Dolphin Days

IT'S A GREAT TIME TO BE AN MBS DOLPHIN! January 14, 2021





"It's not about how much you do, but how much love you put into what you do that counts."

Mother Theresa

It was wonderful to welcome everyone back into the building this past week. We had several teachers and assistants out this week, as stated in my voice message last Saturday, but I am so grateful how the entire staff joined together and supported one another. We missed our students and are so glad they are back!

Our Catholic Schools Week committee met this past Monday to ensure a week full of **excellence**, **faith** and **service**. Our plans will be finalized on Wednesday and I will share the agenda for that week, January 31-February 5, with you next week in our Dolphin Days.

Continuing with our *Called to Serve* theme in January, our school community will *Clothe the Naked*. We are collecting winter hats and gloves for children to go along with winter coats already donated. Please send hats and gloves in anytime this month. Truly there is a need to help support children who are without in this cold weather season. Please support living our Faith, through action.

Tomorrow, FRIDAY, JANUARY 15TH is a 12:00, noon dismissal. Parent teacher conferences will be held from 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm. If your teacher has not reached out or if it slipped your mind, it is not too late to email, or call to schedule a time for a

conference.

Aftercare is only available tomorrow until 3:00 p.m.

Important dates:

January 15 Noon Dismissal, Aftercare until 3:00 p.m.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Spirit Tee Shirt Day

Pretzel Day

Yearbook Cover Art Due

January 18 Martin Luther King Day, School Closed

January 21 3rd Grade Mass with Fr. Klevence

January 28 Trimester II Interims go Home

2nd Grade Mass with Fr. Cocco

January 31 Catholic Schools Week Begins

Through the month of January, we are collecting hats and gloves. Please send in anytime.

I encourage you to take the time to read the communication below put out by our nurse, Mrs. Mumford, with the current COVID-19 regulations and updates.

Reminder to all 3rd through 8th grade students who are participating in the yearbook cover contest, entries are due tomorrow, January 15th.

Have a great week!!

God Bless our Families,

It is a great time to be an MBS DOLPHIN!



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have completed two weeks of learning in 2021. I am so grateful to see the smiling faces of your children at MBS. Thank you for all of the emails and phone calls helping to keep the school open and our staff and students healthy.

Thank you, also, for keeping your children

home when they are ill or exhibiting any sign of COVID-19.

Parents are still required to monitor for any COVID-19 symptoms via the health screening tool every single morning, on every student and family members. If any student has a sibling, or family member exhibiting **ANY** symptoms of COVID-19, the student should be

kept home from school until you are able to speak with the school nurse or your physician to determine if follow up and/or testing is required. You may call the nurse at school at 410-208-1600 or email **attendance@mbscs.org** with any questions.

Do not send any child to MBS if anyone in their family is being tested for COVID-19.

Do not send any child to MBS if any family member or the student has tested positive for COVID-19.

If a student is being tested for COVID-19, in order for the negative results to be accepted and cleared by MBS, it MUST be a COVID-19 RT-PCR laboratory test.

A rapid negative test is not being accepted in the school system per the state of Maryland Decision Aid and the Worcester County Health Department.

The school nurse must be notified of all COVID-19 testing and COVID-19 testing results. No student or staff member will be allowed into the school building until the school nurse verifies the results. Do not send a student into school with their results without obtaining clearance from the nurse.

Please continue to maintain social distancing. Always stay 6 feet apart from others outside your immediate household. Wear a mask, wash hands often, and keep the school informed of any illness and COVID-19 exposure and testing in your family.

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Stay safe and healthy,

Mrs. Mumford R.N.

In addition, the following is the information from Maryland's Governor. Most Blessed Sacrament is located in Worcester County Maryland and we are required to comply with all local Health Department and State of Maryland guidelines and mandates.

EXPANDED TESTING AND QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS FOR

TRAVEL. The governor issued an emergency order requiring Marylanders to limit all travel to essential purposes only. All Marylanders who do travel outside of Maryland or any individuals who do travel to Maryland must either **obtain a negative COVID-19 test result** or self-quarantine for 10 days. This applies to all states, with the exception of Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington, DC. Read **the governor's order** and the **companion health directives**.

Symptom Screening

MBS Daily Health Assessment 1-14-21

Parents, welcome back after our nice, long, break. I hope you are all doing well and staying safe. It is so nice to see our lovely students back in school. I know they are tired this week. I spoke to a few classes



today. We had a talk about taking care of ourselves. I reminded them to go home and get outside, get fresh air and take a break from technology. They are working hard all day. I reminded them to sleep well and eat a good breakfast. Parents, see the link below for some fun, simple activities

for children and adolescents as well as some calming activities. We need to model self-care. It is so important to take care of our mental health. I will begin to go in all the classes to talk with our students about this.

https://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/resources/factsheet/simple_activities_for_children_and_adolescents_4.pdf

Love and Prayers, Theresa Gabbard tgabbard@mbscs.org

SERVICE PROJECT- CLOTHE the NAKED

Please donate child sized hats and gloves this month. We will be donating these to a local community in need. There will be a collection bin in each pod. Thank you!



Diocesan Tuition Assistance

The Diocese of Wilmington is now accepting tuition assistance applications for the 2021-2022 school year. Tuition assistance through the Diocese of Wilmington is provided to children attending grades K-12. Pre-school, before and after care are not funded through this program.

Letter to Parents

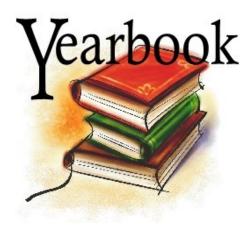
To be considered, parents must submit an application <u>Online Application</u> FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment for evaluation at FACTS representatives are available to guide parent through the application process and to answer any

questions by calling 1-866-441-4637.

2021-2022 Tuition Assistance Flyer

Completed applications, including all supporting documentation such as tax forms, are due March 4th. <u>Applications that are submitted after that date</u> will NOT be considered for assistance.

PLEASE REMEMBER: ALL new and returning families who wish to be considered for MBS assistance must complete and submit the FACTS application.



YEARBOOK ARTWORK CONTEST DUE TOMORROW

We are hosting an artwork contest for our students in grades 3-8 for the yearbook cover.



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

This month, Walmart is offering a great Box Tops special. If they are products you like, consider helping our HSA earn more cash with your purchase. If you haven't downloaded the app for Box Tops, go to your app store and do it today. It is very user friendly and you don't have to clip anymore!! Make sure to tell everyone you know to download the app and choose Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School in Berlin, MD as their school of choice. 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

1st Reconciliation completed assignments due February 14th.

Parents of 1st reconciliation students need to schedule a meeting with DRE prior to Feb 14, as well. Email him:

Jsturgill@stjnrcc.com

Next Confirmation meeting Feb. 21, 2021.

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!

