



# The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

AUGUST 26, 2021

## DATES FOR YOUR PLANNER

August 30 - Choir forms are due

August 31 - Choir begins, 7am

September 2 - School Mass / Dress Uniforms

September 6 - Labor Day / No School

September 9 - Progress Reports Online / School Mass / Dress Uniforms

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**If you are interested in becoming a Pelican Partner and have your business logo in our newsletter, on our fence, and in other MBS mediums, click [here](#) for more information.**

# UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

1) Parents are not allowed to eat  
with their students in the  
cafeteria until further notice.

2) Middle School Students will  
NOT be dressing out for PE until  
further notice.

# UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



**It's time to play some more football....**

Registration is now open for MBS Parish Intramural football!

- The co-ed flag football league will be open to grades PK to 4th grade.
- Practices will be Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 4:45-5:30 unless otherwise decided by the coach.
- Games will take place on Tuesday afternoons beginning at 5:00. (This is due to CSAA football that takes place on campus)
- The season will begin on September 20th and end on November 8th.
- Cost: \$80 for in-parish and \$90 for out-of-parish; Fees will be deducted through FACTS
- Each player will be provided with a game shirt/jersey

If your child would like to register for MBS flag football, click [here](#) and complete the registration form.



## 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.

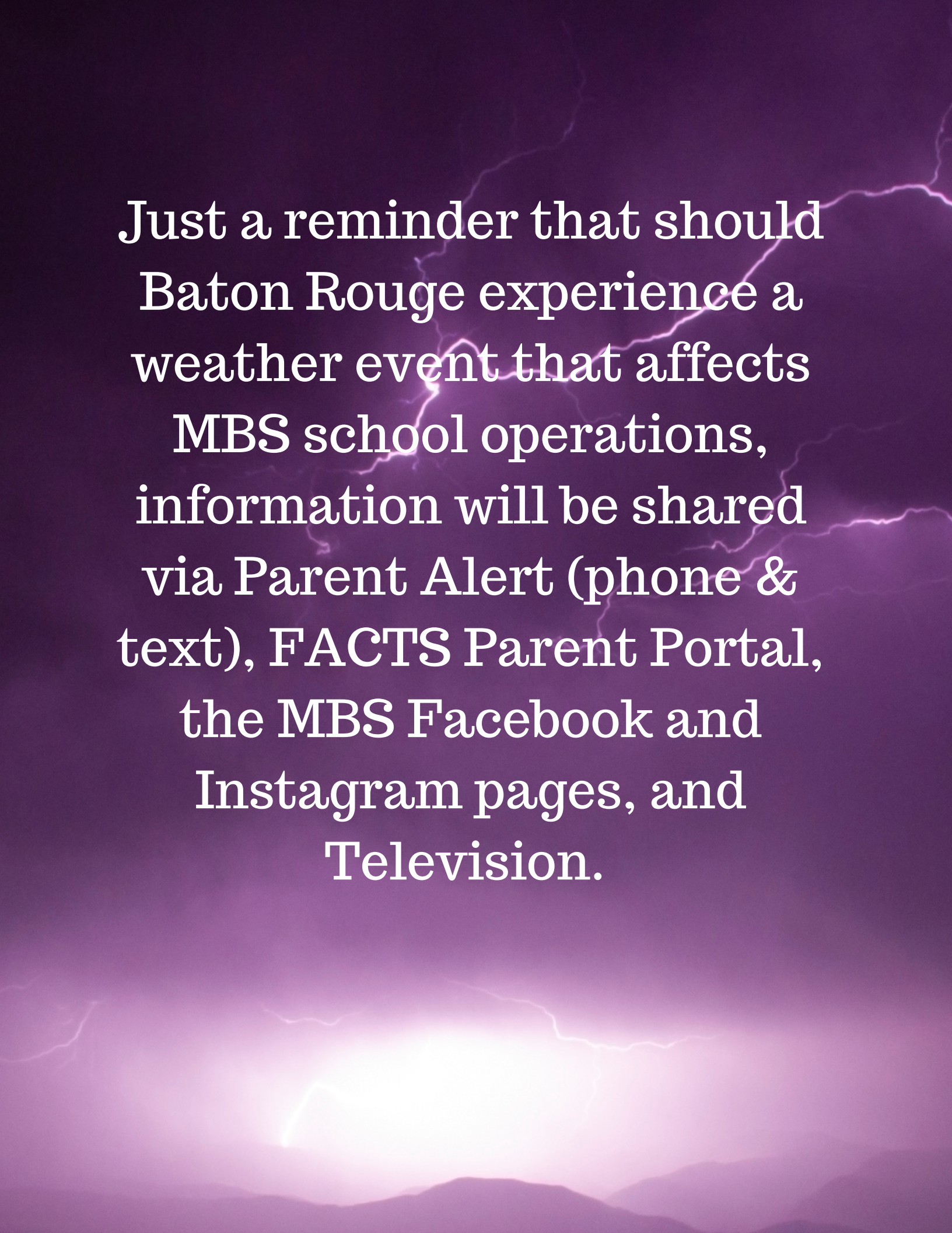
Beginning Monday, September 20 through Monday, September 27, the fifth-grade students will collect donated items. This is a great opportunity to clean out and organize closets. Please donate gently used clothing items. When packing items, be mindful that students will be collecting them, so place your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



