

Dolphin Days

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School



December 1, 2022

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The four weeks of Advent have us reflecting on Hope, Peace, Love and Joy. Advent has us focusing on Jesus's coming, first as a man and then at the end of time. It exists to restore our vision on the two coming of Christ. In Advent, we learn that God is the basis of hope, this hope is the basis for increasing our love of this life. Often, we reduce hope to wishful thinking: such as I hope I get an A on the test, or I hope I get lots of presents for Christmas. This is not hope but wishful thinking. Hope needs some guarantee if it is to be truly hope. Advent helps us to see with fresh eyes that our eternal goal is already in progress because Christ is here with us. Heaven awaits us. This hope gives us the ability to see Christ in all, to encounter him in prayer, sacrament, and in scripture. Heaven is in our midst today through Jesus's presence among us. His love for us increases our desire for Him and thus increases our Hope. At MBS, we begin each week with a school wide prayer service to embrace the hope of Christmas.

One Body in Christ,
Mrs. Stillman
Principal



The **Winter Piano/Band recital** is Wednesday, **December 14** at 6:30pm. Students in second year piano and higher will have a piano recital piece to practice. First year piano students are not performing.

The Christmas Program is Wednesday, **December 21** at 6:30pm. Please contact Mrs. Cover at jcover@mbscs.org if your child is unable to attend. The requested attire for students is as follows: Preschool is Christmas best attire; K-2nd is Christmas best with footwear for dancing; 3rd-8th boys is white button up shirt with optional tie and black slacks. No sneakers; 3rd-8th girls is white shirt with black slacks or knee length black skirt. No sneakers.

School News



8th Grade Fundraiser:

Help our 8th Grade Class by ordering your Christmas Poinsettias. Decorate your home or great as gifts. All orders with payment are due **Monday, December 5**. Large 6" potted poinsettias are \$10 each. Please make checks payable to MBSCS.

Vision for the Future 2023-2024 application: The process through FACTS has begun for the Vision of the Future 2023-2024. This timing is a change from last year. Any family currently receiving or would like to request tuition assistance will need to complete this application. The 2023-2024 online applications are now being accepted through **January 21, 2023**. Applications will not be accepted after this deadline.



Coming Up

Dec 6: Advent Penance/Confessions, 10:30am
Dec 8: Immaculate Conception Mass at 1pm
Dec 8: Reports Cards
Dec 13: Nativity Play 9:00am
Dec 14: Piano and Band Recital 6:30pm
Dec 16: Spirit Wear Day with Christmas Accessories
Dec 21: Christmas Program 6:30pm
Dec 22: Half Day, No Aftercare
Dec 23—Jan 2: School Closed
Jan 3: School Re-opens

Link to school calendar below:

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

From the Health Suite

With cold and flu season in full swing, please practice good hand washing habits with your children, remind them to cover their coughs and sneezes, and keep them home if they are experiencing flu-like symptoms. Our area is experiencing a Flu outbreak, and we are working diligently to keep our surfaces and our hands clean at school, but the Flu is proving to be quite contagious.

Please check your child for signs and symptoms of illness before sending them to school. A child who needs a medication for symptoms of illness likely needs to stay home and rest so that they can recover, and so that they don't spread their illness to those around them. Students must be at least 24 hours free from fever (without medication), vomiting and diarrhea, before returning to school. If they still have a persistent cough, then they are likely still contagious. Please do not send them back until their cough is getting better. When in doubt, please reach out to our school nurse or your child's primary health care provider for guidance. For more information about the flu, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/keyfacts.htm>

If your child will be absent for any reason, please remember to email attendance@mbscs.org with the expected dates of absence and the reason. After 3 days of absence for illness, we ask that your child get a doctor's note to return to school.

Counselor Corner

Parents, thinking of buying your child a smartphone for Christmas???? STOP! Please check out this helpful resource...[Wait Until 8th](#). Parents, delay the smartphone until at least 8th grade. "Let kids be kids a little longer, Wait Until 8th" We'll talk more, you will be hearing from me over the next few weeks. I feel very strongly about this as I have seen the impact on our children over the past 16 years while I have worked at MBS. I am always here to talk. Love and Prayers, Theresa Gabbard, tgabbard@mbscs.org



Athletics

Upcoming Basketball Schedule:

Girls Practice: Mon, 12/5 from 3:00-5:15pm
Girls Games: Wed, 12/7, JV Home v St. Francis, 4:00pm
Thu, 12/8, Varsity Away @The Salisbury School, 4pm, ED 2:35pm

Boys Practice: Tue, 12/6 (JV) 3-4pm, (Varsity) 3:00-4:45pm
Boys Games: Wed, 12/7, JV Home v St. Francis, 5:00pm
Thu, 12/8, Varsity Away @ The Salisbury School, 5pm, ED 2:35pm

"Lettuce" Talk about Hot Lunch

We recommend placing orders for the week on Sunday, by 9:00pm. Please go online to order lunches.

Log in <https://mbscs.ahotlunch.com/login>
school code is 137MBS.

Thank you to all the students and teachers that helped us fill Gerty the Grateful Turkey's feathers. Thank you to all families that purchased specials in November. We have nine (9) winners for the one free lunch in December. Each of these students will receive a certificate to redeem any day in December for their hot lunch.

We are offering a la carte gift certificates for purchase in the denominations of \$1.00, \$5.00, and \$10.00 and \$20.00. These make great gifts for your students, their classmates, and of course for their teachers! Order forms are included in the Thursday folders.

Ms. Clubb and Mrs. Rutzler
cdrutzler@gmail.com

HSA News

We wanted to Thank everyone who came, donated, supported and sponsored this years annual gala. It was a beautiful event, with lots of auction items, cheers and holiday spirit. The HSA couldn't do what we do with out the support of our families. We appreciate all that you do!

There are several opportunities both big and small for involvement within the HSA and lots of ways to volunteer at the school. Email us: HSA@mbscs.org

Need to record HSA FIP hours, please use this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeZVLeYuuJ-u1JrW2he_kxc4lcehtxPx14RM-0a6v6omLHrIg/viewform

Calendar of events:

12/1—Berlin Christmas Parade. To volunteer, sign-up

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4fabae2aa1f58-christmas>

12/5-12/8—Little Shoppers. Volunteer sign-up
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b044baea72fa4f49-little>

12/16—Spirit Day & Night, Drop & Shop at Berlin Activities Depot from 7-9pm (pre-registration, waiver, checks \$20 per child required, ages 5+, due 12/2)

1/20—Spirit Day and Family B-I-N-G-O Night!

4/28—COLOR Run @ MBS

Our Theme: One Body in Christ: Part Three—Rights and Responsibilities

Each person has a right to life.

We have a responsibility to protect and respect each person's right to life.

One Body in Christ