



## MBS Parish School of Religion (PSR)

### *Parent Newsletter*

September 2021 - April 2022

**Welcome to our new Parish School of Religion (PSR) year!** It is wonderful to have our new and returning families together for PSR at Most Blessed Sacrament. We are grateful that you have invited us into the lives of your children as we share the love and teachings of our Catholic faith.

Kindergarten – 10<sup>th</sup> grade Classes meet on **Sunday mornings** from **9:15am - 11:00 a.m.**

Confirmation Candidates in 11<sup>th</sup> grade meet on **Sunday evenings** from **5:00 pm – 7:00 pm.**

Elementary Classes in K – 8<sup>th</sup> grades meet twice each month. High School Classes in 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> meet once each month.

#### **TEXTBOOKS:**

Grades 1-8 use *Alive in Christ* from *Our Sunday Visitor Publishing*. This publisher has a great website with additional child and family activities [aliveinchrist.osv.com](http://aliveinchrist.osv.com).

High School classes use *Chosen* from *Ascension Press*.

#### **OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STAFF:**

**Jeanne Mancuso**, Coordinator of Christian Formation, MBS Parish

**Celeste Rabalais**, Coordinator of Christian Formation, MBS School

**Judy Carr**, PSR Coordinator

**Roslyn Landry**, Child Protection Coordinator

Judy Carr can be reached in the PSR office on Sunday mornings at [751-5867](tel:751-5867)

**PSR CALENDARS** The *2021-2022 calendars* can be found on the MBS parish website at:

<https://www.mbsp parish.org/services/parish-school-of-religion>

**PSR and MASS:** Both PSR EDUCATION and WORSHIP are important for a child's formation. The PSR class times allow families to attend either 8:00 a.m. Mass before PSR or 11:30 a.m. Mass after PSR. If you don't think that your child will be able to sit that long, please make plans to attend the vigil mass Saturday evening.

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:** Each student attending PSR on campus should complete an EMERGENCY INFORMATION form and a COVID waiver. The forms may be found at

<https://www.mbsp parish.org/services/parish-school-of-religion>

#### **STUDENT ARRIVAL AND DROP-OFF:**

Elementary/Middle School children in K – 8<sup>th</sup> grades must be walked to the class by a parent. The front gate will be opened at 9:10. **Please do not bring your child before 9:10 am.** There will be NO SUPERVISION in the classrooms until then.

High School students in 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grades may walk in themselves.

Please talk to your High School students who drive themselves about parking lot safety & etiquette. Students are expected to drive **carefully and cautiously**. In the event of a driving infraction, the student's parent will be notified and asked to drive their child for the remainder of the year.

**Students are not to enter a class unattended.** They should remain outside of class until the teacher arrives. **Please explain this to your children.**

#### **STUDENT DISMISSAL:**

There will be **no carpool**. Children must be picked up from the classroom **at 11:00 a.m.** This is for the protection of your children. Please, do not allow them to be picked up elsewhere on the property. Please be **on time** out of respect for the catechists who are trying to get to mass. Children not picked up by 11:10 will be waiting in the Office of Religious Education (PSR office).

### **PSR ABSENTEE POLICY:**

**1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grades:** Parents are to review the missed lessons (see the “Scope & Sequence” chart) in order to keep the child on schedule.

**9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Grades:** If your child is not going to be at class, PLEASE NOTIFY our office by emailing [mbspsr@gmail.com](mailto:mbspsr@gmail.com) any time before a PSR Sunday or by calling 751-5867 on the Sunday of PSR. If we have not been notified of a student’s absence beforehand, we will call the student’s parents to verify.

Excessive absenteeism may result in a child having to repeat a grade, especially in regards to sacramental preparation. The coordinator/director reserves the right to determine if a student is sufficiently prepared to enter the next grade or to be retained for an additional year.

**CIRCLE OF GRACE:** This year’s child protection lesson will be held **Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup>** for ALL Grades. Due to the length of the required lessons for 6<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> grades, these classes will stay until 1:00 pm on November 7<sup>th</sup> to finish the lesson. We will serve them lunch while they are here. Parents have the option to remove any of their child(ren) from the Circle of Grace lesson...more information and an OPT OUT form will follow at a later date.

**STUDENT DISCIPLINE:** Our teachers are volunteers. Please be respectful. Simple rules of behavior are outlined at the first class. If a problem persists after adequate warnings, the teacher will notify the parent and the Director of the problem.

### **BASIC RULES...Please review the list of class rules that was discussed in the opening classes:**

1. ONLY registered students and catechists specific to each class are allowed in the classrooms.
2. EVERYONE on campus must **wear a mask** indoors. Please bring your own mask!
3. Students are expected to respect their teachers and other classmates.
4. Students will respect ALL MBS property and the property of others
5. MBS computers and equipment are not to be tampered with at any time.
6. Students are not to “borrow” anything from the classroom or the desk they occupy.
7. Students are expected to follow instructions THE FIRST TIME.
8. Students are expected to keep their desk area clean and to pick up after themselves.
9. NO CELL PHONES or electronics of ANY kind. If they are seen, they will be confiscated & returned to the parents.
10. NO WEAPONS OR PIECES OF WEAPONS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO P.S.R.
11. Students do not enter a class without an adult being in the classroom with them.
12. ***NO SMOKING of any kind, FOUL LANGUAGE OR IMMORAL BEHAVIOR AT ANY TIME ON THE MBS CAMPUS.***

**DRESS CODE:** Students are asked to wear **APPROPRIATE, MODEST and DECENT clothing** to all PSR classes. **Parents will be called to bring a change of clothes if students are dressed inappropriately.**

### **COVID GUIDELINES:**

- **Masks** covering the mouth and nose will be required of everyone indoors on campus. Please bring your own!
- Catechists and students should use **hand sanitizer upon entering the classroom.**
- Catechists, students, and parents should maintain appropriate **social distancing AT ALL TIMES...** in the classroom, when walking along the breezeway, and in the restrooms.
- NO PARENTS are allowed inside the classrooms.
- NO FOOD will be allowed in the classrooms. Please have your child finish his/her breakfast before PSR.
- The **water fountains** are turned off. Students may bring his/her own personal bottle of water as long as it can be sealed with a screw-on cap to avoid spills.
- Please remind students to cough/sneeze into the bend of his/her elbow.
- Students should **wash their hands with soap & water** after using the restroom.
- If your student or someone in your immediate family has been exposed to or has COVID-19, please email [mbspsr@gmail.com](mailto:mbspsr@gmail.com) Monday – Saturday or call the PSR office at 751-5867 on Sunday mornings of PSR. We will discuss the appropriate action for your particular circumstance.