# **Dolphin Days**

**Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School** 



February 10, 2022

Dolphin Days is a two-page document. If you are viewing it from your device, make sure you click on the image of the Newsletter, and it will open the two pages through a web browser.

This month's Spiritual Works of Mercy is Comfort the Sorrowful. Often, we distinguish between joy and happiness. The difference is that happiness usually results from a momentary event such as a fun celebration, a good decision, or a welcomed communication. Joy is much deeper. Joy results from the sense of wholeness or completeness in one's life because of interpersonal relationships, vocational choices, or overall wellbeing. The same distinction can be made for sorrow and sadness. Life events may bring us sadness but that which touches the depths of our soul can bring us sorrow. The loss of a job, an argument with a friend, or thinking we were due something that did not occur bring sadness into our lives. Sorrow, on the other hand, is much more pervasive. It leads us to question ourselves and our world. Our task this week is to examine ourselves for our joys and sorrows. If in joy, let us to turn to God and others with a spirit of gratitude. If in sorrow, let us turn to God and others for the support we need to move forward. Truly the Lord and those who love us wish to be present with us in both our joys and sorrows. And let us be available for others in their joys and sorrows.

Conferences will be held on February 18 from 12:30-4:00. Please contact your teacher if you are interested in a conference time.

Renaissance Reading and Math Star testing is taking place this week and next week. Report will go home on Thursday, February 24. Please contact your teacher if you have any questions.

We have been working hard to monitor the students to make sure they are following the uniform policy. Students are expected to wear the prescribed uniform each day and to demonstrate by their appearance, pride in themselves and their school.

Our open house is scheduled for February 17 from 9-11 am. If you know anyone who may be interested in the school, please encourage them to stop by and see our teachers and students in action.

Mrs. Stillman

Principal

# **School News**



It is time to re-register for the 2022-23 school year. Don't forget to turn in your registration form. https://tinyurl.com/MBSRegistration

Tuition Assistance Applications-The application period for the Diocese of Wilmington's tuition assistance program is now open and the deadline is March 4. Contact the office if you have not received the application information. A family must have processed an application through this program to be considered for any type of tuition assistance through MBS for the 2022/2023 school year.

**Congratulation** to the winners of the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest.

First Place Winners- Lila Holland (K), Oliver Haskell (1<sup>st</sup>), John Windsor (2<sup>nd</sup>), Josephine McTavish (3<sup>rd</sup>), Maisie Genthner (4<sup>th</sup>), and Lucy Gunther (5<sup>th</sup>). Honorable Mention-Adelyn McGuinness (4<sup>th</sup>), and Mae Murphy (5<sup>th</sup>).

#### **DONATIONS NEEDED**

Nurse Lewis is always in need of uniform sweatpants and tights in the nurse's suite. She offers them to students, who have accidents or skin their knees at recess, so they can go back to class and feel comfortable. She has gone through her supply of extras. If you would like to donate to Nurse Lewis' supply, please send those items to the office.

## **Counselor's Corner**

For the month of January, I visited all grades and focused on age-appropriate lessons about Friendship Skills - Love and Kindness. For the month of February, I will visit each grade and focus on Bullying and Talking to Trusted Adults. For grades 4-8 I will also focus on online safety and online bullying. Parents, you may always reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

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Most Blessed Sacrament (MBS) Catholic School is seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of Office Manager. This position will be responsible for performing administrative activities that support the mission of the school while executing the needs of the students, parents, faculty, and community. Please click on the following link for the full job description. Click HERE

## From the Health Suite

**VISION & HEARING**: Our school nurse will be conducting vision & hearing screening for our K-8 students in March. If your child has recently been screened by their pediatrician or eye doctor, please send a copy of those results to the nurse.

**ILLNESS**: If your child has any symptoms of illness, please do not send them to school. Instead, please reach out to your child's healthcare provider or our school nurse for further guidance. If your child has COVID or is in close contact with anyone known or suspected of having COVID, please let our school nurse know. We have a collective responsibility to help keep our students and staff healthy.

**ATTENDANCE**: If your child will be absent for any reason, please remember to email <a href="mailto:attendance@mbscs.org">attendance@mbscs.org</a> with the expected dates of absence and the reason. If you have any questions at all, please reach out to our school nurse at <a href="mailto:mlewis@mbscs.org">mlewis@mbscs.org</a> or by phone at 410-208-1600 during the school day.

**ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS**: Please be advised that in order to volunteer at MBS you are asked to wear a mask while inside our school. If you aren't feeling 100% healthy, or if you have been in close contact with someone with COVID in the last 10 days, we ask that you hold off on volunteering at this time. Volunteers will no longer be asked their vaccination or testing status.

Don't forget to turn in those bookmarks for Hit the Books!! Bookmarks are due by February 25th in order to receive 2 free tickets to a Shorebirds game. Sherman, the Shorebird will be visiting our school on February 15th!

## **HSA News**

#### **Volunteers Wanted:**

We are always looking for volunteers and have a few more fun activities planned for this school year. If you are looking to earn your FIP hours, or for a fun way to get involved please be sure to email us or sign up today! Email us: <a href="https://dx.doi.org/nc.edu/HSA@mbscs.org/">HSA@mbscs.org</a>

We love to see our parents come in for lunch and recess: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/MBSlunchreces">https://tinyurl.com/MBSlunchreces</a>

The Read-A-Thon is off to a great start! We have raised \$12,773 so far and have logged a total of 13,942 minutes of reading time. 184 students have created their read-a-thon pages. To have 100% participation we need 54 more students to create their pages and start logging those minutes!!

#### Calendar of events:

2/4 - 2/25 - Read - A - Thon

2/18 - Spirit Day

3/18 - Mini Golf Tournament (adults only) TICKET SALES COMING SOON!

4/8 - Color Run for the playground fund, 'MBS at Play' \* Rain date 4/29

**3/18 -** Mini Golf Tournament (adults only event): Mini Golf

4/8 -Color Run: Color Run Volunteer

\*\* All dates and times are subject to change

## **Coming Up:**

2/14- Valentine's Day- Candy grams go out 2/18-Early dismissal- conferences 12:30-3:30

2/21- No school- President's Day

2/28-3/3- Accreditation Team visit

Link to school calendar below:

https://mostblessedsacramentschool.com/md-catholicprivate-school-community/catholic-school-parents/k-12calendar/

## Mark your calendars for LASER TAG

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser- 2/18 1-4 pm Game World Unlimited laser tag and unlimited golf for \$15. Bring cash for food and arcade games. See the flyer in the Thursday folder.

## **Athletic Corner**

## **WINTER SPORTS RECOGNITION:**

We will have our winter sports recognition on Tuesday, February 22 at 2:15pm. All our winter sport athletes will be recognized. 8<sup>th</sup> grade athletes and their parents will receive special recognition for all their contribution to MBS Athletics through the years.

#### JERSEYS:

Winter sport athletes, please wash and return your basketball jersey as soon as possible. Athletes who do not return their jerseys by March 1, 2022, will incur a \$50 replacement charge.

# **Mission Statement**

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School is dedicated to excellence in education by developing lifelong learners and leaders. We foster a faith-filled community emphasizing reverence, respect, and personal responsibility in the traditional spirit of Christian teaching.