

Dolphin Days



Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School

December 9, 2021

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As we continue our Advent journey, we head into Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent. Gaudete Sunday provides us with a joyous pause as we rejoice in the nearness of Jesus. The third candle of the Advent wreath will be lit this Sunday. It is traditionally a rose-colored candle and it reminds us that the moment of our salvation is drawing near.

Gaudete in Domino semper- "rejoice in the Lord always."



Please note the following **IMPORTANT** date changes:

In appreciation of the warm welcome that Bishop Koenig had received among the schools and the Diocese of Wilmington and in gratitude to administrators, teachers, and staff who have given faithful service to the students throughout COVID-19, he has granted a school holiday on **Monday, January 3, 2022** to all schools of the Diocese of Wilmington. MBS will now resume classes on January 4, 2022.

In addition, Bishop Koenig has added a Wellness Day on **March 11, 2022**. The school will be closed on this day.

Lastly, Monsignor Hurley has granted an additional Holiday on **Friday, May 27, 2022**. The school will be closed on this day. Originally, this day was listed on the MBS calendar as a ½ day of school. **Thursday, May 26, 2022** is now a half day.

Mrs. Stillman
Principal

School News

The Nativity Raffle to benefit the Service Project during Catholic Schools Week, is going on until December 16. The drawing will be held the night of the live Nativity/tree lighting. Let the office know if you need more tickets.

Diocesan Tuition Assistance Applications

The application period for the Diocese of Wilmington's tuition assistance program is now open. A letter and instructions on how to apply are in last week's Thursday folders. Contact the office if you need an additional copy. **A family must have a processed application in order to receive any type of tuition assistance in 2022/2023.**



The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is providing financial assistance for COVID-19 funeral expenses incurred on or after January 20, 2020. Families who may be eligible for this assistance should Contact the FEMA helpline (1-844-684-6333) for Instructions.

Coming Up:

Please note the following events for the month of December:

- 12/16- Live Nativity and Tree Lighting 6-8pm
- 12/21- Piano Recital 6:30pm
- 12/6-12/16 Nativity Raffle to benefit the Service Project During Catholic Schools Week
- 12/22- Early Dismissal
- 12/23-1/3- **Christmas Break**
- 1/4- School reopens



Link to school calendar below:

<https://mostblessedsacramentschool.com/md-catholic-private-school-community/catholic-school-parents/k-12-calendar/>

HSA News

The HSA is currently looking for another member to get involved and join our board! Our current President, Michelle Lewis, has taken the position of school nurse at MBS this fall, and so our Vice President, Aislinn Fones, has graciously offered to take over as President after the holidays. It truly takes a village to make MBS the special place that it is! Please reach out to hsa@mbscs.org if you are interested in joining!

Upcoming fundraisers:

12/10 – Spirit Day – wear your MBS spirit shirt and support the businesses who support us while you are out shopping and enjoying all the local Christmas festivities. Click here for the full list -

<https://tinyurl.com/MBSSupportLocal>

1/21 – Spirit Day

1/31 – 2/4 – Scholastic Book Fair & Catholic Schools Week

2/4 – 2/25 – Read-A-Thon



Athletic Corner



UPCOMING BASKETBALL SCHEDULE:

Girls- Grade 6:

Wednesday, 12/15/2021: Practice 3:15-4:45pm

Girls- Grades 7/8:

Tuesday, 12/14/2021: Practice 3:15-4:45pm

Wednesday, 12/15/2021: Away @ St. Francis- 4:00pm.

Early Dismissal 2:35pm.

Boys- Grades 6:

Wednesday, 12/15/2021: Practice 3:15-4:45pm

Boys- Grades 7/8:

Monday, 12/13/2021: Practice 3:15-4:45pm

Wednesday, 12/15/2021: Away @ St. Francis- 5:15pm.

Regular Dismissal.

BASKETBALL ADVERTISING/SPONSORSHIPS:

We are looking for businesses to sponsor our home basketball games. The sponsorship would include prominent (18" x 36") signage behind the home and visitor bleachers at all 6 remaining home games. Price is \$150. Please email jhaskell@mbscs.org for more details. Thank you, Realtor Kelly MacPherson (Phone #443-235-3226), for your sponsorship.

From the Health Suite

As we enter cold and flu season, please remember to email attendance@mbscs.org if your child will be absent for any reason. If your child is experiencing any COVID symptoms as defined by the Maryland Department of Health (fever of 100.4 or higher, sore throat, cough, difficulty breathing, diarrhea or vomiting, new onset of severe headache, or new loss of taste or smell), they will need proof of a negative COVID test result, or an alternate diagnosis from a doctor or PCP to explain their symptoms in order to return to school. If they have other symptoms of illness that don't qualify as COVID symptoms, then a doctor's note will be required after 3 days of absence for illness.

Children must be fever free for over 24 hours without the use of medication, and their symptoms improving, before returning to school. It is up to each and every one of us to help keep our students and staff healthy. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to reach out to our school nurse at mlewis@mbscs.org or by phone at 410-208-1600

MBS alumni, William Kozma, will be building a Gazebo for the school in memory of Mr. Record for an Eagle Scout project. Please look for him on December 16th during the live Nativity/tree lighting. He will have a booth set up with information explaining the project. Please read his flyer sent home in the Thursday folder and stop by his booth to say "Hi".

In need of a Christmas gift? We have **Calendars for Sale** in the school office. 2022 Calendars featuring beautiful ocean images from Michael Orhelein, Photographer and owner of Bethany Fine Arts Gallery, \$20 each. All proceeds are generously donated to our HSA by the Orhelein's, proud grandparents of one of our MBS students, and owners of Bethany Fine Arts Gallery and the Beach Life Gallery in Rehoboth.

