



# The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

AUGUST 12, 2021

## DATES FOR YOUR PLANNER

- August 16 - Lunch "Choice" Begins
- August 17 - Classroom Coordinator Meeting
- August 18 - School Pictures / Dress Uniform
- August 19 - First School Mass / Dress Uniform
- August 20 - Spirit Shirt Day
- August 23 - VIRTUAL Back to School Night
- September 6 - Labor Day / No School

**reminder:**

**all students  
must wear masks  
to school.**

## Cafe Help Needed

Each Month, our Cafeteria Workers need extra help in the Lunch Line. Please click [here](#) to volunteer to help in the line. Our volunteers must be an MBS parent or adult family member cleared by the Office of Child Protection. Working in the Cafeteria is one of the most rewarding opportunities. You will enjoy seeing the children's smiling faces and hearing their manners at work!

MBS appreciates you bunches - for helping with lunches!



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**Lunch Menu  
is posted on our  
school website  
monthly.**

## Tardies or Early Dismissals

- Eight tardy incidents are equivalent to one unexcused absence.
- If a student arrives at school after 7:50 am, a parent must sign them in at the school office.
- The latest time to check out a student in the afternoon is 2:15 pm.
- All students are expected to leave the school grounds in the same manner that the office records indicate that they are to arrive unless they have written permission from a parent.

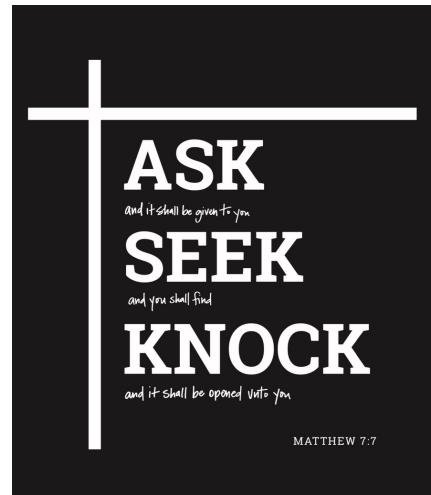
# BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Our annual Back to School Night scheduled for August 23 will be VIRTUAL this year.

Details will be sent next week.

Spirit Shirts were ordered based on the sizes you had entered during Enrollment in January. If you need another shirt, you may order [here](#). No Other Spirit Shirts will be ordered after this second round. Teachers who want to order a spirit shirt, please complete the form. Spirit Shirts are worn monthly on designated calendar days.

**Spirit Shirts**



**Can you donate masks to school?  
Click [here](#) for more information.**

Thanks for a Great Week:  
WEAR YOUR SPIRIT SHIRT  
Tomorrow, August 13  
with UNIFORM BOTTOMS!!

## Closet Clean-Out: September 20 – 27



The fifth graders are sponsoring their annual Closet Clean-Out project to help the St. Vincent de Paul stores that help clothe the needy in our community.

Beginning Monday, September 20 through Monday, September 27, the fifth-grade students will collect donated items. This is a great opportunity to clean out and organize closets. Please donate gently used clothing items. When packing items, be mindful that students will be collecting them, so place your donation in plastic bags or small boxes.

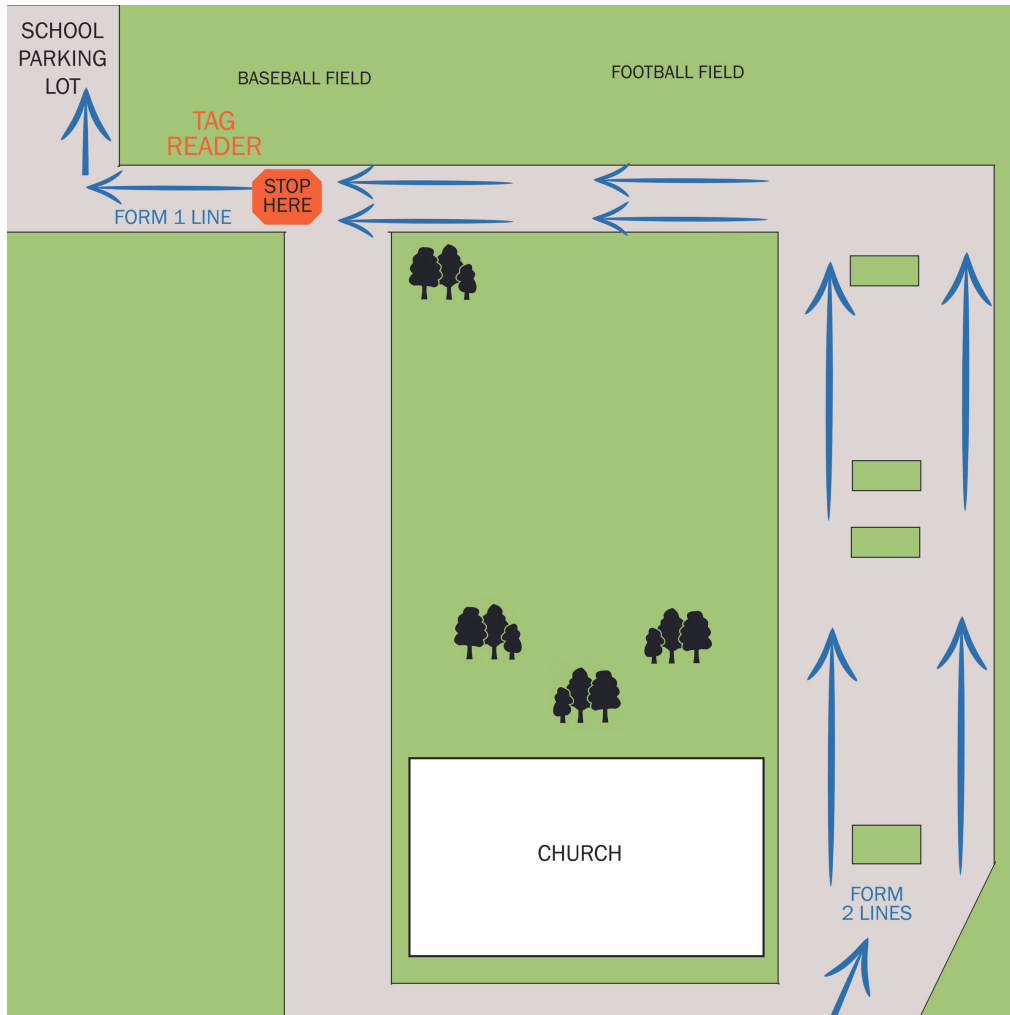
If you have many items whereas you need to bring them to school, you may bring items to the front gate on the morning of Wednesday, September 22nd.

