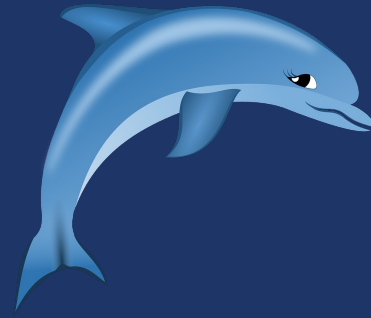


# Dolphin Days



*IT'S A GREAT TIME TO BE AN  
MBS DOLPHIN!  
February 25, 2021*



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## Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School

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

### February is Black History Month

**The time is always right to do what is right - MLK**

This month our library is featuring some particularly good reads for the students to choose in respect to Black History Month. If your child has not had the chance to check one of these books out, please share with them that Ms. Jan and Mrs. Gunther are available to help them find the perfect book.

### Covid-19

We have had no reported cases of Covid-19 this week. We continue to encourage you to:

- Do wellness checks every morning, PLEASE.
- Sanitize
- Wash hands properly with soap and water and always dry them thoroughly.
- Stay 6 feet apart from others and wear a mask when not in the company of those you live with.

Be mindful of the above both in school and out of school.

Thank you to AGH for sending the links for our staff to receive their second Covid-19 vaccine this Friday, February 26, 2021. We are grateful. Once this is completed on Friday, 85% of the teachers and staff will have received their second Covid-19 vaccine.

## Updates

We are still in need of the following:

- Hand sanitizers
- Baby wipes
- Lysol spray
- Liquid hand soap.
- Small room air purifiers
- Box fans.

If you can donate, thank you in advance! We truly appreciate all your help!

Picture proofs went home last week. Orders are due by tomorrow Friday, February 26, 2021.

Our Read-A-Thon is picking up steam, As of Wednesday morning, Mrs. McTavish first grade class is in the lead with donations totaling \$2,956.00 . 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades are following close behind!

A reminder that when dropping off in the morning, we encourage you to have your children exit the vehicle on the passenger side. Having students exit on the driver's side with other cars passing is extremely dangerous. We also encourage you to drive slowly through the driveways. Thank you.

## Vision for the Future Education Fund

The deadline to apply for diocesan tuition assistance through FACTS is March 4, 2021. **SEE SECTION BELOW FOR LINKS.**

## Lenten Theme

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

You are invited to a multimedia Lenten series titled, “Holy Boldness: A Journey Through Lent with Four American Saints,” written and hosted by the Reverend Richard Jasper, Associate Pastor of Saint Ann Church, Wilmington DE.

The series is designed to help individuals and families get the most out of the Season of Lent and prepare spiritually for the celebration of Christ’s resurrection at Easter.

Each 10-15 min presentation is posted on the diocesan YouTube channel. You can visit the channel at [www.YouTube.com/DioceseofWilm](http://www.YouTube.com/DioceseofWilm).

Operation Rice Bowl is one way Catholics can enhance their Lenten fasting practice by giving up meals or eating smaller portions and donating the cost of those meals to Catholic Relief Service to help those who do not have enough to eat. We sent home bowls, if you still need one, let us know and thank you for participating.

## The Year of St. Joseph

It begins on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, 2020, to the same feast next year on December 8, 2021.

Pope Francis has stated that Joseph is considered as “the most chaste father” because of his “attitude that is the opposite of possessiveness,” and did not focus on himself, rather centered his focus on Jesus and Mary. The Holy Father added that, “Joseph found happiness not in mere self-sacrifice but in self-gift.”

I encourage you to pray: *To you, O blessed Joseph*, with your family.

*To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.*

*Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.*

*O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.*

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**February 15-28** Virtual Book Fair

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

**February 22-March 6** MBS Read-A-Thon

**March 1** All school virtual day

**March 4** Mass Grade 4

**March 5** Spirit Day and pretzel day

Administrator Retreat

**March 8** Trimester 2 ends

**March 11** Mass Kindergarten

**March 12** *Noon Dismissal professional development for teachers*

**March 18** Report cards go home.

CSO school visit

Mass Grade 6

**March 25** Mass Grade 7

May your week be filled with Blessings,  
Kathleen Manns,  
Principal Most Blessed Sacrament School

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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
21	22 Renaissance Testing Virtual Book Fair	23 Renaissance Testing Virtual Book Fair	24 Renaissance Testing Virtual Book Fair	25 Renaissance Testing Virtual Book Fair	26 Renaissance Testing Virtual Book Fair	27
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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)

MMWR

I am very happy to report that we have had no new COVID cases again this week at MBS. This means we have had no new cases for 3 weeks. 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)

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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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## LIBRARY NEWS

In anticipation of our Read-A-Thon that began this week, we will be sponsoring a Scholastic Virtual Book Fair until February 28<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Thank you for your support!**

**Read-a-thon began February 22nd. We encourage you to get sponsors for our awesome readers! We will be having DEAR Time (Drop Everything and Read) throughout the week! Be prepared.**

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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:

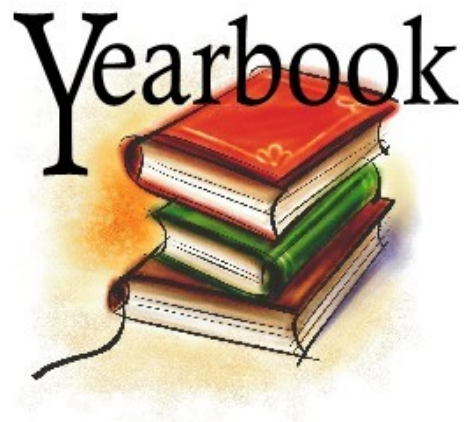
<https://mbssweatshirtsale.itemorder.com/sale>



## 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!





## YEARBOOK ORDERS!!

Please see this week's Thursday folders for yearbook order forms. There are a limited amount of yearbooks, so be sure to order yours today.

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I began visiting classes for Counseling Lessons. This week I visited Kindergarten, we discussed being friends and getting along. We read the book, "The Caring Me I Want To Be!". We had a nice discussion about showing kindness, using our manners and being fair. We also read, "I am Kind". Our MBS Kindergarten is so smart and has so much kindness to share!

I had a visit with our 6th grade too! We discussed taking care of our mental health. We discussed common stressors of a 6th grader. We discussed how our body reacts to stress and how we can use self-care to improve our mental health. We discussed taking care of our mental health by using tools such as: Breathing, Prayer, Exercise, Creativity, Talking with Trusted Adults, Being with Friends, Taking Tech Breaks, Pet Time, Mindfulness, Getting Good Sleep, and so on.

I look forward to visiting with all of our wonderful classes over the next few weeks.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at any time,  
[tgabbard@mbscs.org](mailto:tgabbard@mbscs.org) .

Theresa Gabbard

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## 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

Confirmation students will 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!

