

The Pelican Express

JULY 29, 2021

DATES FOR YOUR PLANNER

August 1 - Blessing of the Backpacks at all Masses August 4 - Meet & Greet with SnowBalls August 6 & 9 -First Day of School - see page 2 August 8 - Concert for a Cause - MBS Church August 9 - COVID Vaccinations at Church Office



<u>Morning Carpool:</u> 7:20-7:50 Tardy Students must be signed in by an adult.

Afternoon Carpool:

2:45-3:10 Students not picked up will be sent to Extended Care for a Drop-in Fee.

Check Handbook for Complete Procedures.

- 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 <u>Parent/ Student</u> <u>Handbook</u>.

Does your Student take Medication Daily?

All medications that are taken daily should be brought to Nurse Frances in the school office:

August 2 - August 4 8am-12pm

This includes epi pens for those students who need them at school.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 7PM MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT METANOIA MANOR \$10 DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT OFFICE OR DOOR

Our Most Sacrament 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.

THE MBS CONTEMPORARY CHOIR

CONCERT

PRESENTS

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).

MEET S GREET

Students are invited to drop by during the Meet & Greet on **Wednesday, August 4th**, **3:30-5:00**.

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



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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 IIth and I2th Staggered Dates for Pre-k & Kindergarten (Letters were mailed home)

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August 13th Pre-K & Kindergarten All Attend

August 23rd Back to School Night



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.

Students will be separated into two days to attend the First Day of School. Click <u>here</u> to be redirected to the MBS Website to see which day your student will attend. No, this is not listed by homeroom. The MBS Parent/Student Handbook has been updated. Please click <u>here</u> to review. Each student must have the last three pages of the document signed and returned by Tuesday, August 11.



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.

PE Students (6th-8th grade) will not be required to dress out for class until after Labor Day. This can change with Covid Guidelines. Watch the newsletter for any updates.

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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Talent Update

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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 <u>here</u> 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.



CORNER

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 <u>here</u>. 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 <u>here</u> for more information.





