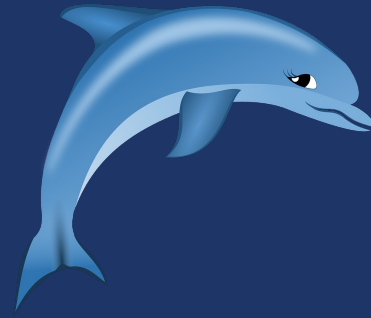


# Dolphin Days



*IT'S A GREAT TIME TO BE AN  
MBS DOLPHIN!  
February 18, 2021*



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## Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School

Educating the **Mind**, Strengthening the **Body**, Nurturing the **Soul**

### February is Black History Month

Thank you to Mrs. DiPietro and her middle school social study classes. They were randomly given an African American to research for Black History Month, and to make a banner recognizing their accomplishments and their challenges. Great job middle school! Thank you for sharing your fine work.

### Covid-19

We have had no reported positive cases of Covid-19 this week.

We encourage you to continue:

- Wellness checks every morning.
- Sanitized.
- Wash hands, the proper way with soap, water and dry your hands.
- Wear a mask when not in the company of those you live with.
- Stay 6 feet apart from others.

Be mindful of the above not only in school but also when you are not in school.

### Updates

Our students attended Mass for Ash Wednesday virtually yesterday. Operation Rice Bowls were distributed last week, please place your daily Lenten sacrifices in the bowls for collection when we return from Easter break.

Picture proofs went home earlier this week. Orders are due by Friday, February 26.

We are currently having our Virtual Book Fair until February 28 - a great time to order books for our Read-a-thon February 22-March 6. Please see below for the link to our fair.

## **The Year of St. Joseph**

### **Why a year of St. Joseph?**

Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph, in honor of the 150th Anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church. Pope Francis said the coronavirus pandemic has heightened his desire to reflect on St. Joseph, as so many people during the pandemic have made hidden sacrifices to protect others, just as St. Joseph quietly protected and cared for Mary and Joseph. The Pope has also said that he wanted to highlight St. Joseph's role as a father who served his family with charity and humbly adding, "Our world today needs fathers."

Thank you to all who have gone out of their way to others help during this pandemic and thank you to all the men we know who step up daily to be the kind of father that our children need.

## **Library News**

In anticipation of our Read-a-Thon beginning February 22, we will be sponsoring a Scholastics Virtual Book Fair February 15-February 28. All orders over \$25.00 will receive free shipping. Please visit, [www.scholastic.com/bf/mostblessedsacramentschool.com](http://www.scholastic.com/bf/mostblessedsacramentschool.com) to place your orders beginning Monday. Thank you for your support.

## **Vision for the Future Education Fund**

The deadline to apply for diocesan tuition assistance through FACTS is **MARCH 4, 2021**. FACTS must receive the application and required documents no later than that date. Late or incomplete applications cannot be considered by the diocese. Please see the letter and application below in this newsletter.

## **Important Dates**

**February 15-28** Virtual Book Fair

**February 16-26** Star Renaissance Testing Weeks

**February 22-March 6** Read-a-thon

**March 1** Virtual Instruction Day, please look for information that will go home with your child(ren).

**March 5** Administrator Retreat

**March 8** Trimester 2 Ends

**March 12** Noon dismissal. Professional Development Day for teachers.

## **Lenten Theme**

### **REFLECT. REPENT. RESTORE**

Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter.

Lent is marked by fasting and repentance.

Lent is a time to restore, our hope, faith, and commitment.

### **Called To Serve**

I would like to print an excerpt from a patient at the Richard Hanson Cancer Center, in Berlin MD. This was sent to us and I wanted to share with our families. Thank you for all you do!

*As I was sitting in the treatment room, one of the nurses brought me a large bag full of all kinds of thoughtful, and helpful goodies. Upon further investigation of my new gift, I realized it was from MBSCS (Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School)! The center was full this morning and every patient received a bag. The joy, appreciation and an overall lifting of patients spirits immediately happened. I sat there with tears in my eyes, listening to all the happiness around me, from some extremely sick people, who received such thoughtful gifts from MBS students.*

*I thought it was important to share with you just what a positive impact these bags and blankets had on every single person who received on (including me).*

*Thank you, MBS for providing a lot of happiness to otherwise sick and sad people who do not always get a glimpse of sunshine on many grey days.*

May your week be filled with Blessings,  
Kathy Manns

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2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Teacher Appr. Day Career Day 8-45 Prayer Ser Spotlight grs. 8 & 3 Thank you cards to teachers	2 Student Appr. Day Pajama Day 8:30 Pancake Breakfast 1:30 Bingo Spotlight grs. 7&2	3 MBS Service Day Wacky Wed Spotlight grs. 6&1	4 Community Appr. Day 1:00 Live Stream Mass Spotlight grs. 5 & PK Cards & letters to parish shut-ins	5 Volunteer Appr. Day Student Council: Meet & Greet Spotlight grs. 4 & K Spirit & Shirt Day Spiritual bouquet to seniors Noon Dismissal	6
7	8	9 Picture Day Grades PK3-2	10 Picture Day Grades 3-8	11	12 Valentine's Day N.U.T. Day	13
14	15 President's Day School Closed Virtual Book Fair	16 Renaissance Testing Virtual Book Fair	17 Mass Live Stream Ash Wednesday Renaissance Testing Virtual Book Fair	18 Renaissance Testing Virtual Book Fair	19 Renaissance Testing Virtual Book Fair	20
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# New virus variants that spread more easily could lead to a rapid rise in COVID-19 cases

