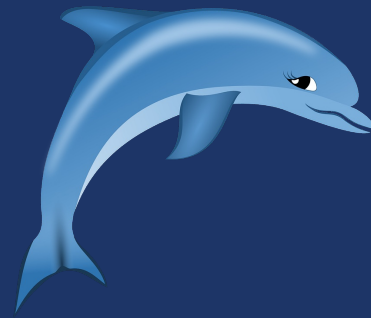


# Dolphin Days



IT'S A GREAT TIME TO BE AN  
MBS DOLPHIN!  
May 6, 2021



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Educating the Mind, Strengthening the Body, Nurturing the Soul

"As Christ has his work, we too have ours; as He rejoices to do this work, we must rejoice in ours also."

-St. John Neumann

Dear MBS Families,

It has been a very celebratory week celebrating both our teachers and nurse.

This week we celebrated teachers and staff. I am sure you agree it has been a challenging year for all, but our teachers and staff have been a comforting constant. We celebrated with mailbox treats, morning coffee, donuts, flowers and finally a wonderful lunch, donated by an MBS family, will be enjoyed tomorrow to end the week.

Today, Thursday, is National Nurse's Day. We thank our very own personal, hard working, in-house "hero", Mrs. Mumford. Her dedication, hard work, long hours this past school year have been a blessing to our MBS school community. We appreciate her patience, understanding, and love. Thank you!

[Covid-19](#)

We had zero reported positive case 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.
- Avoid unnecessary travel.

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

## UPDATES

- Our second graders just completed an integrating visual arts and religion project. The lesson was on radical symmetry and the monstrance. The students designed their own monstrance and we invited our parish priests to come do a "show and tell" of their parish monstrance. Fr. Solomon joined us Wednesday and Fr. Coco will visit next week.
- Thank you to Fr. Martin, from St. Ann, who celebrated Mass today with our 5th grade. The entire school continues to view Mass virtually every Thursday.
- **Middle States**- The faculty continues to meet once a week. This week the faculty will complete a faculty survey and work on completing our strengths and weaknesses observed from the parent and student survey's previously completed.
- Reminder MBS Book Fair hosted by Bethany Beach Books is running from May 1-15. Please visit Bethany Beach Book store, 99 Garfield parkway, Bethany Beach DE 19930, or online to purchase your summer reading or a great beach read! Mention MBS so we receive a percentage of the proceeds.
- May 17-21 We will be holding our Online Art Auction. We have a wide range of items available. Our teachers, students and members of the community have been working hard to make this a successful event. Log onto [www.acelevents.com/e/MBSvirtualArtAuction](http://www.acelevents.com/e/MBSvirtualArtAuction) to see a sampling of items available.

## PRAYERS

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

- Please keep our second grade students who are receiving their First Holy Communion and our eighth grade students, past and present receiving their Sacrament of Confirmation during the next several weeks, in your prayers. May the peace of God rest on them and the joy in the Lord always fill their hearts.
- We pray for all our families.
- We pray for all those who are sick and suffering.

- We continue to pray for Layla Warner.

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## **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](mailto:aevans@mbscs.org) for the letter or with any questions you may have.

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

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## **Book Fair**

Bethany Beach Books, Bethany Beach, DE will be hosting a book fair to benefit MBS May 1-15. A percentage of the proceeds will be donated back to the school. Please consider supporting the local business and your school by purchasing your summer reading books for the whole family. Purchase in store or online. Just mention Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School at checkout.

**Bethany Beach Books**

## **From 8th Grade**

### **DINNER TO GO!! Running from activity to activity and don't want to miss dinner or worse get fast food....**

The Class of 2021 is hosting a sub sandwich fundraiser. Yummy homemade subs will be ready after carline on Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Order forms are in your family folder. Pre-Order, Pre-pay by May 7<sup>th</sup>. Subs include a meatball sandwich, sausage and pepper sandwich or an Italian cold cut sub! Each sandwich is \$5.00. For more information or questions; please contact homeroom parent Colleen Rutzler at [cdrutzler@gmail.com](mailto:cdrutzler@gmail.com) or 443.614.0903 .... And thank you for your support! #mbsclassof2021



May 3, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move to the conclusion of this school year, we again thank you for all you have done to support our schools' efforts at offering quality Catholic education in this COVID environment. In cooperation with you, our Catholic schools have been open every day since the start of the school year! While there were challenges at times with illnesses and quarantines, we were able to successfully navigate these circumstances.

