# Dolphin Days

IT'S A GREAT TIME TO BE AN MBS DOLPHIN! April 15, 2021





Educating the Mind, Strengthening the Body, Nurturing the Soul

"He is not HERE, He is RISEN" Matthew 28:6

Dear MBS Families,

#### **Prayers**

We ask you to pray for the following members of our MBSCS Community

- The Wanner Family, Layla continues her treatment at AI Dupont in Wilmington
- Fr. Klevence, St. Ann, as he continues his recovery
- Mr. Record's family
- Mrs. Cris Kaczmarczyk who recently lost her husband.
- All of our second grade First Communicants as they begin their joyful celebration. May the peace of God rest on them and the joy in the Lord fill their hearts. May their union with him grow stronger everyday.
- St. Ann- Aubrey, Frances, Hannah and Mark
- St. Jude the Apostle- Gabe
- St. Mary Star of the Sea- Maura, Sawyer, James, Josephine, Zachary, Patrick, Ryan and

James
Sat. John Neumann- Kensley and Charlotte
St. Michael the Archangel- Adriana and Madison
St. Luke- Owen

#### Covid-19

We had 2 reported cases of students who tested positive this week. Neither student returned to school from break and will return after quarantine.

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.
- Avoid unnecessary travel.

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

# The BOOST Application Deadline has been Extended through May 17 for Maryland Residents

Maryland residents, please consider applying for the BOOST Scholarship below. This year, the state of Maryland has extended not just the deadline, but also the amount of funding they will allocate for families that choose to send their children to non-public schools. It was increased by 40%. If you think that your family may qualify, please take a few minutes to apply. It is very easy. They will ask for proof of admissions, and Mrs. Evans will gladly share a letter with you to help complete the process. Please reach out to her by email at aevans@mbscs.org for the letter or with any questions you may have.

http://marylandpublicschools.org/pages/boost/index.aspx

#### **Updates**

- Please send in your Operation Rice Bowls to support Catholic Relief Services
- We received our official CSO report. They visited in 2017 and so we were proud to show them first hand our strengths, challenges, and progress we have encountered this school year. The report is available in our main lobby entry way for your viewing.
- Our sunshades are up, umbrellas set and outside "To Go" bags are refurbished for outside learning. Outside "To Go" bags will be sent home Friday. Please remove the cold weather gear and replenish with sun glasses, hats and sunscreen sticks.
- Welcome back Mrs. Cassals who returned this week. She will be working with Mrs. Cover bringing the finest Arts integration to our curriculum.
- We have applied for another Bauer Foundation grant moving into Phase 2 for the playground. Grant awards will be announced in early July.
- Fr. Cocucci will be celebrating a Memorial Mass for Mr. Record on Friday April

30th @ 1:00pm for our middle school students. Further details will follow.

#### **Spring Uniform**

Spring uniform began Monday, April 12th. Please see our policy in the handbook linked below. A reminder if students need to wear a sweater or sweatshirt, only MBS attire is permissible. No outerwear jackets are to be worn inside.

Please see below

#### In the Classrooms

Its great to see us all together after a well deserved Easter break.

I visited second grade this past Monday to give them First Communion Rosaries. They were thrilled to have, for some, "their first pair" of their own. They were certainly excited to share details about their dresses, veils and suits. May God continue to bless all of our second graders!

Congratulations Brody for winning Middle School March Maddness!! Thank you to Frankie for organizing the brackets. Great job!!

#### **Calendar Updates:**

April

16 Spirit T-Shirt Day/ Pretzel Day

21 Faculty Meeting 3:00

Read-A-Thon Participation Party

22 Mass-Gr 7

23 Rain date for Read-A-Thon pary

28 Faculty Meeting 3:00

30 Trimester 3 Interim Grades.

Memorial Mass for Mark Record for Middle School

APRIL						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturda
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18	19	Am Faculty Meeting	2 Faculty Meeting 3-4 Read-A-Thon Thank You Party	22	Rain Date for Read-A-Thon Party	24
25	26	27  AM Faculty Meeting	28 Faculty Meeting 3-4	29 Counselor Meeting	30 T-3 Int	



#### MBS 2021 - 2022 School Year

August 18-19	Diocesan New Teacher Orientation
August 25	Spirituality Day for ALL Educators with Bishop
August 26	Teachers Return

September 6 Labor Day - School Closed First Day of School for Students September 7

Fall Break - No Schoo

November 24-26 Thanksgiving Holiday - No School November 29 School Re-Opens

High School Placement Test (Grade 8) December 4-5 December 23-31 Christmas Holiday – No School

January 3 School Re-Opens Martin Luther King Day – No School

January 17 January 30-February 5 Catholic Schools Weel

February 21 Presidents Day - No School March 14 Professional Development

April 14-22 School Re-Opens April 25

May 30 Memorial Day - No School Last Day of School for Students June 16

God Bless our families! May your week be filled with blessings,

Kathleen Manns Principal Most Blessed Sacrament School

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## From the Health Suite

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Wouldn't it be nice if COVID-19 just disappears over Easter break? Unfortunately, it will not. Therefore, during the break, please communicate to MBS via e-mail if your child tests positive for COVID-19 or comes in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19. The school e-mail address is attendance@mbscs.org.

