

IT'S A GREAT TIME TO BE AN MBS DOLPHIN! November 12, 2020





Dear Parents,

I hope that as you drove in yesterday that it was a reminder, as you saw the flags lining the drive, to take a moment a say a prayer for all our veterans. Yesterday, on the 11 th day of the 11 th hour of the 11 th month, we shared our prayer service video for the students to take part in remembering. I encourage you to click on the link to watch and to participate in this prayer service.

Prayer Service Video Link

Thank you to Mrs. Brannon for working with the intermediate pod in writing short sentences on what a veteran means to them, they were heartfelt along with their illustrations of the veteran!

Both seventh and eighth grade are working on saint projects this month. They researched Catholic saints, wrote their paper on what they learned and then, using the dimensional technique of Brother Mickey McGrath, which they

studied in art, illustrated beautiful posters. Brother McGrath, OSFSS, is an artist, writer and speaker who loves to explore the relationship between art and faith.

Continuing with the study of saints in November, the sixth grade made threedimensional bottle saints. They also wrote research papers using Catholic online websites. Creativity abounds at MBS!

We are so pleased and want to **THANK YOU** for your participation in the Cross Catholic Outreach, Box of Joy Program. We have reached our goal of boxes as well as the checks for shipping. It was a great opportunity to do for others.

Our first responder appreciation wreaths, full of gift cards, were delivered yesterday to the Ocean Pines and Showell Fire Departments. Thank you, Mrs. Brannon, for creating them for us to give.

Our MBS Student Council members met for the first time this week at our outside classroom area. Those in attendance were:

Mary Ann Rutzler, Blake Ell, Isaiah Failla, Catherine Taylor, Jack Bradley, Gianna DePietro, Layla Lockerman, Danielle Windon, Michael Peranteau, Lila Gunther, Grace Deale, Carly Culver, Cole Wanalista, Kauan Campos, Tenley Littleton and Grayson Wooldridge. These young people represent their peers in grades 4-8. They met with Mrs. Selba, their moderator. We thank them for their service to MBS.

A reminder that on Friday, 11/20/20, we will be collecting new or gently used blankets for the homeless. As our children learn, live and practice the Corporal Works of Mercy, let us remember we are *Called to Serve* as faith filled stewards of God's grace in its various forms. Teaching our children to serve others is beneficial not only to the receiver but to the giver. Helping others is an important component of success, happiness and gives us a sense of purpose. "Prayer in action is love, and love in action is service."-

THEY ARRIVED!! Our Spirit Day T-shirts!! This Friday, you may wear your Spirit Day T-shirt, designed by our 8th grade student, Theresa Hayes. If you did not purchase a shirt, you are invited to wear your gym uniform.

Congratulations to the Cummings Family! They were the winners of the drawing, sponsored by HSA, of all parents who paid their HSA dues. We hope you enjoy your MBS blanket. Remember that in lieu of FIP hours this year, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we initiated the HSA dues. Thank you to those who sent in their dues already.

This coming Monday, we will be sending home a paper angel for you to put your family name on the front and on the back members of the family that you want us to remember in our prayers in a special way. We ask that you color or decorate your angel and return to school by Friday, November 20th.

Thank you to Harris Teeter for supporting MBS. They have been generous with

supplying MBS with cases of water when we run low. Please support Harris Teeter for helping us to keep our kids safe.

Also thank you this week to the Ashley Family, they too were generous in donating 40 cases of water! May God bless you.

CHRISTMAS CARD CONTEST

This contest is open to all students who would like to share their love of art and Christmas. Please see flyer in today's Thursday folders. Entries are due November 19, 2020. Our theme for this is *Hope was Born This Night*. I cannot wait to see your submissions!!!

It's a great day to be an MBS Dolphin!

God Bless our Families, *Kathy Manns*

Upcoming Calendar Dates:

November 13: Spirit Wear Day

- November 20: N.U.T. Day blanket donations for shelters *Thanksgiving Prayer Service Last school day on campus for students
- November 23: Virtual Learning Day for students in the am Professional Development for teachers in the pm

November 24: Virtual Learning Day for students in the am Professional Development for teachers in the pm Trimester 1 Ends

November 25-27: Thanksgiving Break

November 30 Return to school from Thanksgiving *Advent Prayer Service

*Prayer Service will be recorded, and the link 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!

To report an absence, vacation, tardiness or early dismissal, please email the nurse at <u>attendance@mbscs.org</u>

Mrs. Carlson R.N. and Mrs. Mumford R.N.



CHRISTMAS TREE RAFFLE!

Please help our school sell tickets for this beautiful handcrafted Christmas tee donated by Mr. and Mrs. Tony Carozza. A letter and tickets are being sent home in this week's Thursday folders. If every family sold two sheets of tickets (a total of 20 tickets) we would raise over \$3,000!! All proceeds to benefit our Athletic program. We will pick a winner of this raffle on December 11, 2020.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST REMINDER!!

Please remind your child(ren) to bring in their rough draft for the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest beginning on Monday, November 16. We will begin the final project that week during Arts Integration class. Thanks to all for participating in this yearly event sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

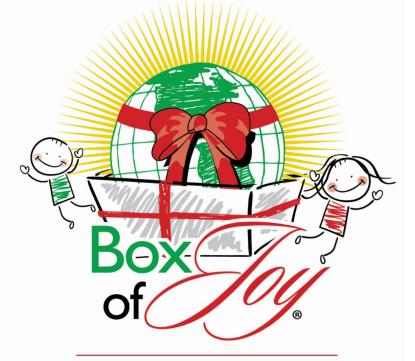
Eighth Grade Lynch Creek Farms Fundraiser

Who doesn't love beautiful centerpieces, wreaths and garland? This year our eight grade is teaming up with Lynch Creek Farms again and selling their gorgeous pieces. You will find a flyer in your Thursday family folder with sample pictures of these beautiful items. There are fall and Thanksgiving options as well as Christmas décor! Click below to place an order today. If you have any question, please contact Mrs. Colleen Rutzler at cdrutzler@gmail.com.

Order Wreaths Here

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.



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

Our MBS School Wide Service Project

MBS Community,

We cannot thank you all enough for your generous outpouring of love to help us exceed our goal for the Box of Joy Service project. We filled about 125 boxes (our goal was 100) and we rec'd 150 checks to go toward the shipping and handling of these boxes. Cross Catholic Outreach will be so pleased with our contribution. We will bless the hearts of 125 little children that will receive a Box of Joy from out MBS family.

May God bless you all for your love, support, and service.

THANK YOU!



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!!!

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

<u>St. John Neumann</u>

Confirmation 2021: The November date has been changed to the 15th at the same regularly scheduled time 12:30-1:30. See you there!

6th-12th Grade students and families – this one's for you! Save the Date – 1st Annual CYM *SPARK* Conference When: 19-21 November from 7PM-8:30PM each night Where: Zoom Webinar Go to parish website <u>https://www.stjohnneumannrcc.com/</u>

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!!