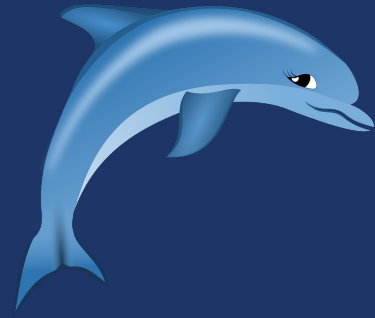


Dolphin Days



*IT'S A GREAT TIME TO BE AN
MBS DOLPHIN!
September 24, 2020*



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**“God doesn’t require us to succeed,
he only requires that you try”
Mother Theresa**

We have had a successful start to the school year thanks in large part to our families and teachers for helping to reinforce the importance of staying healthy. As we wrap up week three, I encourage you to continue to stick to the plan. Be sure to do a wellness assessment, including temperature checks daily before leaving for school. If in doubt, stay home.

We, too, will continue to stick to our plan; masking, social distancing, wellness checks by staff, practicing proper hygiene and sanitation. There will be plenty of fresh air both inside and out, outdoor activities and lessons and a light load of homework.

I encourage you to stick to a routine at home, with a set bedtime and reading daily. The importance of reading is undeniable, it expands the mind, helps to develop our vocabulary, allows for creative thinking, improves concentration and gives a sense of belonging. Twenty minutes every night is all it takes. Please read to your child, or read silently as a family, but make sure to read daily.

Thank you to all who joined in our virtual open houses. Our teachers were excited to meet new parents and to see the familiar parents. We are so happy you are here for the 2020-2021 school year. Welcome, again!

Tomorrow, Friday, September 25th we will have our first NUT (No Uniform Today) Day. Children may dress down and we ask in return that they bring in two can goods or more to help us support the St. Mary Star of the Sea/Holy Savior Church food pantry. Remember, NO flip flops or tank tops.

Thank you for your patience with the car line, it's running smoother with each passing day. We remind you that when sitting in the line, please turn off your car.

In your Thursday folders today, please read the information regarding *Share in the Spirit*, a collection for tuition assistance. It is a worthy cause!

October is Marian month. MBS will participate in the Virtual Mary, Queen of Peace Pilgrimage Rosary, this year, virtually. We will pre-record the second mystery led by and recited by our eighth-grade class. This will be sent to the Diocese, along with the other four decades of the Rosary recorded by other schools, and combined with a message from our Bishop. On October 7th, as a school community, we will pause and pray the Rosary with the entire Diocese of Wilmington Schools at 10:00 am.

Please continue practice safe measures when out and about. We can do this!

God Bless,
Kathy Manns

Upcoming Events

September

25 N.U.T. Day, Bring in Two Can Goods

26-27 *Share in The Spirit Weekend*

October

1 Lunch and Milk Program begins

9 Interim Grades Due

12 Fall Break – No School

16 Student Council Elections

12:10 Dismissal

17 Family Movie Night

FAMILY SURVEYS



Please return your family surveys. We have received less than 50% of the completed family surveys.

In last week's folder, we sent home to each family an anonymous survey that asks about the family's income level, family membership, etc. This information is kept in the strictest confidence and is only used to compile data relevant to our school's

eligibility for federal programs. Without the participation of each family, we will not qualify for the maximum state/federal dollars that you have paid in your taxes and we are entitled to by law. As you may know, Catholic schools do not receive direct federal or state funding. However, we are able to access state and federal funds that are administered through local school districts and the M.S.D.E. The funds that are available to us assist in purchasing textbooks, materials of instruction and in providing professional development to our teachers. We



This is a reminder that parents need to check their students for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 EVERY morning before leaving for school. If the student has ONE of the following symptoms; cough, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath or new loss of taste or smell, AND/OR, TWO of the following symptoms; fever (100.4 or above), chills, nausea, vomiting diarrhea, sore throat, headache, muscle or body aches, fatigue, congestion or runny nose, they must adhere to the MBS policy based upon directives from the Maryland Health Department and CDC guidelines. These students MUST stay home from school. If any students come to school complaining of, or exhibiting these symptoms, they will be sent home from the Health Suite and need to be picked up immediately. Students who stay home AND/OR are sent home will have to follow the MBS Return to School Guidelines Policy. This policy states that for a student to return to school they MUST meet one of these conditions:

1. Documentation of a negative COVID-19 test and all symptoms have resolved without medication.
2. Health Care Provider documentation that the student is cleared to return to school once all symptoms have resolved without medication.
3. If a student does not have negative COVID-19 test documentation, or a note from a Health Care Provider clearing the student to return to school, the student MUST stay home for 10 days from Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School.