May 3-7 is National Teacher Appreciation Week and May 12 is National School Nurse Day. If you are able to do so, a few appreciative words from you to our teachers and school nurses would be a wonderful way to show your gratitude to these school heroes for their commitment in this COVID year.

As we look to the 2021-2022 school year, we are planning for a full in-person return for all students. Of course, if we are directed otherwise by the state governments or health departments in Delaware or Maryland, we shall inform you in a timely manner.

In the 2021-2022 school year, parish and diocesan schools will not offer the dual learning platforms – in-person and virtual – that were offered during this COVID year. We are very grateful to our educators who made the dual learning platforms work so well this past year, but this system was a short-term solution to the COVID situation.

Schools will work with families whose children experience absences due to quarantine or more extended illnesses, but these situations may or may not include virtual learning. The Catholic Schools Office will continue cyber days instead of snow days that previously would need to be accounted for at the end of a school year.

There may be some families who wish their children to continue learning in a fully virtual environment. If so, your family will have the option to participate in our diocesan partnership with Catholic Virtual. Included with this letter is information about the Diocese of Wilmington Online Academy, powered by Catholic Virtual.

Families participating in the Diocese of Wilmington Online Academy will commit to a fully virtual program for 2021-2022, separate from the parish or diocesan school. All instruction, assessment, grades, communication, etc., as well as tuition will be coordinated through Catholic Virtual.

Below is key information about the Diocese of Wilmington Online Academy:

- Student Registrations for Online Classes are due by 06/16/2021.
- First day of online classes will begin on 08/30/2021.
- This program is a year-long commitment.
- [2021-2022 Catholic Virtual Course Catalog.pdf](#)
- [Catholic Virtual Overview Slides.pdf](#)
- [CLICK HERE](#) to register for online.

Information sessions about the Diocese of Wilmington Online Academy, powered by Catholic Virtual, are scheduled on the dates listed below along with the meeting link.

- Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM
- Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM
- Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM

The meeting link is <https://myvsoe.zoom.us/my/hgs.sean>

Questions may be directed to 772.293.9994 | [Admissions@CatholicVirtual.com](mailto:Admissions@CatholicVirtual.com)

May these final weeks of the school year bring us to a good conclusion and may this summer offer a time of rest, relaxation, and renewal.

In this Year of Saint Joseph declared by Pope Francis, join in praying to this Patron of the Universal Church.

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Sincerely,

*Louis P. De Angelo*

Louis P. De Angelo, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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## **Calendar Updates:**

### **May**

1-15 Bethany Beach MBS Book Fair  
17-21 MBS Online Art Auction



27 May Procession  
 28 Early Dismissal/ NUT Day \$1.00  
 30 Memorial Day-no school



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Bethany Beach Book Fair →	1
2	3 Bethany Beach Book Fair	4 AM faculty meeting	5 3 pm faculty meeting	6 Mass Grade 5 1pm	7 HSA Spirit Day →	8
9	10 Bethany Beach book Fair	11 Am faculty meeting	12 3pm faculty meeting	13 Mass Grade 4 1pm	14 Armed Forces Day →	15
16	17 Art Auction Renaissance Testing	18	19	20 Mass Grade 3 1pm	21 →	22
23	24 Renaissance Testing all week	25 Am faculty meeting	26	27 May Procession 9 am Mass Grade 2 1pm	28 NUT Day 1/2 Day Dismissal	29
30	31 Memorial Day No School					

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## Official School Calendar



### MBS 2021 – 2022 School Year

August 18-19	Diocesan New Teacher Orientation
August 25	Spirituality Day for <u>ALL</u> Educators with Bishop
August 26	Teachers Return
September 6	Labor Day – School Closed
September 7	First Day of School for Students
October 11	Fall Break – No School
November 24-26	Thanksgiving Holiday – No School
November 29	School Re-Opens
December 4-5	High School Placement Test (Grade 8)
December 23-31	Christmas Holiday – No School
January 3	School Re-Opens
January 17	Martin Luther King Day – No School
January 30-February 5	Catholic Schools Week
February 21	Presidents Day – No School
March 14	Professional Development
April 14-22	Easter Break
April 25	School Re-Opens
May 30	Memorial Day – No School
June 16	Last Day of School for Students
June 17	Last Day of School for Teachers

\*This does not include school events.