The background of the image is a dramatic, purple-toned landscape. It features silhouettes of mountains at the bottom, with a bright, glowing light source (likely the sun or moon) partially obscured by clouds in the center. Several jagged, white lightning bolts are visible, striking down from the top of the frame. The overall atmosphere is intense and stormy.

Just a reminder that should  
Baton Rouge experience a  
weather event that affects  
MBS school operations,  
information will be shared  
via Parent Alert (phone &  
text), FACTS Parent Portal,  
the MBS Facebook and  
Instagram pages, and  
Television.



## 2022 - 2023 ADMISSIONS TIMELINE

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AUGUST - May

Private Tours  
Upon Request

OCTOBER 27

SMHS Open House  
(sign ups required)

NOVEMBER 19

Application Deadline



NOV. 2021 - Jan. 2022

Incoming Freshmen  
Interviews  
(by appointment)

DECEMBER 4

Placement Testing &  
Tuition Assistance Meeting  
(at St. Michael)

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SHADOW DAY DATES: SEPTEMBER 21, SEPTEMBER 30, OCTOBER 12, NOVEMBER 10

Visit [smhsbr.org/admissions](http://smhsbr.org/admissions) for more information.

## Parish School of Religion Help Needed

- Aides are needed for elementary level
- The classes meet twice a month
- September - April

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- Small Group Leaders are needed for 11th Confirmation group
  - The classes meet once a month
  - September - February

Any PSR position taken satisfies all Time & Talent hours.

**Contact Jeanne Mancuso at**  
**[JMancuso@mbsbr.org](mailto:JMancuso@mbsbr.org)**

# principal

Many Catholics light candles for those they pray for or for favors requested. While lighting a candle the other day, it dawned on me that I have never lit a candle that didn't start from a stranger's prayer. There are no matches and no lighters. The only way you light your own candle is to draw flame from one that is already a flame.

Every story of faith starts like this. We do not make ourselves in this world. We pass down from generation to generation what we have heard and believed, and let others wrestle and wonder and come to claim that truth as their own.

I stood this Sunday within the candle grotto as people passed and prayed, imagining what prayers may have lit my candles over the years - When I prayed for a spouse or a child, did I draw light from someone who had prayed for the same—or was mourning a beloved they lost? When I begged for clarity, in classes or in career, did my candle's light spark from a flame that had started in despair or hope, seeking answers much like mine? When I felt lost and alone due to stress and anxiety, illness and finances, did my candle ignite from the ember of the crosses others bear?

