Dolphin Days

IT'S A GREAT TIME TO BE AN MBS DOLPHIN! November 5, 2020





"Let nothing Disturb you, Let nothing frighten you. Though all things pass, God does not change. Patience wins all things. But he lacks nothing who possesses God; For God alone suffices."

Theresa of Avila

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We ask that you continue to help us stay safe, and healthy, please:

- Continue to do a Health and Wellness check, including temperature taking, daily.
- Wear a clean mask, reinforce the importance of wearing the mask over both the nose and mouth, inside and outside.
- The importance of frequent hand washing and drying, as well as sanitizing.

• Social distancing, stay 6 feet apart.

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

Please be aware that we are still having classes outside and therefore we need to supply our "To Go Bags" with hats and gloves. Jackets, coats, need to be worn to school in the colder weather.

Thank you to our MBSCS families for their generous response to our "Box of Joy" collection. There is still time to participate if you have not already done so.

WINTER UNIFORM began this week, many have sent in requests for long sleeve golf shirts, gym pants, cardigan sweaters, and long sleeve white shirts from our used uniform closet. Unfortunately, we have depleted our supply of the long sleeve polo shirts, cardigan sweaters and gym pants. Please go to Flynn O'Hara to order these items if needed?

In keeping with our Diocesan Theme "Called To Serve" we are having a NUT day on Friday, November 20th. We are asking for a small donation, a slightly used, or new blanket to help us shelter the homeless, if at this time you cannot participate, please still take advantage of the NUT DAY. As the winter weather approaches, we will be collecting for the homeless in the Seaford and Georgetown areas. Thank you for your support.

We have had two personnel changes this past month:

- Mrs. Lori Alvarez, Business Manager, whose last day was October 29th. The work of the Finance Office has been outsourced to an accounting firm. Parents should not see any differences in their regular interactions regarding school finances. If a question arises about finances, please contact the School Office.
- Mrs. Michelle Carlson, one of our two part time nurses, her last day will be November 17th.

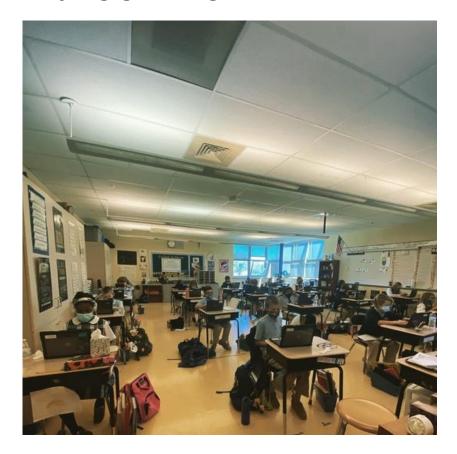
MBSCS is grateful to both Lori and Michelle for their service over the past years and their commitment to MBSCS.

Tomorrow, Friday, our Parent Conferences will take place via zoom or

tele-conference. If you have not heard from your teacher by now, please reach out. A reminder that we have an early dismissal.

Tomorrow is our first Philly Pretzel Day! Thank you to all who supported our HSA in this endeavour.

These past few weeks Grades 3-8 have focused on internet safety and enhancing their knowledge using Microsoft platforms. As I walked through the hall today, it was satisfying to see how engaged the fifth grade students were, using their chrome books during a Math lesson, fully engaged, doing division 1:1.



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God Bless our Families.

Kathy Manns

November Calendar Dates:

November 6 Parent Conferences 12:30-4:00 pm

Noon Dismissal due to conferences

November 11: Veterans Prayer Service

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 in the am

PD for teachers in the pm

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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!

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.

HOLIDAY FUNDRAISING STARTS TODAY!

Who doesn't love beautiful centerpieces, wreaths and garland. This year we are teaming up with Lynch Creek Farms again and selling gorgeous pieces. You will find a copy of the

flyer in your Thursday family folder to include the website and sample pictures of these beautiful items. There are fall and Thanksgiving options as well as Christmas décor!

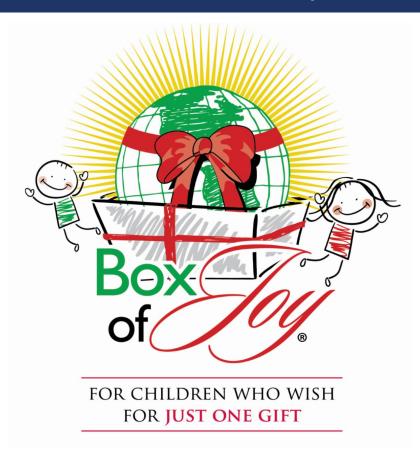
FRIDAY EARLY DISMISSAL

Students will be dismissed at 12:00, noon, on Friday, November 6th.

Aftercare will be open until 3:00 p.m. only!

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.



Our MBS School Wide Service Project

Parents and families,

Parents, thank you so much for all that you all have done to donate to our Box of Joy

Service Project. We are getting there! We still need s few more items to fill our boxes and we still need a few checks to help with shipping and handling. If sending a check for \$9, please address the check to Cross Catholic Outreach. 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



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

 6^{th} - 12^{th} Grade students and families – this one's for you! Save the Date – 1^{st} Annual CYM *SPARK* Conference

When: 19-21 November from 7PM-8:30PM each night

Where: Zoom Webinar

Go to parish website https://www.stjohnneumannrcc.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 (2))

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