



The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

AUGUST 13, 2020

DATES FOR YOUR PLANNER

- August 13 – First Full day of PK/K/1st Grade / Nurse Frances Avery's Birthday
- August 19 – Individual School Pictures - dress uniforms required
- August 19 – Classroom Coordinator Meeting, 6pm, St. Ursula
- August 20 - Dress Uniform Day
- August 23 - Anna Schiebe's (Music Teacher) Birthday

FACTS about

- We are no longer using Plus Portals (Rediker), so you can delete that app.
- FACTSmgt.com is the new system for MBS. You can download that app.
- If you still need to create a login, click here for instructions.
- Login Information: Select Parent Login>Facts Family Portal
- District Code is MBS-LA
- Click [here](#) for some detailed instructions on what is available to you, such as Time & Talent, Student Schedules, & Personal Contact Information.



EVERY THURSDAY IS DRESS UNIFORM DAY.
THE END.



**Spirit
Shirts**

**All we need is your child's size.
One shirt is FREE with price of tuition.**

Click [HERE](#)

**Only one order will be placed. If you
want to buy an extra shirt, do so now.
Deadline to complete this form is
August 28.**

School Pictures

Barberito Photographers will be at Most Blessed Sacrament School on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19TH to photograph your student for the yearbook. Parents, at this time portrait packages may be purchased by either turning in the order form **the day of** the portrait program or by ordering online. Please follow the instructions below for online ordering:

[CLICK HERE](#)

- Enter your name
- Enter your email address
- Select a package and style
- Follow the step by step payment instructions.
- ONLINE SPECIAL: spend \$40 and receive a free 8x10



Lunch Update

For your planning purposes, you may access the Child Nutrition Program site [here](#). Monthly Menus (at bottom of page) and daily fees are available.

[CLICK HERE](#)

CHILD PROTECTION

According to the Safe Environment/Child Protection Policy mandated by the Diocese of Baton Rouge, all parish and school ministry volunteers/chaperones must complete a mandatory background check and child protection training.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops revised the child protection policies. Please note that all volunteers that have a child protection file must update their file with the revised forms in order to maintain their child protection credentials.

Child protection files that are not updated will be closed during the database sweep in the summer. The update consists of the revised Code of Ethics (12-31-2019) and the online child protection training certificate for Serving Vulnerable Populations.

The Chaperone and Volunteer Requirements Agreement 2020-2021 has been attached also.. Please mark the 2020-2021 grade level of each child in the Class section. Two hours may be counted on your Time and Talent card for updating your child protection file.

Please scan and email the updated paperwork to childprotection@mbsbr.org.

New Volunteer New Volunteer Applications are being accepted at this time. Anyone that has not completed the child protection process for MBS School previously, please email your volunteer request to childprotection@mbsbr.org.

Five hours may be counted towards your Time and Talent hours completing the child protection process.

Home & School RAFFLE

3 MONTHS
FREE
TUITION

FIRST IN
LINE
CARPOOL

How to purchase tickets

Option 1: Complete a paper ticket (sent home and send cash or check payment. If you need additional paper tickets, email your homeroom teacher. They will have additional tickets to send home.

Option 2: Complete this google form [here](#). This version allows for online payment, cash, or check.

DEADLINE
AUGUST 28

Drawing will be August 31

CLASS LINK is coming! This will help with google passwords & online textbooks. Stay Tuned!



Visit smile.amazon.com and select Most Blessed Sacrament as the charity organization and a % of your money will go to MBS on all of your purchases. You must shop from this link also.



REMINDER: Rainy Days

Rainy Day carpool protocol had changed prior to Spring 2020.

Parents should remain in carpool line and proceed as usual.

Parents **SHOULD NOT** park and retrieve students from classrooms.



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change to carpool

Great News!!! The Car Rider Pro Scanner was installed! A few changes due to our new system:

Morning Carpool

You may make 2 lines starting at the gate that goes into the parking lot. A staff member will be on duty to make sure each line is rotated correctly (alternating left and right) as cars form into one line into the parking lot.

