

Dolphin Days

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School



December 8, 2022

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We are so very familiar with the understanding of Advent as a time of waiting and we are equally as familiar with our impatience in this season. Of course, the culture in which we live doesn't assist us in learning to be patient. Accepting that each person is sacred and social and possesses rights and responsibilities is important to us and we want these understandings to be accepted and practiced ways of life. However, in this season of Advent, we can learn from the Israelites awaiting the Messiah. They, too, lacked patience. They, too, wanted the Kingdom of God to be manifested in the here and now. Perhaps our lesson this Advent is one of patient expectation while doing we can to promote the Kingdom of God in our world. At MBS, we look to this season as a gift on how to grow in God's reign a little bit more each day.

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 pants or knee length black skirt. No sneakers.

School News

Advent Prayer Service and Nativity Play:

We would like to welcome parents to our Advent Prayer Service, followed by our 1st and 2nd Grade Nativity Play next **Tuesday, December 13**. We will begin at **9am**.



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 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

SMARTPHONES ARE CHANGING CHILDHOOD ... <https://www.waituntil8th.org/why-wait>

Childhood is changing for children. Playing outdoors, spending time with friends, reading books and hanging out with family is happening a lot less to make room for hours of snap chatting, instagramming, and catching up on YouTube. With children spending anywhere between 3 to 7 hours daily in front of a screen, many childhood essentials are pushed aside for online amusement. – From the Wait Until 8th website. Love and Prayers, Theresa Gabbard, tgabbard@mbscs.org



Athletics

Upcoming Basketball Schedule:

Girls Practice: Mon, 12/12 from 3:00-5:15pm
Girls Games: Wed, 12/14, JV Home v Seaside Christian, 4:00pm
Thu, 12/15, Varsity Home v Seaside Christian, 4pm

Boys Practice: Tue, 12/13 (JV) 3-4pm, (Varsity) 3:00-4:45pm
Boys Games: Wed, 12/14, JV Home v Seaside Christian, 5:00pm
Thu, 12/15, Varsity Home v Seaside Christian, 5pm

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/1FAIpQLSf3asvXy3e6zHGzl7i_qaAd1ODf4PaGvFBB13in-Qv_F3KcQ/viewform

Calendar of events:

12/16—Spirit Day, Christmas Accessories

12/16—Spirit Day & Night, Drop & Shop at Berlin Activities Depot from 7-9pm (registration for this event is closed, thank you)

1/13—Save the Date! 8th Grade is hosting an adults only Putt-Putt tournament. More information to follow.

1/20—Spirit Day and Family B-I-N-G-O Night hosted by the 7th grade! If you are interested in helping, please email HSA@mbscs.org

4/28—COLOR Run @ MBS

“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.

We will celebrate National Hot Chocolate Day on Monday, December 12th. Rich and Creamy Hot Chocolate, served with whipped cream, peppermint candy cane and yummy homemade holiday dessert! Order on the app today!

Deadline to order a la carte gift certificates is tomorrow, December 9th. You may purchase certificates in the denominations of \$1.00, \$5.00, \$10.00 and \$20.00. These make great gifts for your students, their classmates, and of course for their teachers! Order forms are in your Thursday family folder. You will receive your certificates on Friday, December 16th.

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

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