admissions & Advancement

## Procedures to Return to MBS after Travel & Exposure to COVID-19

### Traveling

- 1) If you are traveling anywhere and you will be interacting with the general public, large gathering, or traveling to a state with a COVID-19 test positivity rate above 10%, a negative COVID-19 test result will be required for the person to return to MBS.
- 2) If you are traveling anywhere with your immediate family but not interacting with the general public or a large group of people, a negative COVID-19 test will not be required. Continue with the daily assessment and monitoring symptoms, social distancing, and wearing your mask.

### Exposure and Symptoms of COVID-19

- 1) If you have had a known exposure to someone with COVID-19, you must quarantine for 14 days and contact the school, and you will be advised on the next step.
- 2) If students/staff need to be tested for COVID-19 due to symptoms or potential exposure, students/staff must stay home until the results are received. This includes siblings of students and for staff and immediate family members in the school.
- 3) For students/staff who have had a positive COVID-19 test, quarantining for 10 days is required. Students/staff may return after the 10 days as long as they are symptom free.

**\*October 7, 2020**

**\*As with COVID-19 there are constant updates. Please always check the date on information sheet sent home.**

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**Please read and keep the following attached form for your records.**

**If your student is sent home from school, you will receive the attached form. Please NOTE the box of symptoms for (1) symptom and (2) symptoms. Also note, the conditions for allowing students to return to school after being sent home. If student is sent home, the school nurse will go over all procedures.**

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*Mission Statement*

*Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, serving students in the eight sponsoring parishes of the region in grades pre-kindergarten to eighth, is dedicated to excellence in education by developing life long learners and leaders. We foster a faith-filled environment in partnership with families emphasizing reverence, respect and personal responsibility in the traditional spirit of Christian teaching.*

## 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>
			

**Small Stickers \$3 each or 4 for \$10**

## 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.

### OCEAN CITY ROSARY RALLY

Our Blessed Mother requests our presence and prayers

Sunday, October 11, 2020 3:00 PM

Location: Fire Fighters Memorial on the Boardwalk at Division Street

All are welcome, as we come together with believers across the country to celebrate the 2020 coast to coast Rosary Rally. Our petitions include respect for life at all stages of development, sanctity of marriage and families, upholding constitutionally protected religious freedom, and the return to God and Holiness. Many graces are obtained when we pray the Rosary, and more is available to us when we pray with others. October is the month of the Rosary, and this will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our faith and Mary's unwavering intercession. We will gather in the area of the firefighter's memorial monument, as we witness the power of prayer alive in our community.

\*Ocean City health guidelines require masks to be worn if social distancing is not possible\*



#### Daily Prayer Conference Call

Monday - Saturday prayers begin at 9:00 AM    Sundays- 8:00 AM

Call: 425-436-6363    Enter access code: 642083

Recording Playback: 425-436-6309    Access Code: 642083

# 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).**

## **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.

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## **COUNSELING CORNER**

As we are five 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 vital 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 today's communication folder (10/8/2020) for the registration form. 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!

## **OCEAN CITY RECREATION BASKETBALL:**

Ocean City Recreation & Parks is starting their basketball league on November 9th. The program is open to 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Girls play on Monday & Wednesday. Boys play on Tuesday & Thursday. The times for the different grade levels are the following: 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade: 5:00-6:00pm, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade: 6:00-7:00pm, 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 7:00-8:00pm.

More info can be found here:

<https://oceancitymd.gov/pdf/Splash2020Fall.pdf>

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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**

We are really excited to be starting a week day pre-k Religious Education class at St. Andrew's!! If you are interested please email the Religious Education office asap!

We hope you can join us for our Children's All Saints Celebration!! Come dressed as your favorite saint!!(parents too!!) There will be saint story telling, games, and a prayer service. Just maybe...a treat too!!

All participants must wear a mask (a real mask 😊)

Please call our office to let us know you are coming! Looking forward to seeing you!!



