



MBS Sunday Message – February 1, 2026



From the Principal's Desk

Two weeks ago, I attended the MBS Church Finance Council Meeting. At the meeting I presented the 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget as well as tuition and fees for the 2026-2027 school year. Last week, this was shared with the MBS Council of Education and now I would like to share some MBS financial information with you.

The preliminary budget for the 2026-2027 school year is right at \$5,000,000.

- Of the budget, about 90% is allocated to faculty and staff salaries and benefits – approximately \$4,450,000. This is covered directly by tuition and fees.
- Over the last three years, the MBS Finance Council and Council of Education made a commitment to raise teacher salaries. Combined, they have received a 16% increase over those three years.
 - Non-teaching faculty have also received increases at various increments. The Diocese of Baton Rouge provides salary guidance to Diocesan schools by providing a proposed salary scale each year. Each Diocesan school has their own salary scale based upon the Diocesan scale; some pay more and some less than the proposed Diocesan scale. MBS is proud to say that they pay more. We have not yet received the Diocesan pay scale for comparison purposes. This year, all teaching faculty will receive a step increase as indicated on the MBS pay scale.
- All school benefits and insurances are offered through the Diocese and therefore subject to a percentage of the fees associated with MBS' use of benefits and insurance. This year due to inflation and increased prices the MBS preliminary budget reflects:

- \$44/month for 11 months increase in tuition for in-parish IOG students to cover salaries and benefits and operational costs – [2026-2027 Tuition and Fees](#)
- Six percent (4% increase) for 401(K) contribution match
- Seven percent increase for long term disability
- Twenty percent increase for life insurance
- 3.5% increase in Dayforce fees (this is the payroll system the Diocese uses)
- Fifteen percent increase in property insurance
- Fifteen percent increase in student accident insurance
- Fifteen percent increase in health insurance
- We are often asked what expenses are covered by fees, so we wanted to share:
 - Enrollment Fee – This fee covers the costs of textbooks, curriculum resource, professional development for teachers, student accident insurance, spirit shirts as well as Home and School Dues.
 - Technology Fee – Covers all technology hardware and software, online academic platforms, cyber insurance, cyber security, and networking maintenance
 - Security fee – Covers the salaries of our security resource officers who received a \$5 raise per hour this year.
 - PK/K/1 Fee – Covers school supplies and snacks
 - 8th Grade Fee – Covers cap and gown, 8th Grade Composite, Diploma, 8th Grade End of the Year Field Trip and Youth Legislature as well as gifts to honor their teachers at Christmas and at the end of the year.

We appreciate the sacrifices you make to send your children to MBS and promise that we work hard to be good stewards of the financial treasure you share with us. We are truly grateful. We are also thankful to the support of MBS Church, the many donations shared, fund raising efforts and volunteer hours that allow for us to offer so many amazing things to our students and faculty and staff.

In Christ,
Mrs. Cheri Gioe, Prinicipal

Kindness 101 - "Empathy" - Four-Year-Old Superhero Has the Power to Feed the Homeless - <https://youtu.be/tuVq0xHy5xM>

Discussion Questions:

- What is empathy?
 - The ability to experience the thoughts and feelings of someone else.
- What did you learn from Austin Perine?
- How did Austin show love and compassion towards others?
- What impact did Austin's actions have on the homeless community?
- How can we apply Austin's example to our own lives?

Pelican Express Newsletter Link - [January 29, 2026](#)

Announcements

- The last day to enroll for new PK and K Students is February 10.

Save the Date

- Mardi Gras Break begins February 16
- MBS Gala - February 28 - Country Club of Louisiana
- Women's ACTS Retreat - March 5-8
- Pelican Classic Golf Tournament - March 16 - Registration Link is live
- MBS Mother/Son Event - March 27 - 6-9pm
- Men's ACTS Retreat - April 9
- MBS Fair - October 23-25, 2026