



The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

JULY 22, 2021

DATES FOR YOUR PLANNER

July 29- 6th grade Orientation & New Student Orientation

August 1 - Blessing of the Backpacks at all Masses

August 4 - Meet & Greet with SnowBalls

August 6 & 9 -First Day of School - see page 4

August 8 - Concert for a Cause - MBS Church

August 9 - COVID Vaccinations at Church Office



Blessing of the Backpacks

All students of all schools and ages are invited to bring their Backpacks to mass the weekend of August 1.

Father will bestow a special blessing upon them as our students begin their new school year.

The MBS Calendar is being updated daily.

Days already posted include

- Conference Days/No School Days
- No Bus Days
- 8th Grade Graduation
- Last Day of School 2022.

The MBS Pelican Express newsletter is published weekly during school. It is the primary source of communication between home and school.

Important dates, events, and time/talent opportunities are included.

All issues are posted to the MBS Website> News>Newsletters, and that link is emailed to you through FACTS.

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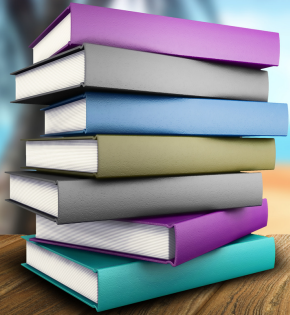
Time & Talent!

Parents are needed to help donate food items for the Faculty In-Service. If you can help, please click [here](#) and sign up! We also want to distribute Door Prizes to Faculty. Click [here](#) for that sign up. Thank you!



SUMMER READING

Click [here](#) for
information about
Required Summer
Reading.



Click [HERE](#) for
more information.

IXL completed major updates over the last few weeks that changed some of the letter-number designations of many of the skills. Please do not be concerned with this. We can still see all of the hard work your students have been doing over the summer. As your students finish their summer IXL work (to be completed by July 31), if the list has both category and letter-number designations, students can focus on practice based on the skill category. Students do not need to complete everything on the list. It's completely fine if students complete more in one category than needed or if they don't complete all of them listed in another. Our main concern is that the students are keeping up with their math skills over the summer and are ready to tackle the upcoming year's challenges. We look forward to seeing all of our mathletes soon!

new family orientation

The New Family Orientation
is for families of all new students in
grades Pre-K through 8.

July 29th

9:30 - 11:30am

St. Ursula Hall

Students do not have to attend. A
parent/guardian must attend.



All Books must be covered.

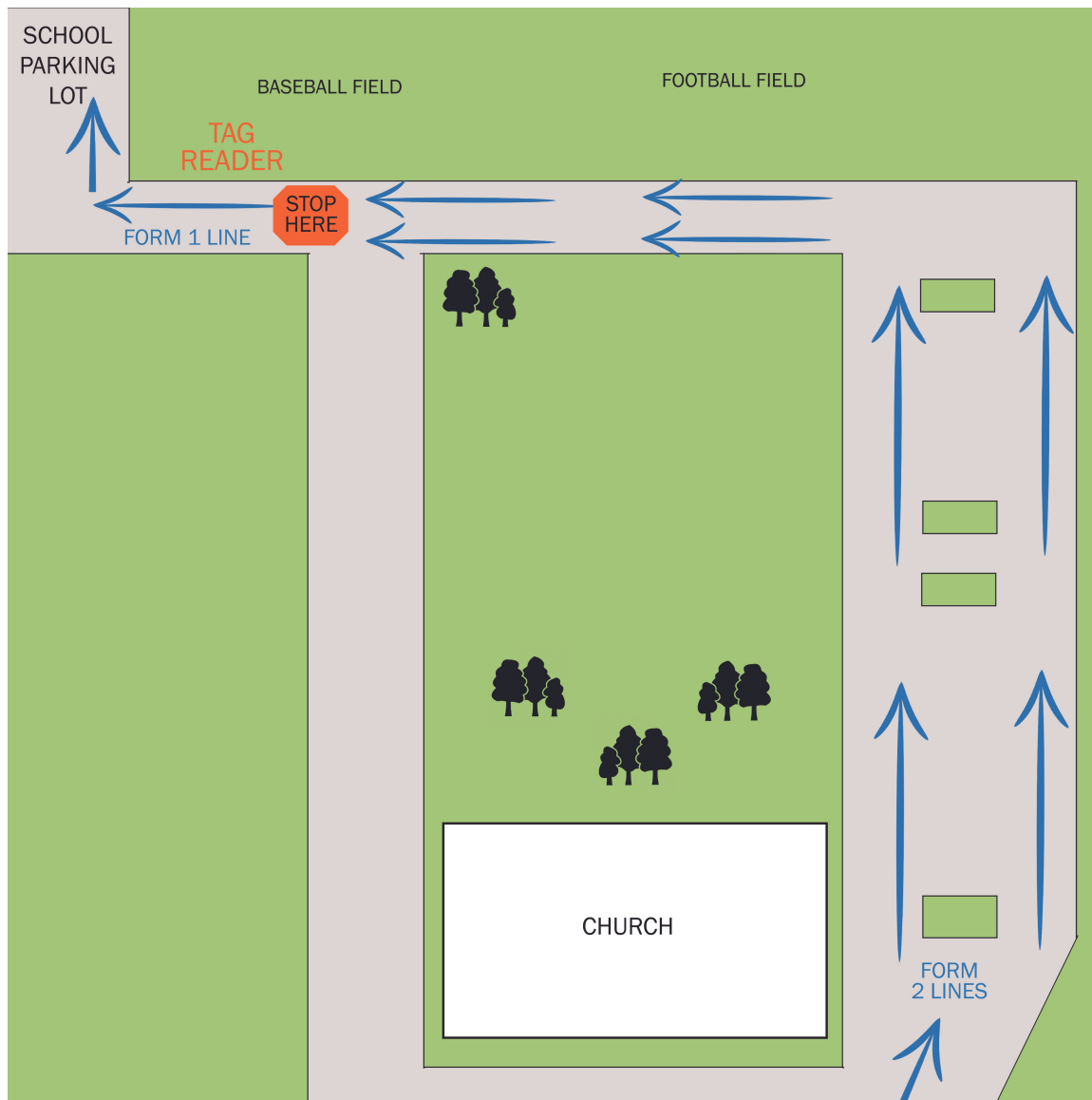
Textbooks (3rd-8th grades) require stretch material covers.
Limited covers (BookLooks) are available for purchase in the
office for \$4. Cash only.

