Dolphin Days

IT'S A GREAT TIME TO BE AN MBS DOLPHIN! October 29, 2020





"For me, every hour is grace.
And I feel gratitude in my heart
Each time I can meet someone
And look at his or her smile."
Elie Wiesel

Good afternoon,

Thank you everyone for the support shown for the volunteer firefighters. A special recognition goes out to the Wanner sisters, Kate (5th) and Bryn (3rd). They went home last Thursday and set up a lemonade stand to raise money for the first responders, a total of \$69.00. Way to go!!! That helped to bring our grand total to \$280.00.

Once again, this week we joined as a school community to pray the rosary

honoring the Blessed Mother.

In regards to COVID, we ask that you continue to NOT let your guard down. Please, remember:

- Health and Wellness checks, including temperature taking, daily.
- Wear a clean mask. Reinforce the importance of wearing it to cover your nose and mouth, inside and outside.
- Continue to require frequent washing and drying of hands properly.
- Sanitize frequently.
- Social distancing, 6 ft apart.

These are important steps in keeping us all safe. We have a plan, it is working, let us continue to be vigilant.

A reminder that on Monday, Nov.2nd our WINTER UNIFORM begins. Also, a reminder to bring appropriate outerwear as the weather changes, we will continue with outdoor activities.

Friday, November 6th is our conference scheduled day. <u>Students will be dismissed at noon.</u> Conferences are scheduled between 12:30 pm and 4:00 pm. Please reach out to your teacher if you have not heard from them to schedule a phone conference or a Zoom.

Tuesday, November 24th, we will keep with the Diocesan theme "Called to Serve," give shelter to the homeless. It will be a NUT Day for all. Slightly used blankets or a donation toward the purchase of a new blanket is greatly appreciated. All donations will be distributed to homeless shelters in the Georgetown and Seaford areas.

Please see below the message regarding the Cross Catholic Outreach-Box of Joy! We will be working on this for the next two weeks.

A reminder this Friday is our free Halloween accessory NUT Day, in recognition of Halloween. We will take an academic break in the afternoon to enjoy some Halloween treats. Thank you to all who helped make this a special day for the children. Please, if you go out for Halloween, practice social distancing while wearing your mask, but most importantly, STAY SAFE!

This Sunday is a Holy Day of Obligation, All Saints Day. It is a celebration of the communion of saints, those people we believe are in heaven. Monday, November 2nd is the celebration of All Souls. All Souls Day is a day to pray for all souls.

Remember this weekend we Fall Back! Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night.

Have a Happy Halloween!

It is a great time to be an MBS Dolphin! God Bless our Families.

Kathy Manns

Upcoming Dates:

October 30: N.U.T. Day FREE dress in Halloween accessories/shirts Halloween parties in the afternoon

November 6: 12:00, Noon Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30-4:00 Zoom or phone call. Teachers will reach out to schedule

November 24: Thanksgiving Prayer Service* N.U.T. Day blanket donations for shelters

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



It's that time of year again! Cold and flu season is upon us!! PLEASE have your students vaccinated for the flu! The Health Department, local pharmacy and your pediatricians office all have the shot available NOW!

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 followin	g symptom(s):
Cough New loss of taste or smell	Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
Your child has exhibited or complained of TWO or more of the following symptom(s):	
Fever (100.4 or greater)	Chills
Nausea	Sore throat
Vomiting	Headache
Diarrhea	Muscle or body aches
Congestion or runny nose	Fatigue
***This list does <u>not</u> 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.
- 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.

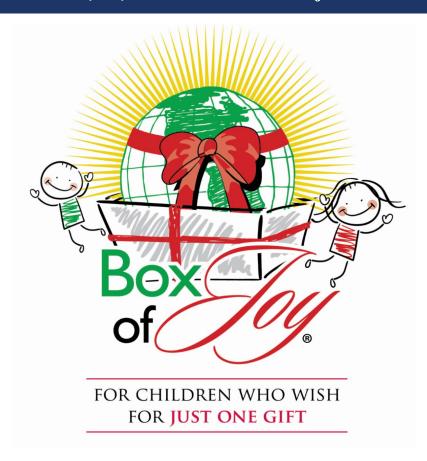
FRIDAY EARLY DISMISSAL

UNIFORM CHANGE TO COLD WEATHER

On November 2nd, students should wear the cold weather uniform as detailed in the 2020/2021 Family Handbook.

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.



BOX OF JOY Our MBS School Wide Service Project

Please give to our MBS Service Project Oct. 26th - Nov. 6th

Please donate toys and needed items for the Box of Joy!
Please donate 1 or more \$9 checks made to Cross Catholic Outreach!
Please give! Our goal is to give 100 boxes to 100 children from 7 countries

including Haiti, El Salvador, Grenada, Bahamas, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Dominican Republic.

Thank you,
Theresa Gabbard tgabbard@mbscs.org



ATHLETICS

WARM CLOTHING FOR PE:

"There is no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothes" is a famous weather-related proverb. We are adopting this saying here at MBS for our outdoor physical education classes. As the weather starts to get colder, please make sure your child comes to school wearing appropriate P.E. clothing: gray sweatpants, gray sweatshirt, coat, gloves, beanie, insulated shoes, etc. Our students need to get outside for some fresh air now more than ever. We will continue going outside in P.E. Thank you for your support!!!

NO WINTER SPORTS:

As discussed in detail last newsletter, we will not be having a winter basketball season. We want to thank our middle school student-athletes and their parents for their 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: YOU CAN ALWAYS CHECK WBOC TV OR WBOC WEBSITE FOR CLOSINGS!

PARISH NEWS

St. John Neumann

Confirmation 2021: Preparation for the sacrament will continue on Sunday 8 November from 12:30-1:30PM in the church. Candidates only need to attend but parents are more than welcome to join us.

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 (2))

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