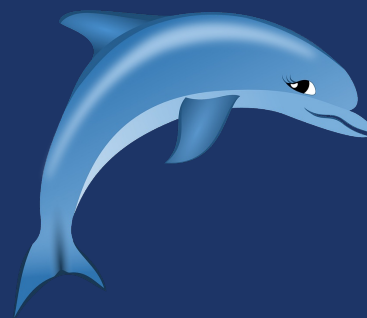


Dolphin Days



IT'S A GREAT TIME TO BE AN
MBS DOLPHIN!
December 3, 2020



Visit our website



Dear MBS Families,

Welcome back to school! We hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving break.

Thank you, parents, for your continued support with our best practices during the pandemic. We are so thankful for your daily health and wellness checks, reporting absences using our specified email, attendance@mbscs.org, and practicing continual good hygiene.

It is peaceful to see the building transformed into a time of waiting with the Advent-themed decorations and your Advent Angels hanging on the main lobby tree. It gives us a sense of anticipation for the birth of Christ.

During Advent, our students are reminded daily to be kind. Thoughtfulness and kindness should prevail particularly at this time. What can you do as parents this Advent? Be a role model. Children of all ages will understand the value of working to grow in faith, if parents lead. Use kind words and resolve differences peacefully. As we work together at home and school, the hope and grace of Jesus will radiate in us. May this Advent bring your family to the Christmas joy that we long for in the birth of the Child Jesus.

I would like to thank the 5th grade for their hard work in preparing our Week 1 Advent Prayer Service. Please click on the link below to view this beautiful gift.

Advent Prayer Service - Hope

Congratulations, Catherine Peranteau in 5th grade, for winning the Christmas Card Design Contest. We can't wait for everyone to see it! Thank you to all of our students that participated this year for sharing their beautiful artwork.

Tomorrow is our MBS First Friday Spirit Day. Students may wear their spirit t-shirt and pajama pants. Each class will view the movie *NICHOLAS, THE BOY WHO BECAME SANTA* in preparation for Sunday, December 6th, St. Nicholas Day. Our students will also make shoes to leave out on the windowsill Friday in hopes that St. Nicholas will fill the shoes on Sunday.

A reminder that on Thursday, December 10th, our teachers will be attending their twilight retreat. In order to properly prepare, since we will attend on campus, after school care is cancelled. Please keep us in your prayers as we will be keeping our families in our prayers, as well.

This week coming up, the Church celebrates the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th. MBS students will attend Mass, live-streamed into the classrooms,

A reminder that December 7-11, our students will participate in Lil' Shopper's Shoppe. They will attend in small groups within their class, socially distanced to shop for their families. More information will go home in the Thursday folders.

Today, December 3, is the memorial of St. Francis Xavier. MBS, along with all the other schools in our Diocese, offered one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be, for the intentions of Bishop Malooly, who celebrates his patron on this day.

May God continue to bless our families,
Mrs. Kathy Manns, Principal

UPCOMING DATES:

December 7: Dine and Donate To Go Orders Due

December 7-11: Lil' Shopper's Shoppe

December 8: Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception

December 10: Advent Prayer Service, Peace

December 10: Teacher Twilight Retreat, no aftercare

Trimester 1 Report Cards go home

December 11: Dine and Donate To Go at MBS

December 17: Grade 2 Nativity Prayer Service

December 18: Advent Prayer Service, Joy

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



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

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving and had a chance to connect with family or friends. We request that students and their families complete a health assessment consisting of a self-screening every morning before leaving for school.

Health Assessment Checklist

If your child or you have any of the symptoms listed, please stay home from school until contacting the nurse at MBS and/or contacting your health care provider for evaluation. We are encouraging everyone to continue practicing “The Three W’s” Wash Your Hands. Wear Your Mask. Watch your distance.

Stay healthy,

Mrs. Mumford

The Blanket Drive was a BIG Success!

Thank you, families, for your outpouring of altruism during our *Give Shelter to the Homeless* blanket drive. Because of your kindness, two different shelters received truck loads of blankets. We delivered them to Casa San Francisco in Milton, DE and Diakonia in West Ocean City. Pictured below are three of our 3rd grade helpers.



Thank you to everyone that gave, both online and through generous pledges, and shared their MBS stories on Giving Tuesday. Your donations and support make sharing a Catholic school education with our younger generation possible.

LET MBS HELP WITH YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING



Spirit Items for Sale



Scrunchie \$5



Headband \$5



Bracelet \$6



Car Magnet \$5



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 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 above. 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.



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 eighth 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.



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: The next session will be Sunday 6 December from 1:00-2:00PM. PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE! From here on out the class time will be 1:00-2:00PM.

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!

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).

Thank you so much.

Ss. Luke and Andrew Catholic Parish-Religious Ed

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!

