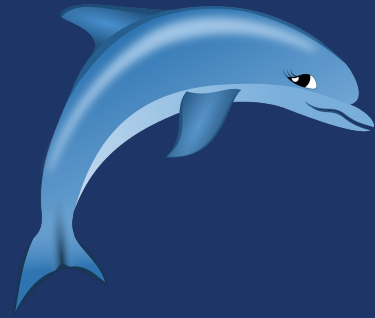


Dolphin Days



*IT'S A GREAT TIME TO BE AN
MBS DOLPHIN!
November 19, 2020*



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May tranquil moments bless your life,
may peace of heart fill your days...

Good afternoon,

As this week ends, and we move forward into this special time of Thanksgiving, may we all reflect on our blessings:

We are blessed with the great start to the school year, beautiful weather and a spirit-filled building of love, kindness and cooperation.

We are blessed with staff and teachers who really care about our students, teachers who have dedicated themselves, teachers who have worked tirelessly to make MBS the great school that it is. Their dedication and hard work is unmatched.

We are blessed with parents and guardians who help keep MBS strong. Thank you for supporting our teachers, staff and students in keeping them safe, providing

them with a faith-filled education and for helping to follow the CDC guidelines and our *Forward in Faith* plan during this pandemic.

A reminder that tomorrow, **November 20th**, is our last day on campus until after Thanksgiving. Monday and Tuesday are scheduled virtual days for the students, and professional development days for our teachers.

Tomorrow, is also our **Shelter the Homeless** blanket collection day. If you have not already done so, please send in a slightly used or new blanket to help support local shelters. It is also a NUT Day tomorrow; we ask a donation of a blanket or \$1.00 toward the purchase of a blanket for the shelter.

This week we sent home “Advent Angels” with each child. We ask that the family name goes on one side and the members of the family, to be remembered in prayer, on the other side. When returned to us, we will hang the angels on our lobby Christmas tree. Each day during morning and afternoon prayer, we will pick an angel off our tree and pray for the family named on the angel in a special way. We will continue upon our return in January during the Christmas season. Please see that the angels are returned by tomorrow if you have not already done so.

UPCOMING DATES:

November 18 Shelter the Homeless Blanket Collection
N.U.T. Day

Thanksgiving Prayer Service
November 23, 24 Virtual Learning morning-students
Professional Dev afternoon-teachers

November 24 Grades end

November 25 Thanksgiving Break begins

November 30 Classes resume

Advent Prayer Service

December 7, 14 Advent Prayer Service

December 10 Teacher Twilight Retreat

Report Cards go home

December 17 Grade 2 Nativity Prayer Service

December 16, 17, 18 Live Drive-through Nativity on our campus

Wishing everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. Please continue, during the holiday seasons, to practice behaviors that are COVID-compliant. Choose responsible actions: mask wearing, social distancing, hand washing and wellness checks as you navigate through the holidays. Avoiding gatherings beyond immediate family or cohorts demonstrates an attitude of care for family, friends and self.



dismissal, please email the nurse at attendance@mbscs.org

As of November 10th, Governor Hogan and the Maryland Department of Health have revised their travel recommendations. Due to this, MBS has also updated our policies. Please review the updated information that will be sent via Constant Contact within the next 24 hours.

Wishing all our families a healthy and happy Thanksgiving! Please remember to wash your hands, wear a mask, and watch your distance.

Mrs. Mumford R.N.



Sixth graders designed, created, launched and recorded bottle rockets in science class.



GIVING TUESDAY

We are excited to announce that MBS will be participating in Giving Tuesday on December 1st. We will be sharing ways to participate through emails and on social media. This is a great opportunity for families to share stories about what MBS means to them. We would love to see giving outside of just our current families. Alumni, grandparents, parishioners and friends will be encouraged to give.

Think about how MBS has impacted your lives. How has a special teacher reached your child? What are some of your favorite traditions? Help us share our little school with the community. All donations for Giving Tuesday will go into our MBS Annual Fund, unless specified otherwise. Each dollar helps your children in some way.

LET MBS HELP WITH YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING



Spirit Items for Sale

 <p>Scrunchie \$5</p>	 <p>Headband \$5</p>	 <p>Bracelet \$6</p>	 <p>Car Magnet \$5</p>
			

Small Stickers \$3 each or 4 for \$10



Show the World how much you LOVE MBS

Mrs. Evans will be taking orders via email or phone and visiting the car line to sell items in person once a week beginning tomorrow through Christmas break. The water bottles are \$25, the camp mugs and trucker hats are \$20 and the masks (sized for youth or adult) are \$15. We plan to offer an online store right after Christmas with 3/4 zip navy pullovers, sweatshirts and winter hats. It will be a pop-up store that will only remain open for a few days. All other items offered are listed in the images. The bracelets, stickers and hair accessories make great stocking stuffers!!

Check out the Lil' Shopper's Shoppe flyer in today's Thursday folders

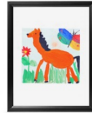
MBS is hosting a Lil' Shopper's Shoppe which will give children the opportunity to pick out their own inexpensive, high quality gifts for family and friends. The Shoppe will be open December 7th thru December 11th.

All Square 1 Art

**Purchases need to be made by
November 23. Your child(ren)'s**



square1art.com/shop



**It's TIME to order...
ART KEEPSAKE MEMORIES!**

artwork and order forms were sent home on Monday.



CHRISTMAS TREE RAFFLE!

Please help our school sell tickets for this beautiful handcrafted Christmas tree donated by Mr. and Mrs. Tony Carozza. A letter and tickets were sent home in last 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.

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](#)



UNIFORM SWAP

Help us resupply our uniform swap closet! We are in need of any uniforms, but especially the following:

- *Sizes 10 and 12 pants
- *Kilts
- *Gym uniforms
- *Cardigans
- *Polo Shirts

If you need any uniforms, please email me at aevans@mbscs.org. I will do the shopping for you!

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.



Families of MBS -

This is the time to show Gratitude! I am so grateful to be a part of this MBS school community. Thank you all again for your service with the Box of Joy project. The boxes were picked up yesterday and are on the way to FL before heading overseas.

During this time, please take the time to be grateful for our faith, family and school community. Everyone is working hard while we are all living in trying times. Take the time to take care of YOU. We have to find the good and be grateful for the little things and the moments that cause us to smile and find joy.

May you all have a Happy Thanksgiving. May God bless and watch over us all.

Love and Prayers,
Theresa Gabbard



ATHLETICS

WARM CLOTHING FOR PE:

As the weather is getting 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

St. John Neumann

Confirmation 2021: Preparation for the sacrament will continue on Sunday 6 December from 12:30-1:30PM in the church. Candidates only need to attend but parents are more than welcome to join us.

Parents of 2nd graders: Our first Parent ONLY meeting to begin the preparation for First Reconciliation will be Sunday 13 December from 12:30-1:30 at the church. There will be a \$35 materials fee. See you then!

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 <https://www.stjohnneumannrcc.com/>

St. Luke

We will be collecting non-perishable items (see list) throughout Advent. Every time you go shopping, will you make room for Him and purchase an item from the list to help our neighbors in need?

Items needed: family size boxes of cereal, pasta, soup in a can, pasta meals in a can (Beefaroni), canned vegetables/fruit, canned meat/fish, rice, pasta sauce.

Please drop off your items throughout Advent (11/29-12/20) to our office(St Andrew's).

St. Mary Star of the Sea

Our bookstore is open Monday-Thursday from 9 am - 3 pm. Find all of your Catholic gifts and books right in Ocean City!

