



The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

OCTOBER 14, 2021

DATES FOR YOUR PLANNER

October 15 - Spirit Shirt Day with Uniform Bottoms
October 18 - Last day to buy Weekend Fair Bracelet
October 19 - Kindness Club Meeting, St. Ursula
October 22 - PreK-5 Students do NOT attend school
October 25 - Middle School Students do NOT attend school

Send a MASK (that fits) & WATER BOTTLE to school every day with your child.

FAIR NEXT WEEKEND !!!

Donate Bourbon Funds
for Fair. Click [HERE](#).

Donate SWEETs for
Fair. Click [HERE](#).

Donate WINE for Fair.
Click [HERE](#).

Volunteer to work the
Fair. Click [HERE](#).

Buy weekend ride
bracelet. Click [HERE](#).

Weekend Ride Bracelets are now on sale and are only available for purchase on the fair's website (mbsparishfair.com). Weekend Ride Bracelets must be purchased by October 18. Each bracelet is \$50 and allows unlimited rides all 3 days of the fair. Individual ride tickets and Session Time Bracelets will be available from purchase at the fair. For session time info, see the fair program.

If you purchase a Weekend Ride Bracelet, a voucher will be sent home with your kids. Vouchers are redeemed for a bracelet at the ride company's ticket booth. If you do not have kids to take home the vouchers, vouchers will be available for pick up at Will Call.

- School = voucher for Ride Bracelet
- Ride Ticket Booth = exchange voucher for bracelet on wrist
- Will Call = MBS Money Tent

| | Line Up Backstage | Performance Start |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Kindergarten | | |
| Chugga Chugga Choo Choo | 9:45 | 10:00 |
| 1st Grade | | |
| Walkin' on Sunshine | 10:00 | 10:20 |
| 2nd Grade | | |
| Surfin USA | 10:15 | 10:35 |
| 3rd Grade | | |
| Party in the USA | 10:30 | 10:50 |
| 4th Grade | | |
| Life is a Highway | 10:45 | 11:05 |
| 5th Grade | | |
| Cup Song | 11:00 | 11:20 |
| Choir | | |
| Budapest | 11:15 | 11:35 |
| Come Fly With Me | | |
| Band | | |
| Around the World in 80 Measures | 11:30 | 11:50 |
| Around the World | | |
| Cheer | | |
| | 11:45 | 12:05 |
| Dance | | |
| | 12:00 | 12:20 |
| Pep Squad | | |
| | 12:15 | 12:35 |

STUDENT PERFORMANCES

CARNIVAL RIDES

WEEKEND BRACELET \$50

GOOD FOR THE ENTIRE WEEKEND
PRE-ORDER ONLY - MBSPARISHFAIR.COM

SESSION TIME BRACELET \$20

FRI 6-10 | SAT 12-4 | SAT 6-10 | SUN 12-4
GOOD FOR ONE SESSION TIME ONLY
PURCHASE ON SITE

INDIVIDUAL RIDE TICKETS AVAILABLE

RIDES PROVIDED BY MIDWEST RIDES

SIGN-UPS & PURCHASES

Fair T-Shirt Orders Sep 15 - Sep 24
Ride Bracelets Sep 15 - Oct 18
Family Tent Sales Sep 15 - Oct 21
Volunteer Sign-Up Sep 20 - Oct 21
Bake Sweets Sign-Up Anytime

FAIR SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

6:00 Fair Opens
7:00 **THE CHEE-WEEZ**
10:00 Fair Closes

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

10:00 Fair Opens
10:00 Student Performances
7:00 **WEREWOLF**
TBD **FOOTBALL WATCH PARTY**
8:00 Game Booths Close
10:00 Fair Closes

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:45 Mass in Church
10:45 Fair Opens (after mass)
12:00 **RYAN FORET**
4:00 Fair Closes