Afternoon Carpool

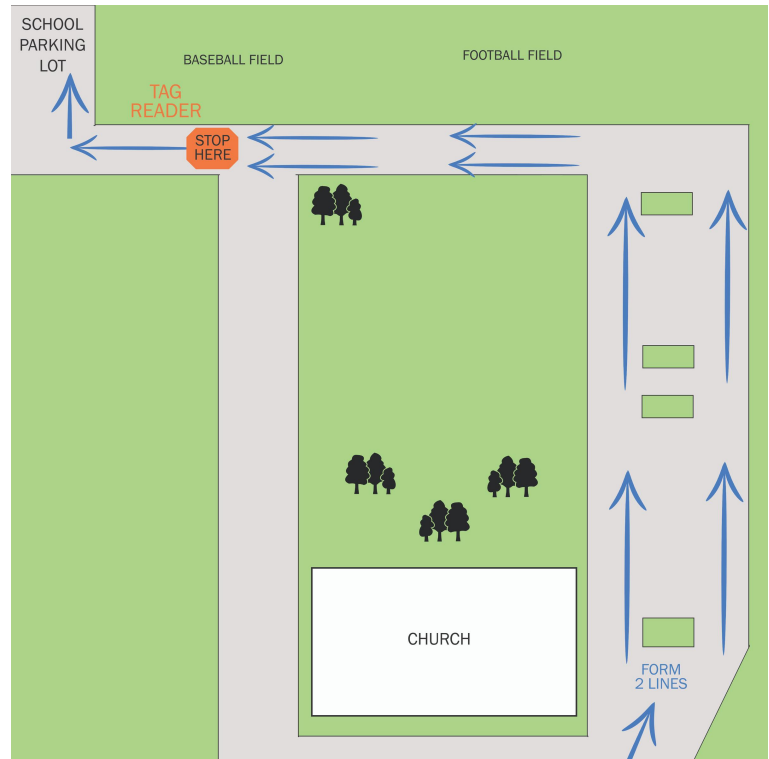
You will start a little further back from the gate (please see the map). There will be cones blocking the driveway into the school parking lot.

Cars may line up in TWO lines at the cones.

A staff member will direct a vehicle one at a time to pass through the new Car Rider Pro Scanner. The line will rotate. The right vehicle will go, then the left vehicle will go, then the right vehicle will go, then the left vehicle will go, etc.

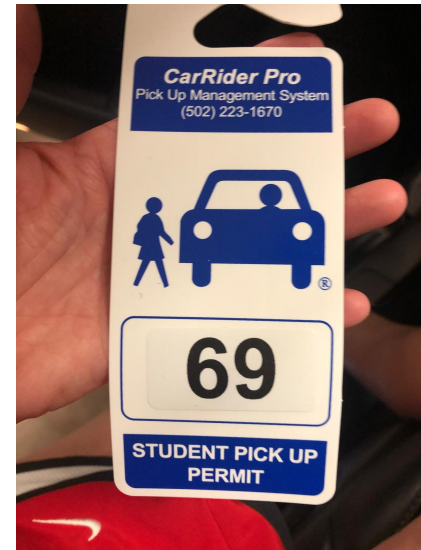
The staff member directing the vehicles during the rotation will start letting cars go through the scanner around 2:30-2:40.

This will allow the first vehicles to be lined up at the cones when the students



CARPPOOL TAGS

- **New Carpool Tags must be hanging from your review mirror. You received two last week. Previous Years' tags are unacceptable.**
- **If you do not have a tag, you must wait in line, park, and a teacher will speak with you after carpool has concluded. Please REMAIN in your CAR.**
- **If you need an additional tag, you may purchase one by completing the form [here](#). We will only order additional tags this one time for the 2020-21 year.**



School Mass Info

Due to the state's COVID guidelines and restrictions, we will limit school liturgies to one grade level per week at the present time. We are limited to the number of participants for Mass, so we are asking family members to refrain from joining school liturgies. If you choose to join us for Mass, please know that you will not be allowed to pull any student prior, during or after Mass due to our mandated guidelines and restrictions. Thank you for your understanding in this matter as our students are able to come together as a Body of Christ.



