



# The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

MARCH 18, 2021

## DATES FOR YOUR PLANNER

- March 18-22 - Food Bank Collection
- March 22-24 - Dance Team Tryouts
- March 24 - Kindness Club Meeting
- March 25 - Seventh Grade Retreat / Mass / Dress Uniforms
- March 31 - Praise & Worship, 7:15am, St. Ursula

**First Day of School**

**August 6, 2021**

**SAVE THE DATES**

**Pelican Games**

**April 23, 2021**

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Food Drive**  
**Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank**  
**Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**



This year each grade will be assigned a particular food to benefit the GBRFB. Coming off of an outstanding Fun Run Fundraiser, let's keep the momentum going by encouraging student participation to help feed the hungry within our community. The following is the break down of food donations by grade.

Grade	Food Item
Pre-K	Rice
Kindergarten	Pasta
1 <sup>st</sup>	Peanut Butter
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Canned Fruit/Fruit Cups
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Plastic Jars or Can Spaghetti Sauce Canned Ravioli, Spaghetti O's...
4 <sup>th</sup>	Tuna Fish
5 <sup>th</sup>	Canned Soup
6 <sup>th</sup>	Canned Vegetables
7 <sup>th</sup>	Jelly
8 <sup>th</sup>	Dried Beans

The GBRFB will also accept monetary donations made **payable to Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank.**

**WE WILL NEED SEVERAL VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE PELICAN GAMES IN APRIL! IT'S AN ALL-DAY EVENT. ONLY THOSE VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE CLEARED BY THE OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION WILL BE ALLOWED ON CAMPUS.**

# CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

- Should anyone (not just students) in your family have fever, cough, congestion, headache, sneezing, loss of taste/smell, or any other COVID symptom, please keep EVERYONE home and contact Nurse Frances at [FAvery@mbsbr.org](mailto:FAvery@mbsbr.org).
- If you or a family member has been exposed to or diagnosed with COVID, keep everyone home and contact Nurse Frances at [FAvery@mbsbr.org](mailto:FAvery@mbsbr.org)
- If you or anyone in your family has been tested for COVID and are awaiting results, keep everyone home and contact Nurse Frances at [FAvery@mbsbr.org](mailto:FAvery@mbsbr.org)
- Nurse Frances will walk you through what needs to be done. If that means your student(s) must quarantine, we will allow them to participate in Virtual Learning for the specified time.

For Covid Guidelines,  
[CLICK HERE](#)

## OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION

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

Child Protection credentials allow the holder of these credentials the opportunity to chaperone/volunteer at MBS School. All credentialed adults must abide by the sign-up and confirmation process for each event.

Please be aware that many files have been closed due to inactivity, and/or files not being updated.

For assistance with child protection credentials, please contact Mrs. R Landry at 225-753-5526 or [childprotection@mbsbr.org](mailto:childprotection@mbsbr.org)



# MBS FLAMINGO NIGHT

(TEACHERS VS. 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS)

**WHEN**

**Friday, March 19th  
6 pm - till**

**WHERE**

**The Oasis**

**7477 BURBANK DR., BATON ROUGE, LA 70820**

- **Outside Deck and Volleyball Courts reserved**
- **Food and Drinks available for purchase**
- **Tables available; 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> serve**
- **Families are welcome**



Tuition payment plans for the 2021-2022 school year will be finalized March 31, 2021. Parents will be charged the FACTS (Tuition) Enrollment Fee around April 10th. The fee of \$20-\$50 depends on the payment plan selected at time of enrollment. If parents also selected "Peace of Mind," an additional \$20 will be charged. These charges go directly to FACTS and not MBS.





# Sizzling SUMMER AT SJA

Celebrating  
31 Years!

Great Summer Camps for Girls  
Boys are invited to attend Technology Camps

Registration opens March 1. Visit [sizzlingsummer.org](http://sizzlingsummer.org) to view our brochure and register for camps.



### Athletics

Volleyball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Softball, Fitness Training, Soccer



### Arts

Art, Theater, Media Arts, Dance



### Themed Day Camps

Adventures in Fairy Tales, Camping with the Stickers, Aloha Summer, Holiday Extravaganza, Summer Olympics



### Enrichment

Cooking, Baking, Sewing, Knitting, Babysitting 101, Scrapbooking, Girls Just Want to Have Fun

St. Joseph's Academy Sizzling Summer offers a limited amount of financial assistance for prospective campers through our Endowed Scholarship program. Assistance is granted to campers with financial need that will be determined on an individual basis.

Please contact Cristina Benigno at (225) 388-2226 or [benignoc@sjabr.org](mailto:benignoc@sjabr.org) for more information.



### Academics

Study Skills, Spanish, Ancient Greece and Rome TOGA, Algebra I Prep, Algebra II Prep, Geometry Prep, All STEM Leads to Rome



### Technology

3D Printing & Laser Cutting, STEAM Explorer, Keyboarding, Electronics-Robotics, Video Gaming, eSports, Chess



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MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

# CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS

Our Middle School Cheerleading Squad is open to 5th-8th grade girls!

GRAB A TRYOUT PACKET FROM MRS. WENDY IN THE OFFICE!

Tryout packets are due on Monday, March 29th.