Maryland Health Department policies also include, if a student is sent home or stays home from school with the symptoms listed above, and they have a sibling at MBS, the sibling will also be sent home, AND/OR must stay home until the return to school policy conditions are met.

We want to remind you that if students are going out of town, please be mindful with all travel, and with gatherings of groups, to practice social distancing, mask wearing, hygiene and sanitization safety measures.

With the policies of the Maryland Health Department, wearing masks, social distancing, sanitizing of the school and hand washing, MBS is committed to keeping our students and staff safe and in the school building. We want to thank all parents for their understanding and for adhering to the policies to continue to have a safe school year. Please email the school at attendance@mbscs.org if your student is going to be absent for any reason. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, you can contact the school

nurses via phone at 410-208-1600.

Sincerely, Your school nurses,
Mrs. Carlson and Mrs. Mumford



FEED THE HUNGRY

N.U.T. DAY

To learn about our Diocesan school year theme, *Called to Serve*, tomorrow, Friday, September 25th we will be having a N.U.T. (No Uniform Today) Day to focus on the first Corporal Works of Mercy, *Feed the Hungry*. Students are asked to send in two nonperishable food items to dress down. These items will help stock St. Mary Star of the Sea/Holy Savior Church's pantry this month. Parent, please review the section about appropriate N.U.T. Day attire in the family handbook on our website (linked below under uniforms) if you have any questions about what to wear.

UNIFORM REMINDERS

Wearing a uniform to school teaches our students how to dress appropriately, walk with confidence and feel good about their appearance. Normally during our Back to School Night we talk more about it. With most discussions this year being related to our health and safety, we didn't have a chance to focus on it. If you need any uniform item, please email Mrs. Evans at aevans@mbscs.org or at 410-208-1600. She will look to see if we have it and send it home. You are welcome to swap items or offer a donation. All donations will be placed in our student services fund.

Please check the attached handbook for the uniform policy. Please take note at a few items below.

Family Handbook

- **Make sure students have the socks and shoes they are supposed to wear on any given day.**
- **With the windows open, we understand that our students may be a bit chilly as the fall and winter weather approaches. To stay warm, please wear the appropriate second layer. Acceptable choice are the MBS gym sweatshirt, MBS cardigan, MBS zip-up sweatshirts or MBS 3/4 zip-ups. Please visit the Flynn O'Hara online store or purchase a zip-up during our MBS Pop-up Spirit Sale (open online this week until Sunday, September 27th). The link for the Pop-Up sale is below. We are asking that no hooded sweatshirts be worn in school. The hooded sweatshirts are OK to wear outside as a jacket. There will be a few more options during our next MBS Pop-up Spirit Sale beginning in November.**

Pop-Up Spirit Store

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.

Forms to Return

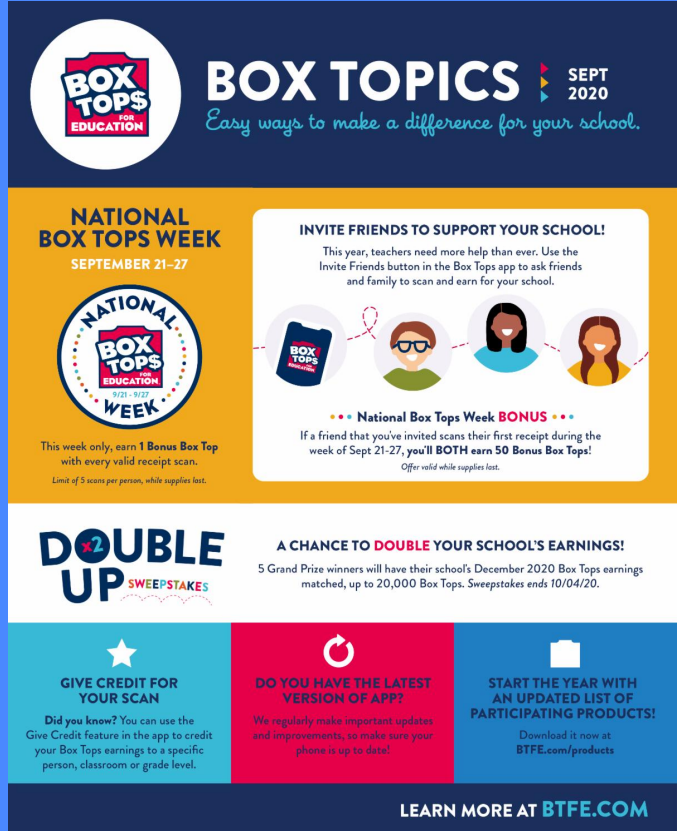
Thank you to everyone who has returned their necessary forms already. If you still haven't and need another copy, please email Ms. Higgins at lhiggins@mbscs.org. Following are the forms we need returned.