They may also be purchased on Amazon or in Target or Wal-Mart.
All workbooks, all grades (soft covers) must be covered with
Clear Contact Paper.

Contact Paper was **NOT** included in school supplies this year.

book covers

how to do carpool!



- All carpool traffic must enter the campus through the CHURCH parking lot on Jefferson Hwy. Only two cars (who were awarded this privilege at the Spring Auction) are allowed to enter through Baringer.
- Two lines form and turn into one line at the CAR RIDER PRO TAG READER sign. Afternoon carpool: *Do not enter the single-line through the car rider tag reader until 2:30.*
- Each car proceeds into the SCHOOL parking lot through the gate.
- Continue to proceed along the gym and courtyard until directed to stop.
- Afternoon carpool: proceed to an open, colored cone.
- Allow the teacher on duty or the Safety Patrol student to open the door.
- Direct your child to sit and buckle when you are in the parking lot or gravel lot.
- More information about Transportation and Carpool may be found in the [Parent/ Student Handbook](#).

Morning Carpool: 7:20-7:50
Afternoon Carpool: 2:45-3:10

Students will be separated into two days to attend the First Day of School. Click [here](#) to be redirected to the MBS Website to see which day your student will attend.

No, this is not listed by homeroom.

**ST. MICHAEL WARRIOR CLUB
ADULT BACK TO SCHOOL
DANCE:**

The Adult Back to School Dance will be held Saturday, August 28 from 8:30 PM to midnight in the new SMHS gym, featuring music by WEREWOLF.

This fundraiser is sponsored by the SMHS Warrior Club. Tickets are on sale for \$50 each / \$40 for alumni.

This event is open to anyone 21 years of age or older.

Tickets available online at <https://www.smhswarriorclub.com/>

COVID Vaccine

will be available on August 9 at the MBS Church Office, St. John Room. Ochsner will offer the Johnson & Johnson shot and the Pfizer shot. No appointment is necessary.

MEET & GREET

Students are invited to drop by during the Meet & Greet on **Wednesday, August 4th, 3:00-5:00.**

They can enjoy a snowball in the courtyard, meet their teachers, pick up school supplies, and visit friendly faces. Parents who did not purchase supplies through MBS Home & School should bring their supplies during the Meet & Greet. Typically, this is the day to get workbooks to cover with Clear Contact paper.

For planning purposes, the color coding for each subject is:

English – Orange

Math – Blue

Reading/Literature - Red

Religion – Purple

Science – Green

Social Studies – Yellow or White

Enrichment – Light Blue

Test folders – white



OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Database Sweep of Files

The Diocese of Baton Rouge conducted a sweep of the child protection database in early March. If your child protection file was not updated prior to the sweep, then your file was closed.



Please email Mrs. Landry at childprotection@mbsbr.org to check the status of your file and/or receive the required paperwork to reactivate your file.

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.

2021-2022 Chaperone and Volunteer Agreement

All volunteers with updated, active files must complete and submit this school year's Chaperone and Volunteer Requirements Agreement prior to volunteering. Please find the agreement [here](#). You may scan/email the completed agreement to childprotection@mbsbr.org.

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. Please note that five hours may be entered in FACTS for "Time and Talent" service hours for completing the child protection process.

Do you shop on Amazon?

By adding Most Blessed Sacrament as your "Charity of Choice," a portion of your shopping total goes to MBS.

- Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/>
- Save ^^^ that link as the URL to shop on
- Items with AmazonSmile Logo qualify.
- Your prices don't change and 0.5% of your price goes to MBS
- \$1608.00 has been donated to MBS through July 2021
- Click [here](#) for more information.

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Altar Servers



Any 4th-12th grader who is currently signed up as an Altar Server, or who wants to sign up to be an Altar Server is asked to complete the following [form](#) by July 26th. We are planning to begin having Altar Servers after Labor Day.



Our Most Sacred Family is invited to a Benefit Concert on **Sunday, August 8th at 7 p.m**

All proceeds will go to the Metanoia Manor.

The Metanoia Manor was founded in 2018 and is a faith-based residential facility, a place of refuge for female adolescents rescued from **human trafficking**.

Tickets are a \$10 donation and can be purchased at the door or in the MBS Church Office. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis (no reserved seating).



MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT WELCOMES YOU BACK!

IMPORTANT DATES:

- August 4th
Meet and Greet 3:30 - 5:00
(Snow Ball Truck will be on campus)
- August 6th and 9th
Staggered Dates for 1st - 8th Grades
(List are posted on website)
- August 10th
1st - 8th Grades All Attend
- August 11th and 12th
Staggered Dates for Pre-K & Kindergarten
(Letters were mailed home)
- August 13th
Pre-K & Kindergarten All Attend
- August 23rd
Back to School Night



Time & Talent Update

The following change has been made to the Parent/Student Handbook regarding Time & Talent (aka Service Hours):

Parent's Commitment to Church and School One of the requirements for enrollment and/or retention at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School is a commitment to the following agreement.

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- In addition to daily prayer at home, the Catholic members of our family will attend Mass every weekend and on Holy Days of Obligation.
- Twenty (20) hours of Time and Talent will be given to the school and/or Church each year. Hours must be completed between January 1 and December 31 to receive the in-parish tuition rate. These hours are reviewed each year.
- A minimum amount of \$325.00 will be donated to the Church to support the stewardship program as an Identified Offertory Giver (IOG). IOGs will receive in-parish tuition. Donations will be verified by December 15 unless otherwise authorized by the Pastor. Any offerings thereafter will count towards the following school year.

Definition of an Hour

One (1) hour is defined as an actual hour of volunteer work or donation purchases of \$10.

New Students Clause

Time and Talent hours are prorated for new students. However, new families must still meet the IOG requirement of \$325.00 to receive in-parish tuition.

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.

Sending Items to School

Please label your items that you send to school from a SignUp Genius:

- Parent Name (signed up on the SUG)
- Name of item
- Title of Sign Up (ex: 5th Grade Auction Basket)

This helps us match your hours in FACTS.

Halfway to December

Where are you on your IOG contributions to MBS Parish?
In-Parish Tuition is granted to those who fulfill the IOG requirements year to year and complete service hours.

Would Automatic Withdrawals be easier for you?

Click [here](#) to print the auto debit form.

Bring the completed form and voided check to
the Church Office.

You can also drop it in the weekly collection basket.

Things we model for our kids, whether we realize it or not...



principal

Some of you know the song, “We Are Family” by the group Sister Sledge. For those who do not, it was wildly popular upon its release in 1978 and hit number two on the music charts and number one on the dance charts in 1979. I was just twelve years old. The lyrics made me think of our MBS community.

“We are family
I got all my sisters (and brothers) with me
We are family
Get up everybody and sing
Everyone can see we're together
As we walk on by
(And) and we fly just like birds of a feather
I won't tell no lie
All of the people around us they say
Can they be that close
Just let me state for the record
We're giving love in a family dose
Living life is fun and we've just begun
To get our share of this world's delights
(High) high hopes we have for the future
And our goals in sight
No, we don't get depressed
Here's what we call our golden rule
Have faith in you and the things you do
You won't go wrong, oh no
This is our family jewel”

As you, our Pelican families flock back to campus for the 2021 – 2022 school year, let us remember to celebrate the closeness of our school and parish community. We are a family of believers joined together by our faith and belief in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

As we begin our school year, it is with the realization that many of the dreams for our school have become a reality. We have a newly renovated gym and classrooms, freshly painted buildings, and new lockers and lighting in the classrooms. These physical enhancements have also brought with them a renewed sense of optimism, hope and pride.

The future is bright at MBS. You may have seen the signs at church or the articles in the bulletin about a building project the Parish is undertaking. The project includes two new buildings, a Parish Hall which will parallel the existing Church Office and a Multi-purpose Building that will sit adjacent to the gym. The Parish Hall will house a commercial kitchen and more, larger meeting space. The Multi-purpose building will also house a commercial kitchen customized for the MBS Men's Club, Men's Club meeting space, additional meeting space, classrooms, and a practice gym.

So, as Sister Sledge sang, we are family. At MBS we are close, we share life, we hope for the future, we set high goals, we live by the golden rule, and we have faith. To our “jewel” of a school family, we welcome you all back and look forward to a great year.