Questions or Inquiries?  
[CDEBENEDETTO@MBSBR.ORG](mailto:CDEBENEDETTO@MBSBR.ORG)



## MBS PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES DURING LENT

### Daily Masses

Monday - Communion Service at 8:45

Tues, Wed, Fri - 8:45

Thursday (with school students) at 8:15

### Tuesday Evenings

Divine Mercy Chaplet with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction, 6:30pm

### Friday Evenings

Stations of the Cross, followed by Benediction, 6:00pm

### Saturday Mornings

Divine Mercy Chaplet, followed by the Rosary, Benediction, & a Communion Service, 8:00am



## MBS LENTEN DINNERS

EACH FRIDAY

Feb 26 - Mar 26

5:00 - 7:00

To comply with safety protocols, we will have a limited number of men cooking. Each week, we will cook 500 fish dinners and 250 crawfish pies.

### NEW FOR 2021

ONLY FISH DINNERS & CRAWFISH PIES

DRIVE-THROUGH PICK-UP ONLY

FISH DINNER \$8  
CRAWFISH PIE \$3

### DRIVE-THROUGH

- ◆ Enter through the church driveway on Jefferson
- ◆ Drive to the back of the church by the football field
- ◆ Pick-up will be next to the old playground
- ◆ You will exit through the school lot to Barringer



Log your Service Hours  
into FACTS.

Go to Family > Family Home. You  
will see "Service Hours" in the  
middle of the screen. Click "add"  
to add the hours. You must type  
in a description. Select "type a  
custom value," and then type  
your description.

# TIME & TALENT LOG

## LOST & FOUND





# Receiving Notifications

After enrollment, parents began receiving notifications regarding your child's grades from "RenWeb Support."

Do you want to change the frequency of these notifications? From your desktop, login to FACTS, then go to:

- Family Home
- Online Filing Cabinet
- Custodial Parent Form
- Parent Preferences
- Auto Email Gradebook Progress Report

*Select: Daily, Weekly, Never*

NOTE: the RENWEB app is not the same program as the desktop version we use. It looks similar, but the functions are not the same.



## The Notifications won't stop!

Ok, so the Parent Preferences Portion is not ENTIRELY working (you probably already figured that out).

So, if you are still receiving notifications and you don't want to, set up a rule in your email for that Sender to go automatically to your TRASH.

Voila! No more!

**Class Link** is working!  
Your kid's one-stop shop for all online resources, including textbooks!

Visit the **TECHNOLOGY** page of our website for more info!

## How to motivate yourself or others:

- **set a timer and work on "it" (that thing you don't want to do) for 5 minutes**
- **divide the project into smaller steps**
- **just do the first step**
- **reward yourself for each step forward**
- **set a larger goal that includes successful completion of the "thing" you don't want to do**
- **change the language from "I don't want to" to "I need to" or "I get to" (example: from "I don't want to work out today" to "I get to work out today.")**

Motivation is often the result of action, not the cause of it. Getting started, even in very small ways, is a form of active inspiration that naturally produces momentum.  
- James Clear

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# Piety Awards

Piety Awards are given to one boy and one girl in each homeroom each nine weeks. Students receiving the Piety Award are dutiful, respectful, and have a high regard for MBS and his/her teachers. Recipient names are kept confidential until awards are given.

## Kindergarten

Hope Boudreaux  
Zach Boudreaux  
Landry Stutes  
Cason Torrence  
Lillian Fontaine  
James Smith

## First Grade

Emily Roubique  
Benjamin Stevens  
Amelia Bourg  
Preston Matto  
Olivia Frank  
Joseph Morello

## Second Grade

Mollie Davis  
Henry Albin  
Elena Rico  
Abram Millet

## Third Grade

Penelope Pagoulato  
Grant Cloessner  
Kyleigh Russo  
Davis Foreman

## Fourth Grade

Grace Irwin  
Liam Chatelain  
Layla Jerkovic  
Beau Henderson

## Fifth Grade

Tiffany Alvarez  
Ryker Ehlers  
Lily Thrower  
Daniel Roubique

## Sixth Grade

Sierra Cormier  
Andrew Harbin  
Audrey Lenguyen  
Gregory Diffendal

## Seventh Grade

Marielle Gary  
Reed Cormier  
Addison Comeaux  
Payton Dawson

## Eighth Grade

Alyssa Bombet  
Aidan Medine  
Max Procell  
Caroline Gremillion

In the logo, note the pelican, which serves as the school's mascot. The wings of the pelican create the monstrance in which the Most Blessed Sacrament is placed, protected, and displayed during adoration. The bolded strokes represent how we as Catholics radiate the love of Christ when we receive Him during the Eucharist. Lastly, the baby chicks represent the students and the privilege we have to protect and teach them in the Catholic Faith.

According to legend, in times of famine a mother pelican would pierce her own chest and give her blood to her chicks. Thus, the pelican symbol in Christianity, called **pelican-in-her-piety**, symbolizes the sacrifice of Christ on the cross (because He gave His blood for others) as well as the Eucharist (because it represents Christ's blood and provides spiritual nourishment).

Our logo is truly a reminder of our faith foundation that we want to instill in our students, and it is a vivid illustration of what we want others to know about our faith and school.