Please note that is the only day you may bring donations to school other than sending items with your child. Sharing with others is a beautiful act of love and we all have something to share with God's family in need.

**Thank you  
for your generosity!**

# CARPOOL

Everyone is to use last year's carpool tag. If you are in need of a new tag or an additional tag, please complete the form on the next page.



## Morning Carpool:

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 [Parent/ Student Handbook](#).

# MBS Carpool Tag Order Form

Please use this form to order additional tags for family members. Families are allowed to purchase up to three additional tags for a total of five tags. Payment must be included.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tags You Wish to Order: \_\_\_\_\_ Tag Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$10 per Tag – Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for Ordering is August 23, 2021**



# principal

I have a dear friend who taught in a Catholic school and later became the principal. I was very fortunate because she taught my children. One of the many things she taught her classes, each year, was to write “JMJ” on top of their school papers, especially tests. “JMJ” stands for “Jesus, Mary, and Joseph”. She explained to her students that by writing “JMJ” on their papers, they were praying to Jesus’ Holy Family and that everything they did in school was an offering to them. This little prayer was an act of devotion to the holy family and an imitation and aspiration to live their lives in and holiness like Jesus.

There are many other acronyms, which are a form of prayer, such as:

“AMDG” – Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam, meaning – to the greater glory of God‘

AJPM’ – Ad Jesum per Mariam” meaning To Jesus Through Mary  
‘TKC” - Thy Kingdom Come

“JTY”, Jesus, I Trust in You

Maybe even make up your own...

Try starting a new tradition in your family by modeling a simple prayer like “JMJ” for your children. Before beginning an activity with them as homework or studying or even when you have things to do such as paying the bills, take a moment to write it down. Your actions will remind you to keep God in mind at all times and are a way to seek His assistance any time.



# 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.

# Identified Offertory Giver

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.

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## Does your Child have ANXIETY

Here is a great [article](#) from *Child Mind Institute* on helping children with anxiety:

1. The goal isn't to eliminate anxiety, but to help a child manage it.
2. Don't avoid things just because they make a child anxious.
3. Express positive—but realistic—expectations.
4. Respect her feelings, but don't empower them.
5. Don't ask leading questions.
6. Don't reinforce the child's fears.
7. Encourage the child to tolerate her anxiety.
8. Try to keep the anticipatory period short.
9. Think things through with the child.
10. Try to model healthy ways of handling anxiety.

# Extra-Curricular Activities

Does your student want to participate in one of the following after-school activities? If so, please email the respective moderator.

## Chess Club

Grades 5-8

Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday after school,  
2:50-4:00. \$20 fee

Email Sujad Ehlers for Registration Form

## Individual Art Lessons

All Grades Welcome.

Email Mr. Gavin Michelli for more information.

## Grace Notes

Strings, Piano, & Guitar lessons provided  
after school. Email Ms. Borislava Ilcheva, or  
text her at 225.892.2686.

## MBS Band

Grades 6-8

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - during  
5th grade Activity Period. No experience  
necessary. \$250/semester. Check Mrs.  
Schiebe's website for permission slip.

## MBS Choir

Grades 4-8

Tuesday & Thursday mornings, 7am  
Music Room \$30 for year. Check Mrs.  
Schiebe's website for permission slip.

## Pelibots

Grades 6-8 are invited to participate in this  
competitive "pelican" robotics course.

Email Kathy Gora.

## Girl Scouts

Troops are wanted for Grades K, 1 & 2.  
Parents interested in joining their student as a  
Scout or themselves as a Leader, please email  
Penne Leier.

## Boy Scouts

Interested in joining a troop already formed?

Email Jim Stevens.

Recruiting of new troops will begin shortly.



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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