It has been such a wonderful experience to witness our young students receive their First Holy Communion these past weeks. Although we encountered some scheduling conflicts, Mrs. Meisten, Mrs. Evans and myself were able to join in the celebrations. May God continue to bless their families. May their families follow Jesus, His will and His way, and grow closer to Him forever. God bless.

**Kathleen Manns**

Principal Most Blessed Sacrament School

**It is a great time to be an MBS Dolphin!**

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## From the Health Suite

*Greetings to our MBS families,*

*Allergy season is upon us! Please know that there have been several positive cases of Covid-19 that parents and students originally thought was simply seasonal allergies, but progressed into more*

severe symptoms and testing positive for Covid-19. COVID-19 like illness is defined as: **ANY 1** of the following: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell, **OR AT LEAST 2** of the following: fever of 100.4 or higher (measured or subjective), chills or shaking chills, muscle aches, sore throat, headache, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue and congestion or runny nose. Any students or staff who are determined to be exhibiting COVID-19 like symptoms will be excluded from MBS. It is recommended that they talk to their health care provider about testing for COVID-19 or whether there is another specific diagnosis (e.g. influenza, strep throat, otitis) or a pre-existing condition that explains symptoms. If they choose not to obtain health care provider examination, they will stay home at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared **AND** until no fever for at least **48-hours** without fever-reducing medication **AND** improvement of other symptoms. If your child is having the typical reactions to the spring allergy season of a headache and/or sore throat and/or congestion or runny nose, know that these can also be symptoms of COVID-19. Please keep your student home until these symptoms are gone, or your child has been evaluated by a physician. This is how we can continue to keep all students and staff healthy and safe and MBS can remain open for everyone. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the attendance email, [attendance@mbscs.org](mailto:attendance@mbscs.org), or call me at the school office.

Thank you for keeping our school safe.

Mrs. Fuzzy Mumford R.N.

**PLEASE SEND IN A WATER BOTTLE AND SPARE MASK EVERY DAY WITH YOUR STUDENT. IT IS HOT, THE CHILDREN ARE OUTSIDE AND SWEATING, AND NEED WATER AND A CLEAN MASK. MBS IS NO LONGER SUPPLYING WATER BOTTLES TO STUDENTS.**

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

### 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 [attendance@mbscs.org](mailto:attendance@mbscs.org)

Stay safe and healthy,

Fuzzy Mumford R.N.

**Returning to MBS**



## Eternity Tiles



Thank you to everyone who made on Eternity Tile. Your mark will be in the halls of MBS.

## **Flynn O'Hara Flyer and Uniform Changes for 2021-2022 School Year**

Attached below is the link to our Flynn O'Hara website. We are excited to share one new school uniform change for next year. Girls in grades kindergarten-fifth will wear the jumper year-round. This will offer a cost savings as the girl's uniforms had many pieces. One other thing we would like to stress for this coming year is neatness in the uniforms. During the past year, we have become more lenient than usual, as shipments were delayed due to Covid-19. We would like to make sure all our school uniforms and appearance showcase our student's reverence. If you ever need any items from the gently used uniform store, please contact Mrs. Evans.

## **Flynn O'Hara**



# School Uniform Shopping

Whether you're brand new to school uniforms or a returning shopper preparing for the school year ahead, FlynnO'Hara makes it safe & easy to shop for back-to-school.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** We recommend all students shop by **August 1, 2021** to ensure you have your school uniform in time for the start of school.

## 1 ONE

### Join Your School's Uniform Newsletter

First things first: opt-into your school's uniform newsletter to stay in-the-loop on important information and promotions. Make sure to enter your school code listed below to ensure you only receive information relevant to your school!

SCHOOL CODE: MD220

[JOIN HERE](#)

## 2 TWO

### Review Your Uniform Requirements

Click the link below & enter your student's Grade & Gender to view their specific uniform requirements, products, and pricing.