**Family Survey
Family Directory Form**

Emergency Form - signed on both sides
Lunch Orders
Milk Forms
Publicity Release Form

BOX TOPS

It's National Box Tops Week! Invite friends to scan and earn with Box Tops—if they scan their first receipt between Sept. 21-27, you'll BOTH earn 50 Bonus Box Tops. Plus, you'll earn 1 Bonus Box Top this week on every eligible receipt scan, up to 5 scans per person!



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Easy ways to make a difference for your school.

NATIONAL BOX TOPS WEEK
SEPTEMBER 21-27

INVITE FRIENDS TO SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL!
This year, teachers need more help than ever. Use the Invite Friends button in the Box Tops app to ask friends and family to scan and earn for your school.

***** National Box Tops Week BONUS *****
If a friend that you've invited scans their first receipt during the week of Sept 21-27, you'll BOTH earn 50 Bonus Box Tops!
Offer valid while supplies last.

DOUBLE UP SWEETSTAKES **A CHANCE TO DOUBLE YOUR SCHOOL'S EARNINGS!**
5 Grand Prize winners will have their school's December 2020 Box Tops earnings matched, up to 20,000 Box Tops. Sweepstakes ends 10/04/20.

GIVE CREDIT FOR YOUR SCAN
Did you know? You can use the Give Credit feature in the app to credit your Box Tops earnings to a specific person, classroom or grade level.

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STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

This year students in grades 4, 5 and 6 will be able to elect two representatives for their class and grades 7 and 8 will run for elections of officers and each have a representative, as well. The positions of president and vice president will only be for students in grade 8. This will take place, Friday, October 16th.

COUNSELING CORNER

I am so excited to be back in school. Welcome back to our MBS families and welcome to all of our new families! It is so great seeing our students and families in the car lines every day.

It is going to be a great year! We all need to follow the new plans and work together to make this year a success! If there is anything I can do to help, please contact me at tgabbard@mbscs.org or call the school office for me M-Th 410-208-1600.

I have included a link below for families with younger children. It is "The ABC's of Back to School-A CNN/Sesame Street Town Hall for Families". This aired live last Saturday. It is a nicely done and informative video you can watch with your child to answer some questions we may all be having.

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/09/12/app-news-section/cnn-sesame-street-abcs-of-back-to-school-town-hall-september-12-2020-app/index.html>



ATHLETICS

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE- FITNESS CHALLENGE RESULTS (2019-2020):

Last academic year, the Marine Corps League conducted their annual Fitness Challenge. The Fitness Challenge is a friendly intra-class competition with five different events: (1) push-ups (2) sit-ups (3) pull-ups (4) 300-yard shuttle run (5) standing long jump. The Marine Corps League

would like to thank everyone for their participation and gives special recognition to the following students:

4TH GRADE:

Girls: (1) Ava Holland (2) Tenley Littleton (3) Helena Udinski

Boys: (1) Chase Giannini (2) Seamus Wilkinson (3) Grayson Wooldridge

5TH GRADE:

Girls: (1) Catherine Peranteau (2) Grace Clark (3) Kate Wanner

Boys: (1) Cameron King (2) Gavin Lewis (3) Blaize Lockerman

6TH GRADE:

Girls: (1) Hailey Lewis (2) Grace Deale (3) Betsey Mihaly

Boys: (1) Caiden Clark (2) Maximo Castellanos (3) Dominic Marinelli

7TH GRADE:

Girls: (1) Finley Cymek (2) Laila Pascucci (3) Catherine Taylor

Boys: (1) Brody Lynch (2) Michael Peranteau (3) Benjamin Parsons

8TH GRADE:

Girls: (1) MaryAnn Rutzler (2) Gianna De Pietro (3) Sophia Maskell

Boys: (1) Isaiah Failla (2) Blake Ell

LAST YEAR'S 8TH GRADE:

Girls: (1) Josephine Peranteau (2) Tayler Flaherty (3) Brooke Delahanty

Boys: (1) Wesley Simmons (2) Daniel Genga (3) David Wanalista

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. 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/. 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. 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 for more details.

Please join us on Saturday, October 3rd 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!