In every church I've visited and prayed; my school Church - MBS, my Parish Church - Our Lady of Mercy, my parents' Church in Morganza - St. Ann, the Chapel on the River Road in Pointe Coupee Parish - St. Francis' Mission Church, the Church overlooking False River where I sang my teenage years away and was married - St. Mary's, the Church seated by the bayou in Plaquemine where I was Baptized - St. John, the Church in New York where I took the children I nannied, the Church by the airport in Chicago where they made me feel welcome and the great Cathedrals of France, including Sacre' Coeur there have been flames from another's that enkindled my faith and the faith of countless others..

I never realized this simple stunning truth before, but it change the way I now pray, knowing that every prayer I offer starts from another's. During the sacred moment of lighting a prayer candle, the light from hundreds and hundreds of candles burns all day and all night, in rain, snow, hurricanes, fires, COVID, and during every harsh and lovely season. When you stand close enough to bring your own prayer, you can feel the heat on your face from prayers of a thousand more.

Right now, the darkness presses fast. But think of the light we still share, candle to candle, hope to hope. Every flame starts small but stand close enough and you remember how the fire burns and burns and burns, never dying, always growing, every spark to spark rising against adversity. We are never as apart or alone as we fear. We will not lose each other if we keep sharing light.





# We're Hiring

MBS~ELC is currently seeking  
Dependable, Qualified & Creative  
Student Workers

5-Day/Week 3pm - 5pm

If you are seeking a fun and exciting career, call 225-752-8829 &  
email a resume to: [earlylearningcenter@mbsparish.org](mailto:earlylearningcenter@mbsparish.org)

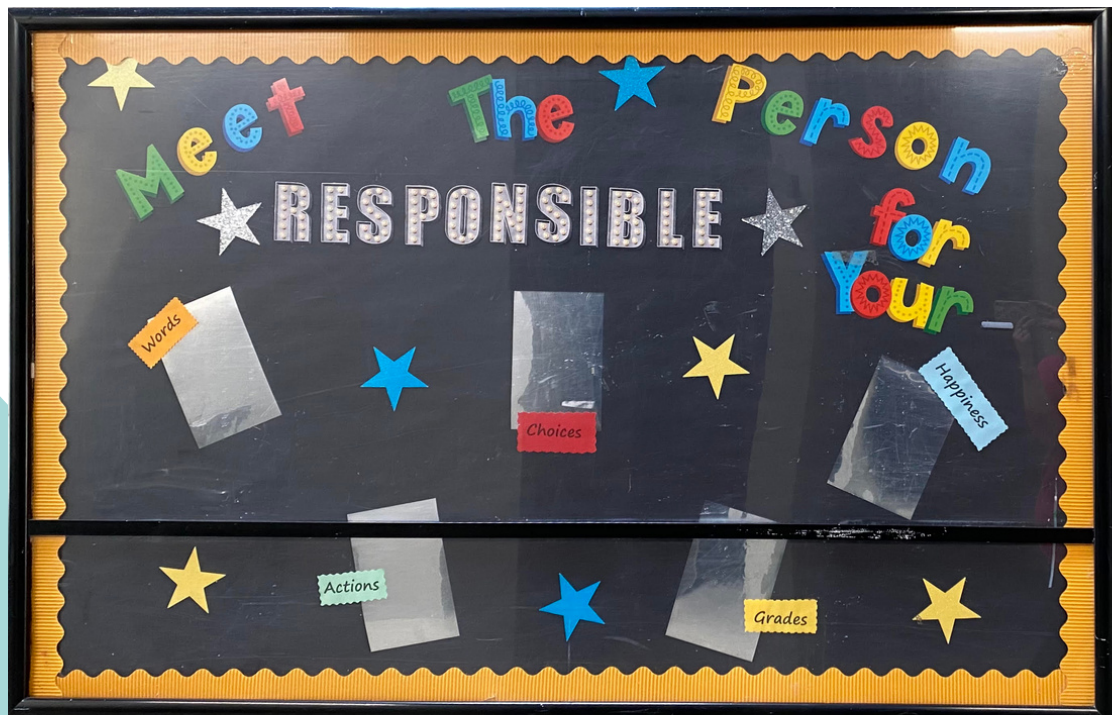
**Mardi Gras Cups  
needed.**

**Dig in your pantry and  
see if you have any 16oz  
Mardi Gras cups to  
donate to Mrs. Schiebe.**

**Click [here](#) to sign up to  
donate.**

**Thank you.**

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# 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.