Weekend Mass continues to be recorded and posted to the MBS Church [YouTube Channel](#).

Subscribe today!

Time & Talent Hours

Please click [here](#) to see how you can help school while earning service hours. Hours should be recorded in FACTS.

"Meanwhile these three remain: faith, hope, and love; and the greatest of these is love."
1 Corinthians 13:13

Dear Parents,

When you ask your child about their day (school, friends, etc.) how often do you get: "I don't remember" "Fine" "Okay"? We want to have meaningful conversations with your children.

We want them to be excited about telling us things.

So how do we get them talking?

Of course, developing a deep, trust-based connection with your child is key here. But even then, sometimes our kids don't want to bother telling us about their day.

In this case, use this very simple tip.

Instead of asking them lots of questions ("How was school?", "What did you do there?", "Who was there?", "What happened?", or the total conversation killer "WHY" questions like,

"WHY did he do that?"), say:

"I wonder..." "I wonder if your friend was there too."

"I wonder what you had for dessert at the party..."

"I wonder who was playing with you today..."

"When you use 'I wonder' instead of asking them lots of questions, you're showing your genuine interest, you aren't being intrusive, and you aren't demanding their answers. Your children will WANT to satisfy your curiosity. Try using "I wonder" next time you want your child to tell you about their day and see how it goes.

**COUNSELOR'S
CORNER**

Taken from Big Life Journal

PONDERING FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

I was preparing for our 6th Grade Bible Blessing last night and came across a message I shared at our first liturgy last year. I guess God was speaking to me because the message resonated with me more today than it did then, so I am going to share a little of it with you. "Now, I'm sure there are some of you who might think going back to school is not such a good reason to celebrate — and yet that is what we do. We celebrate being with one another again.

Over the course of this new academic year, much of what you will experience will be 'routin'" — quizzes and tests, field trips and recess, homework and projects. And then there will be those things that 'pop up' that we never expected — making new friends, that unexpected 'good grade,' that unexpected 'not-so-good grade,' triumphs and disappointments, achievements and setbacks, days when you can't wait to get to school, and days when you can't wait for that final bell to ring."

Last year, the office experienced a flood when the air conditioning pipes in the attic burst. The entire office staff was displaced, and many of the school's daily routines were forced to change. On the very day we were moving back into the office, we found out that the Governor was issuing a stay-at-home order due to Covid-19. Who would have ever thought that the final bell on March 13, 2020, would be the final bell we would hear until August 5, 2020? Yet here we are, back at school with over five hundred students attending in person and approximately thirty students attending virtually – a reason to celebrate!

Last week, the faculty gathered for in-service. On Monday, Mr. Boudreaux, our Director of Religious Formation, led the faculty in a special prayer service. During the prayer service he played the song "Overcomer" by Mandisa. While the lyrics were powerful, the title, "Overcomer," is what captured my attention and has lived in my mind ever since. When I think of the year 2020, I can't help but think that God is calling us to be "overcomers." Everyone faces challenges just like God's son, Jesus did. However, Jesus overcame the greatest challenge ever when he was crucified and rose from the dead.

Living through this pandemic has been tough on everyone. We are all suffering from Covid fatigue and longing for normalcy, but "overcomers" we are and "overcomers" we will continue to be – just like Jesus.

OVERCOMERS



The MBS Adoration Chapel has reopened. Only four people allowed at a time. Call the Church Office at 752-6230 for the access code or to reserve a spot.

Mr. Denis, or as our little pelicans call him, "Mr. Dentist" lost his mother this week. Please pray for him and his family. Mr. Denis has been serving our Church and School since 2003.

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Teachers are in need of water for afternoon carpool. Please click [here](#) to donate water. Donations go towards your time & talent hours.