

# Dolphin Days

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School



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At MBS we strive to help students, staff, and families grow in a life of prayer as they develop their relationship with the Lord. Like all relationships, prayer takes commitment, listening, responding, and waiting. We commit to daily prayer so that it becomes part of our lives. We listen in the silence of our hearts for the message that the Lord has for us. We share our joys and sorrows with the Lord, and we wait patiently for the effects of our prayer life to bear fruit, knowing that God's plan may be different from our own ideas. We are excited to begin the new school year committed to "Building the Kingdom of God" and to continuing our growth in prayer.

Per our discussion at Back-to-School Night, please take a few moments to update and submit your 2023-2024 forms in PowerSchool. Part of this process includes the Family Survey which is used to access grants funding from both Delaware and Maryland. We appreciate your participation in this survey as it affords us the ability to continue offering our students' exceptional academic curriculum and programs.

Let Us Build the Kingdom of God

*Mrs. Stillman*  
Principal



On the weekend of 9/23-9/24, during each of the Masses throughout the Diocese of Wilmington, there will be a representative speaking about the *Share in the Spirit* collection for tuition assistance. This will be the second collection at each Mass. All funds raised through this collection are used exclusively to support tuition assistance. Each year our MBS families are invited to apply through the Vision for the Future for tuition assistance. Last year **46 MBS students** received tuition assistance through the diocese in order to make Catholic education affordable for their family. The 2023-2024 online applications are now being accepted through January 31, 2024 and are to be completed in your FACTS Account.

Go to: <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>

## Library/Media

The students were welcomed back by the books this past week. It was great to see their excitement over our new books and also to see their excitement in reaching for their favorites. Please help the younger students remember to pack their book on their library day. I would also like to thank the parents and students again for the support shown in our Scholastic Book Fairs last year. This enabled me to add so many new books to our collection over the summer. Our next Scholastic Book Fair will be October 30<sup>th</sup> through November 3rd. More details to follow soon. Happy Reading! *Mrs. Northam.*

## Coming Up

**Sept 11-29: Family Survey for Federal Programs Due**

**Sept 15: Spirit Day, MBS spirit shirt and any MBS uniform shorts/pants are to be worn**

**Sept 15: Vision for the Future, Tuition Assistance Applications open until Jan 31, 2024**

**Sept 18—29: Renaissance Star Assessment**

**Sept 19 & 20: School Photos Individual and Class Dress Uniform is to be worn. *No P.E. uniforms***

**Sept 20: Informational Student Council Meeting 5-8th**

**Sept 22: Student Council Forms/Permission Slips due**

**Sept 25-29: Student Council Campaign Week**

**Sept 29: Student Campaign Speeches/Voting**

Link to school calendar below:

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

## School Info

A **HUGE** thank you to Keri Lombardo, parent of Nina in Pre-K 4, for creating our 20-year anniversary logos.

**Important School Forms-** All parents received information about completing the necessary forms, for the beginning of the school year, in PowerSchool through their Parent Portal. Access information along with instructions for updating the information has been sent home. Please take the time to look for this information in your Back-to-School folder and complete the forms in PowerSchool. If assistance is needed contact Mrs. Gunther at [cgunther@mbscs.org](mailto:cgunther@mbscs.org). Please complete these forms ASAP.

## **Health Suite**

**WELCOME BACK:** As the school year begins, I would like to share a few reminders! If your child is going to be absent, late, or leaving early please call the school or email [attendance@mbscs.org](mailto:attendance@mbscs.org) to make us aware. To decrease illness, remind your children to cover sneezes and cough into their elbow. Ensure your children are washing their hands correctly and frequently. Hands should be washed before eating, after going to the bathroom, and when they are visibly dirty. Please lead by example and be sure you are washing them frequently at home as well! Happy new school year! Email address: [cwilkinson@mbscs.org](mailto:cwilkinson@mbscs.org) Nurse Wilkinson

## **Athletics**

### **Co-Ed Golf:**

Tu, 9/19- Player Evaluations- 3:15 to 4:45pm- Ocean Resorts Golf Club

Th, 9/21- Player Evaluations- 3:15 to 4:45pm- Ocean Resorts Golf Club

### **Girls Volleyball:**

Tu, 9/19- Player Evaluations- 3:15 to 4:45pm- MBS Gymnasium

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### **Co-Ed Soccer:**

Tu, 9/19- Practice- 3:15 to 4:45pm- MBS Athletic Field

Th, 9/21- Practice- 3:15 to 4:45pm- MBS Athletic Field

**THANK YOU:** We would like to thank the following individuals for helping coach our student-athletes this Fall:

**Co-Ed Golf:** Hazel Freeman, Damian McAlister, Bart Wilson;

**Co-Ed Soccer:** Julio Castellanos, Travis Fones;

**Girls Volleyball:** Steve Wanner, Jessie Simpson, and Christa Gunther.

## **Counselor Corner**

Welcome back to school!! It is so exciting to start a new school year with this MBS family. My name is Theresa Gabbard, I am the School Counselor! I am at MBS on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. I will be here for our students and families. I will be visiting classes and seeing students as needed. I will communicate in this weekly newsletter to let you all know what the classroom focus will be when I visit our classes. Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns by email at [tgabbard@mbscs.org](mailto:tgabbard@mbscs.org) or call the school on a day I am here. Let's have a great school year. May God bless us all!!

## **ICE CREAM TUESDAYS**

On Tuesdays, the MBS athletic program will be selling ice cream at the end of lunch (K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade). Please look in this week's take-home folder for the sign-up sheet. Parents can pre-pay \$40.00 (through FACTS) and their child will receive an ice cream each Tuesday for the entire school year! The price is \$1.50 each week for those students who choose to pay with cash. We will start selling ice cream on Tuesday, September 26th.

## **HSA News**

Welcome Back from the HSA! We have many exciting events planned this year.

### **Calendar of Events:**

**Sept 15:** Spirit Day, MBS spirit shirts and MBS uniform shorts/pants are to be worn.

**Sept 20:** Spirit Shirt Order Form Due

**Oct 31:** Halloween at School: We need a Committee Chair and Volunteers. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044BAEA72FA4F49-halloween2#/>

**Nov 10:** MBS Roaring 20's Gala to celebrate MBS' 20 years! **SAVE THE DATE!** For sponsorship or donation opportunities please email [hsa@mbscs.org](mailto:hsa@mbscs.org)

Do you like to decorate and want to earn FIP Hours? Join the **MBS Beautification Committee** and help decorate the front doors for the Fall season.

The HSA is in need of volunteers to serve on the **Hospitality Committee** to organize refreshments for events when visitors come to our school. **If interested in either committee, please Email: [hsa@mbscs.org](mailto:hsa@mbscs.org)**

Changes for the 23-24 School Year:  
All FIP Hours must be recorded by you using the link <https://tinyurl.com/MBSFIPHrs23>

***Our Theme: Let Us Build the Kingdom of God***

***The Beatitudes***

***September: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Virtue—Simplicity***