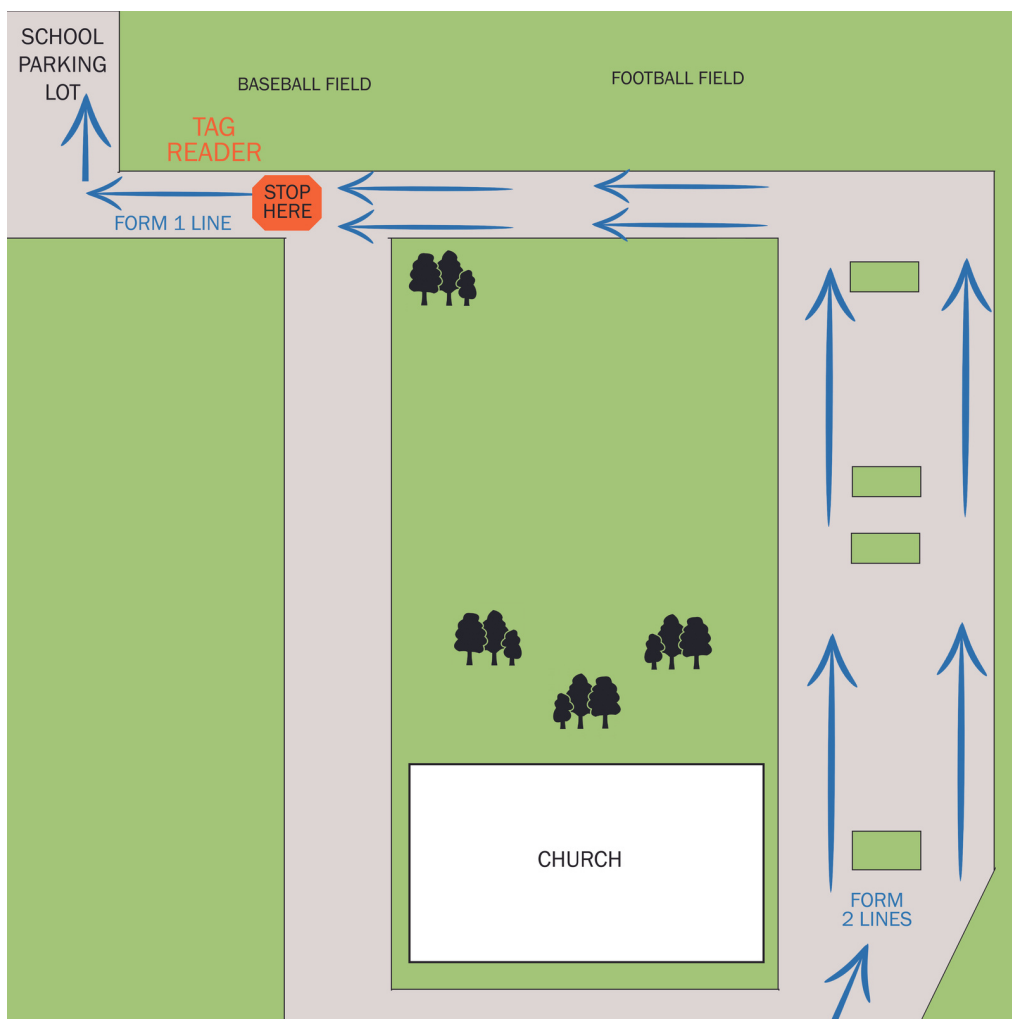
- Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/>
- Save ^^^ that link as the URL to shop on
- Items with AmazonSmile Logo qualify.
- Your prices don't change and 0.5% of your price goes to MBS
- \$1608.00 has been donated to MBS through July 2021
- Click [here](#) for more information.

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You shop. Amazon gives.



# 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](#).



# 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.**