[FIND YOUR UNIFORM](#)

## 3 THREE

### Shop For Your Uniform!

ONLINE

[FLYNNOHARA.COM](https://flynnohara.com)

[FITTING RESOURCES](#)

CLICK HERE IF YOU NEED HELP WITH SIZING.

### Questions? We're Here To Help!

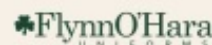
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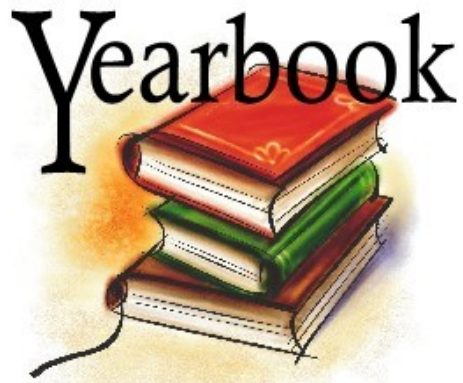
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## YEARBOOK ORDERS - WE'RE ALMOST SOLD OUT!!

We only have a few yearbooks left to sell. Make sure to reserve a copy at \$35 each.

### Yearbook Order Form

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### Counseling Corner

Each year I am required by the diocese to teach from a program called, "Keeping our Promises: For the Sake of God's Children". Over the next few weeks, I will talk to each grade about the topics of peer relationships, trusted adults, healthy boundaries, secrets, and good touch-bad touch. These topics will be discussed age appropriately.

This week, I spoke to grades 3, 4, and 5. I really stress the importance of having 2-3 trusted adults. Our youth need to know that they can always talk to a trusted adult about anything. We discussed the importance of having healthy friendships and boundaries. We talked about keeping our body safe and knowing how to say no to inappropriate secrets or touch.

Parents, please continue this conversation. It is helpful to have a refresher talk with our kids using "what if" scenarios to make sure our children have safety plans. Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions, [tgabbard@mbscs.org](mailto:tgabbard@mbscs.org)

Love and prayers,

Theresa Gabbard



## Field Day- Volunteers Needed

We will be having Field Day on the following dates:

### June 16th- Kindergarten to 3rd Grade, 9:00-11:45am

Please sign up here if you would like to volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F49A8AD2DA3F85-field2>

Parent volunteers must be vaccinated.

### June 17th- 4th to 7th Grade, 9:00-11:45am

Please sign up here if you would like to volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F49A8AD2DA3F85-field3>

Parent volunteers must be vaccinated.

Students will be kept in their grade level cohort. They will rotate from station to station with their cohort.

## Field Day Information:

Field Day is a day set aside for outdoor games like relay races. It is a fun day where movement and games are celebrated. The activities will start at 9:00am and conclude at 11:45am. In the event of inclement weather, Field Day will be cancelled and not rescheduled.

- \* Please make sure your child arrives to school on time.
- \* Please have your child bring in a Ziploc bag of sliced fruit to help contribute towards a healthy class snack.
- \* Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.
- \* Please have your child bring in a water bottle. The water bottle should be labeled with his or her name. Students will take their water bottles with them from station to station.
- \* Please have your child apply sunscreen in the morning before school as we will be outdoors.

Please review the below table to find the t-shirt your child should wear:

**Wednesday, June 16th**

**Kindergarten: Red**

**First: Blue**

**Second: Yellow**

**Third: Orange**

**Thursday, June 17th**

**Fourth: Orange**

**Fifth: Red**

**Sixth: Green**

## 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. Luke**

Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>, join us for our new mommy and me group, “Walking with Mary”! Join us to build community together, engage in music and motion fun, and engage our faith together as we walk with Mary.

For more information please contact me: Kim Zarif, [kzarif@stlukeoc.com](mailto:kzarif@stlukeoc.com)

If you have a child entering second grade/8<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall, please contact me for registration for our sacrament preparation programs: [kzarif@stlukeoc.com](mailto:kzarif@stlukeoc.com)

#### **St. John Neumann**

Confirmation candidates- Please remember to let Fr. Cocucci know who will be attending confirmation with you.

First Communion folders are due May 16th.

#### **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!