The e-mail should contain the following information:

- 1.If your child tests positive:
- a. Date symptoms started
- b. Date child was tested
- c. Location child was tested
- d. Reside in Maryland or Delaware
- 2. If your child was identified as a close contact for anyone whom tested positive:
- a. Date of their exposure to the positive individual
- b. Name of individual

<sup>\*</sup>This does not include school events.

#### c. Date of individual tested

The information will help me provide the specific details to the appropriate health department liaison. This will allow MBS, its staff, and administration be fully prepared for the return of students on April 12, 2021.

Remember to maintain distance, wash your hands, wear a mask, avoid non-essential travel and large groups during the holiday.

I hope every family is able to have wonderful moments of peace and love during Easter break.

## A Maryland Department of Health travel advisory to limit travel to essential purposes only will remain in place.

MBS will not schedule a virtual week of instruction for all students following the Easter break.

#### **Easter break gatherings**

#### **New CDC Travel Guide**

As always if you have any questions regarding this information, Covid-19 or other health concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at school or email me at <a href="mailto:attendance@mbscs.org">attendance@mbscs.org</a>

Stay safe and healthy,

Fuzzy Mumford R.N.

#### **Returning to MBS**

#### **COVID Rules for Parents**

#### **Updated Daily Health Assessment**

#### **Eternity Tiles**



We are so happy to be able to partner with Kim Jones at Ceramic Zone again to make our famous eternity tiles, displayed throughout the hallways of our beautiful school. She will be visiting our school on April 29 to work with our participants (within their individual grades) in our outdoor classroom. Please send in all order forms no later than

next Friday, April 23. Thank you for your support of this wonderful project!! Many visitors comment on how special they are.

**Eternity Tile Form** 

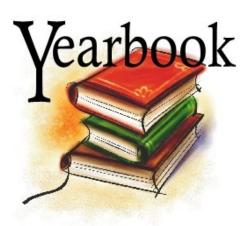
#### SUMMER/WARM WEATHER UNIFORM

The MBS uniform policy requires that students begin to wear the summer/warm weather uniform on APRIL 12th. Please check the Family Handbook for warm weather uniform requirements. Remember ALL uniforms, both school and Phys Ed must be purchased through Flynn O'Hara.

Flynn O'Hara now offers virtual fittings with one of their representatives.

#### Flynn O'Hara

**Student Handbook** 



#### YEARBOOK ORDERS - WE'RE ALOMOST SOLD OUT!!

Order forms went home a few week's ago in the Thursday folder. There are a limited amount of yearbooks and orders have been coming in quickly, so be sure to order yours today. Each copy is \$35.

#### Yearbook Order Form



Parents, I hope you all had a nice Easter and restful break. I know we all have heavy hearts as we said good-bye to Mr. Record. May we all continue to make him proud and keep our faith strong as we honor him and all he did for our MBS family. Please know that I am here for you and your students as we all grieve this loss together. May Mr. Record, Rest in Peace.

This week, I visited grades 1 and 2. We read a book called, "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?" This is a great book that promotes love and kindness to others. We talked about ways to "fill buckets". Parents, ask your 1st and 2nd grader about bucket filling, I hope you see them filling buckets by spreading love and kindness. ♥

As always, you can reach me at tgabbard@mbscs.org . Love and prayers,
Theresa Gabbard



#### **ATHLETICS**

#### NO SPRING SPORTS:

We will not be having a Spring sports season. We hope this is the last time we will have to make this announcement. We hope to restart our sports programming in the Fall.

All our Covid safeguards and guidelines are still in place at school (separate grade cohorts, masks, social distancing, hand sanitizer stations, etc.) Even though things are improving, we cannot yet relax these safeguards in order to have a sports season.

Again, we are hopeful we can return to our extracurricular programming in the Fall. Thank you for your support and understanding!

## 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. Luke

Registration for our Religious Education 2021-2022 year has started. For our parishioners who's children are entering second grade and eighth grade, please email us for sacrament preparation registration forms(<u>kzarif@stlukeoc.com</u>). Wishing our MBS school family a continued fruitful 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!