NOW, more than ever, it is important to **slow the spread**

## In the U.S.



New cases are extremely high



Some health care systems are at or near capacity



New variants are emerging that spread more easily

MORE SPREAD

MORE CASES

MORE DEATHS



Wear a mask



Stay at least 6 feet apart



Avoid crowds



Get vaccinated when available to you

CDC.GOV

[bit.ly/MMWR11521](https://bit.ly/MMWR11521)

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I am very happy to report that we have had no new COVID cases again this week at MBS. We continue to encourage social distancing of at least 6 feet apart, mask wearing and frequent hand washing. Please keep doing your daily morning checks before school. If you or any family members are exhibiting signs of COVID-19 stay home. If anyone in your household is getting tested for COVID-19 symptoms, all MBS students must stay home until the negative PCR results are obtained. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at school via phone (410-208-1600) or via email ([attendance@mbscs.org](mailto:attendance@mbscs.org)) Stay safe and healthy!

Mrs. Mumford R.N.

Please read the following links and contact me if you have any questions at [attendance@mbscs.org](mailto:attendance@mbscs.org)

[Daily Health Assessment](#)

[COVID Rules for Parents](#)

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## VISION for the FUTURE

The Diocese of Wilmington is now accepting tuition assistance applications for the 2021-2022 school year. Each year through its Vision for the Future Education Fund, the diocese offers financial aid to a number of families who desire a Catholic education for their children but who cannot afford the full cost of tuition. Families with children in grades K-12 registered at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School who believe they are in need of assistance are encouraged to apply. **THE DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MARCH 4, 2021.** Please refer to the flyer link below, for details.

To be considered, parents must first submit an application to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment for evaluation. Please note that it is the policy of the diocese that tuition assistance will be granted only to those families whose children are officially registered in one of our schools. For this reason, enrollment must be official before tuition assistance can be offered.

**Families currently receiving tuition assistance from the diocese must reapply for 21/22 consideration. Assistance is not automatically renewed from year to year.**

[Letter to Parents](#)

[Online Application](#)

[2021-2022 Tuition Assistance Flyer](#)

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## **GET YOUR MBS SWEATSHIRTS!!**

This is the last chance to pick up your MBS quarter-zip sweatshirts for this year. They are \$40 each and will be delivered directly to the school in the beginning of March. They look great on our students and help spread our MBS school spirit throughout our community. Parents, they are not just for students – order one for the whole family!! Quite a few parents and grandparents ordered them during our last sale.

To place your order, go to our online store at:

<https://mbssweatshirtsale.itemorder.com/sale>

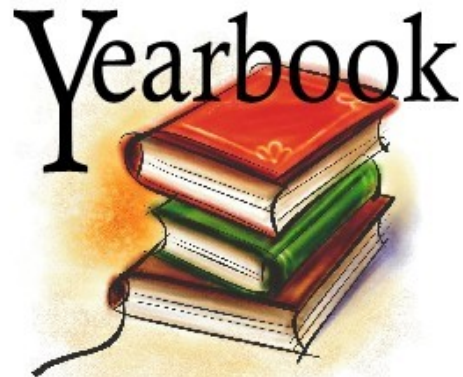


**SWEATSHIRTS  
ARE BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**

We are opening the sweatshirt sales up again after many request for the new quarter zip style. It looks great with the students' uniforms. They come in both navy and grey in children and adult sizes. Order yours today! See the flyer in today's Thursday folder.

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## Advertise in our Yearbook and Leave a Mark for Generations to Come!

If you wish to advertise in the 2020-2021 MBS yearbook, please contact Amanda Evans at 410-208-1600 or [aevans@mbscs.org](mailto:aevans@mbscs.org). We would love to see our family businesses showcased as we move forward into the future. One thing is for sure, we will certainly look back at this year.

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### Attn: 8th grade Parents

The time has come...High School is right around the corner. Please look for emails from me as I inform you of High School information and dates to be aware of.

Parents, this is a good time to start looking at the High School websites for information and to get familiar with your child's future school.

If you have any questions and need guidance, please contact me by email at [tgabbard@mbscs.org](mailto:tgabbard@mbscs.org) or call me at MBS M-Th. This is an exciting time for your 8th grader. Let's work together so they are prepared to take this next step with confidence!

Love and Prayers,  
Theresa Gabbard



# 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!**

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## PARISH NEWS

### **St. John Neumann**

Confirmandi need to turn in saint papers on Feb 21. Confirmation students will also have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation on March 6.

### **St. Luke**

We hope you will join us in our Lenten workshop with Father Jennings, as we go deeper into Scripture through the lens of Lent! Classes will be held on Tuesdays (beginning Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>) both in the morning (immediately following 9am daily Mass at St. Luke's, and in the evenings at St. Andrew's at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you and together preparing ourselves for this Lenten journey.

### **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!

