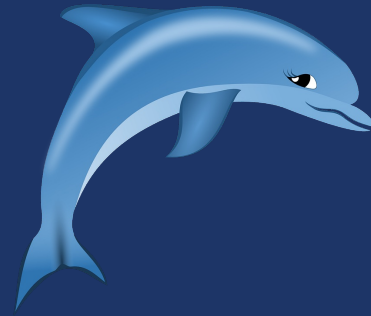


Dolphin Days



IT'S A GREAT TIME TO BE AN
MBS DOLPHIN!
October 22, 2020



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Have patience with all things, but first of all with yourself.
~Saint Frances de Sales

Good afternoon,

Thank you to the HSA for their hard work and planning two successful fundraisers this month. First, on Friday afternoon, the Grab and Go Chick-Fil-A lunch was delicious. Saturday, the movie under the stars The Lighthouse Sound made for wonderful family event. Congratulations to Jackie Johnson, winner of the 50/50.

HSA also sponsored an art design contest. Students were asked to design a T-shirt and this t-shirt may be worn on HSA sponsored spirit days. This will take place on the first Friday of every month. Theresa Hayes in 8th grade is our winning designer. Congratulations Theresa!

This week got off to a great start with a visit from The Ocean Pines and Showell Volunteer Fire Companies. They brought with them a fire engine, a fire ladder truck and an ambulance. The members were very thorough in explaining their apparatus and equipment and fire safety facts. Grades Pre-k, K, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 all was called out, class by class, to view the trucks and listen to the firefighters presentation. Unfortunately, right before middle school was to be called, the firefighters quickly stopped, packed up their equipment, closed up the trucks and headed out to a fire and rescue, right before our eyes. Before going inside, those outside paused and said a pray for the first responders as well for the victims of the call. God Bless our First Responders.

Just a reminder that this Friday, October 23rd, we have a \$1.00 donation, NUT Day. Students are invited to wear fall colors. The proceeds will benefit local first responders in keeping with our Diocesan theme Called to Serve. This month we are learning how we can *Give Drink to the the Thirsty*.

Wednesday this week, the entire school went outside in the afternoon and prayed the Rosary within our cohorts.

Thursday, the 5th grade attended Mass at St. John Neumann, again, we thank our parish priests for rearranging their schedules to accommodate us.

A special thank you to those who continue to send in water, hand soap and wipes, sanitizer, tissues, paper towels, etc. Your continual support is needed trying to gather these scarce supplies and very much appreciated!

Upcoming Dates:

October 23: Give Drink to the Thirsty NUT Day

October 28: Pray the Rosary 10 a.m. - All school outside

**October 30: Nut Day FREE dress in Halloween accessories
Halloween parties in the afternoon**

November 6: Parent/Teacher Conferences

3:00-6:00 zoom or phone call. Teachers will reach out to schedule

November 10: Catholic Schools Office Visit

November 24: Thanksgiving Prayer Service

November 25, 26, 27: Thanksgiving Break T1 Ends

November 30: Return to school Advent Prayer Service
Prayer services will be recorded, and the link will be sent out

Have a safe and wonderful week. Thank you for all you do to support MBS!

**God Bless our families,
Mrs. Manns**

It is a great time to be a 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

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.

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.

COUNSELING CORNER

BOX OF JOY

Our MBS School Wide Service Project

Parents and families,

Please see the attached link (video) about the Cross Catholic Outreach project - Box of Joy! We did this project last year and it was such a rewarding experience for our students and families. During these tough times, we need to remember those in need and that we are all called to serve. Please see the flyer in this week's Thursday folder and ask your child about this special project we are all called to serve to complete! Please check out this link to learn more about Cross Catholic Outreach. <https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/> It is time to spread Christmas love and help those in need. Please click on "Box of Joy" below for a video to explain more about this project and the children whose lives have been touched.

Love and Prayers,
Theresa Gabbard

[Box of Joy](#)



FOR CHILDREN WHO WISH
FOR **JUST ONE GIFT**



ATHLETICS

NO WINTER SPORTS:

After a careful review of the Diocese of Wilmington Cycle 2 recommendations and in consultation with other Maryland Diocese of Wilmington schools, we have decided to not have a winter basketball season. We looked at several different pathways to try and piece together a season, even looking at playing outside at Showell Park. However, in the end, we determined it was not safe or practical.

Our number one priority continues to be keeping the school environment safe for in-person instruction. It became clear in order to have a basketball season we would have to go against many of our current safeguards and guidelines: masks, separate grade cohorts, social distancing, separate entrances, no indoor physical activity, no guest/parents, etc. We simply cannot move forward at this time with any plan that knowingly starts to compromise our “MBS Bubble”.

We know some of our middle school student-athletes and parents will be disappointed in this decision. Their sacrifice for the greater good of the MBS school community does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated. In due time, we hope to witness buzzer beaters and “and1” special plays happen once again in our MBS gymnasium. However, first and foremost, we must safeguard MBS as an educational institution. We thank you for your support and understanding!

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 8th 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

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!!

St. Mary Star of the Sea/Holy Savior

Be sure to mark your calendars for a Safe Halloween Celebration! Trunks and treaters needed!

Holy Savior Church 1705 Philadelphia Avenue OCMD

Join Us: Saturday, October 24, 2020 6:10pm

Cars should arrive either before (4:50pm) Mass, if you intend to attend Mass, or before 5:50pm. Spots will be reserved. We will be parking cars/trucks up to 5:50pm.

Children (costumed teens are also welcome) will start visiting cars after the 5:15 Mass

(@ 6:10). Trunk or Treat requires assistance from the parish/public as a whole because we need many trunks to make it a fun activity for the kids! We ask that adults decorate their trunks in some kind of fun theme, Fall, or movies or even All Saints. Then chose a treat for the kids that you can give out! Candy, snack, small toy or something to match you theme. Children will wear their Halloween Costume and “trick or treat” from trunk to trunk!! I would ask you to steer away from really scary or gory decorations, this way we will not scare any of our young parishioners! If you plan to help, we need volunteers and we need lots of “TRUNKS” for treats and we need plenty of participants so bring you kids, grandkids, their friends, your neighbors, your neighbor’s kids... I am sure you get the idea!!

awards for costumes and for trunks!

RSVP to religioused@stmarystaroftheseaocmd.com/410-289-7038

We would love to make this a great experience for all involved!
