

Dolphin Days



Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School

February 29, 2024

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Lenten Activities Schedule

March 4: Confessions for grades 2-8, 10:00am

March 14: Rosary prayed, in church, after the 1:00pm Mass, 1st—8th grades

March 18-22: Classes will pray the Stations of the Cross at MBS.

March 21: World Down Syndrome Day, Rock Your Socks Day, \$5 to purchase mismatched socks, \$2 to wear your own mismatched socks.

March 27: Sacred Silence throughout the morning. The 8th grade will perform Shadow Stations, 9:00am

We are proud to announce that two of our middle school students came in second place in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) American History Essay Contest. Our two essay winners are Kate Wanner (8th grade) and Trey Deale (6th grade). They will be honored during the county-wide awards ceremony in April. Congratulations Kate and Trey!

The third round of **Renaissance testing** will begin the week of March 4.

Annual Appeal: Thank you to all our families that have participated in our Annual Fund. This year, our goal is 100% participation from our families. So far, 22% have contributed. We have reached 70% of our \$30,000 goal. In April we will be raffling off various prizes based off your donation amount. Don't miss out on a chance to win some great prizes. Check back during March for more information.

Let Us Build the Kingdom of God

Mrs. Stillman

Principal

Attention Maryland Residents

The Maryland Department of Education has opened the **BOOST** Scholarships Application for the 2024-2025 School Year.

BOOST provides tuition support for families and allows the school to apply for Maryland Grants. Awards are granted based on household income, with the lowest income served first.

The BOOST application is **available until May 3, 2024, at 11:59 PM**. Click on the following link to apply. <https://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/index.aspx> Please contact Mrs. Gunther at cgunther@mbscs.org with questions.

Read-A-Thon and Hit the Books

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Read-A-Thon. We have raised \$13,841. Donations are being accepted until March 7th. It's not too late to send emails or text messages to family or friends asking for their support. Every student who receives donations gets to shop for prizes, so make sure your students log into their reader accounts to see the available prizes.

In addition to the read-a-thon prizes, MBS has prizes for the top fundraiser as well as the top class.



Coming Up

March 1: Trimester 2 Ends

March 4: Confessions, 10:30am

March 4-22: Renaissance Star Assessment

March 11: No school for students. Professional Development Day for teachers

March 14: Digital Report Cards

March 14: Mass, 1:00pm

March 15: Spirit Day, Wear your MBS Spirit shirt with uniform bottoms and uniform shoes/sneakers. ST. PATRICK'S DAY Accessories may be worn.

March 18-22: Scholastic Book Fair

March 21-22: Disney's Peter Pan, Jr. Performances will begin at 7:00pm

Link to school calendar below:

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

Health Suite

Hello parents! To help prevent spreading of illness, please remember our illness policy. Keep your child home if they have a persistent cough, diarrhea, vomiting, or fever over 100 degrees. Your child must be diarrhea and fever free for 24 hours without the use of medications before returning to school. If your child is absent 3 or more days, they will need a doctor's note to return to school. Email attendance@mbscs.org if your child will be absent or late and include the dates and reason for absence. Thank you!

Athletics

The **Marine Corps Fitness Challenge** for our 3rd-8th graders will take place throughout the day on Friday, March 8th. Students in each grade level will perform 5 different fitness challenges (push-ups, sit-ups, pull-ups, standing long jump, 300-yard dash). The top three overall in each grade level will receive a medal.

We will start the **softball season** with practices the week of April 8-11. Parents of girls interested in playing should email Mr. Haskell at jhaskell@mbscs.org. 5th-8th graders may play.

Uniform Return: Please return any MBS jerseys used for the basketball season. Families will be billed \$50 through FACTS at the end of the academic year for any jerseys not returned.

March 2 - Early-bird Rate Ends for YEARBOOK Sales

Be sure to order your MBS 2023-2024 yearbook at the early-bird rate of \$40 until March 2nd. The rate will increase to \$45 after March 2nd. Online purchases will have a small service fee. **Reminder:** All 8th grade students that have a tribute ad running in that yearbook will **not** need to purchase a yearbook, as one is included with their ad fee.

https://www.iostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1461083/Most-Blessed-Sacrament-School/2024-Yearbook/2024012504161633089/CATALOG_SHOP/

Counseling Corner

Parents, this month, as I visit all grades, we will be working on feelings, our mental health and learning healthy coping tools.

Parents, please take the time to read and print this out. It is a very important tool to help parents have conversations with our children about Social Media.

<http://tinyurl.com/Wait-Until-8-SocialMediaGuide>

(squarespace.com)

Parents, please use this resource for tools and advice to prolong the introduction of smartphones and other devices. Smartphones and social media are negatively impacting our children's mental health. Let's work together to delay the introduction of smartphones and social media.

<https://www.waituntil8th.org/wait-until-8th-essentials>

HSA News

March 1: TOAST Dine & Donate Fundraiser to support our 7th Grade. Place orders by Monday, February 26.

March 15: Game World Fundraiser for 8th grade, 4:00-8:00pm

March 15: Spirit Day!

Wear your MBS Spirit wear shirt with uniform bottoms and uniform shoes/sneakers.

April 19: Mother-Son Event

Help us plan a special night for moms and sons. Email HSA@mbscs.org to join the planning committee.

May 3: Color Run—SAVE THE DATE

Need to record FIP Hours? Click here:

<https://tinyurl.com/MBSFIPHrs23>

Interested in joining the HSA next year?

Email hsa@mbscs.org

Our Theme: Let Us Build the Kingdom of God

The Beatitudes

February: Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Virtue—Mercy