The Chee-Weez

FRIDAY | 7 - 10



THE LEGENDARY 80'S COVER BAND

WEREWOLF

SATURDAY | 7 - 10



RYAN FORET & FORET TRADITION

SUNDAY | 12 - 3



MBS PARISH FAIR

15615 JEFFERSON HWY
BATON ROUGE

MBSPARISHFAIR.COM

FOOD COURT

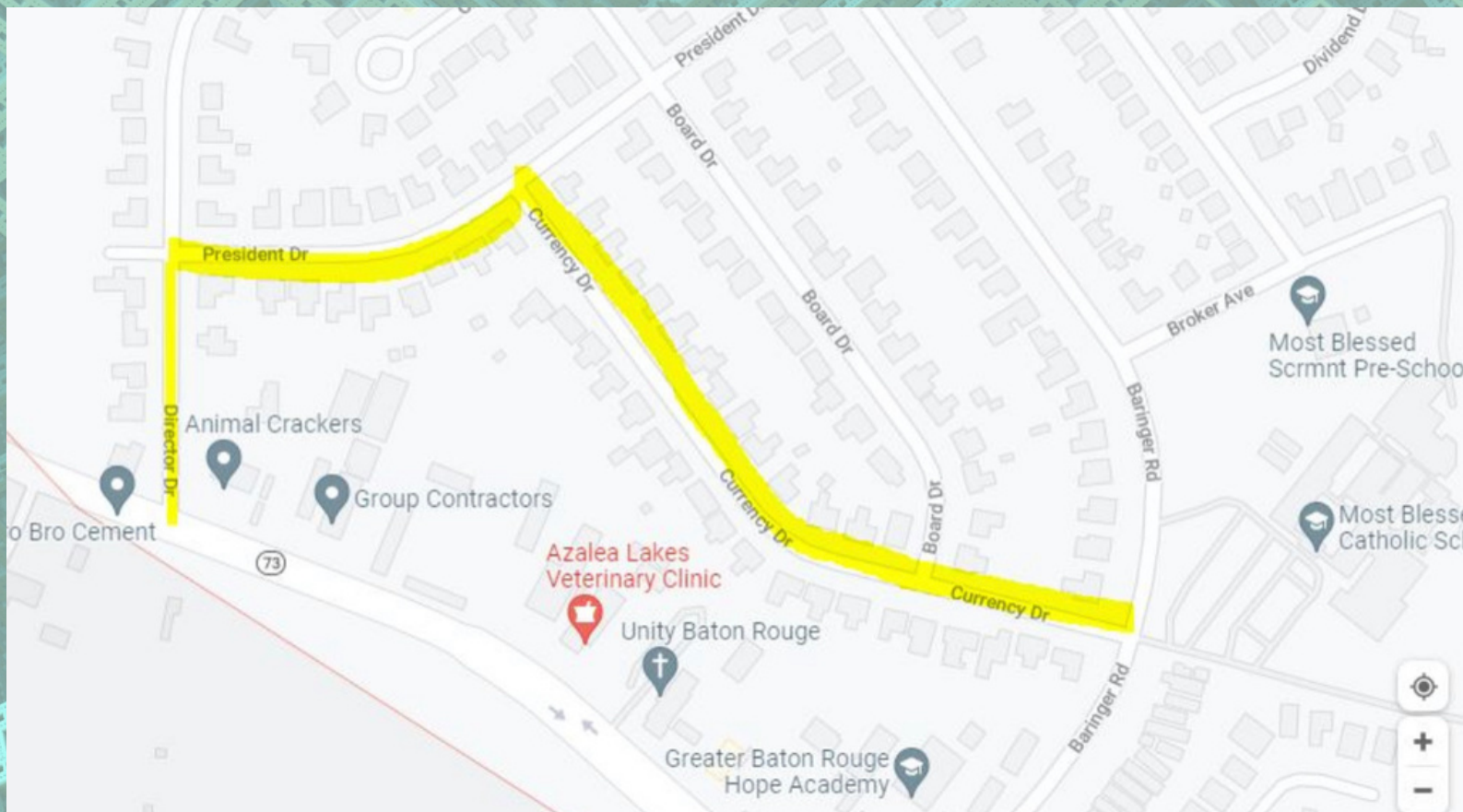
EVERY DAY

French Fries
Cheese Fries
Chili Fries
Nachos
Chili Nachos
Cheese Sticks
Boudin Balls
Hot Dog
Corn Dog
Hamburger
Jambalaya
Pastalaya
Gumbo

SATURDAY - SUNDAY

Onion Mums
BBQ Chicken-on-a-Stick
Fried Chicken-on-a-Stick
Shrimp Stew
Pulled Pork Sandwich
Deer Sauce Piquant (SAT Special)

Since we will begin setting up the Fairgrounds next week, we must adjust the way our "normal" carpool runs in both the morning and afternoon. The map below will help you understand the written instructions on the next two pages.

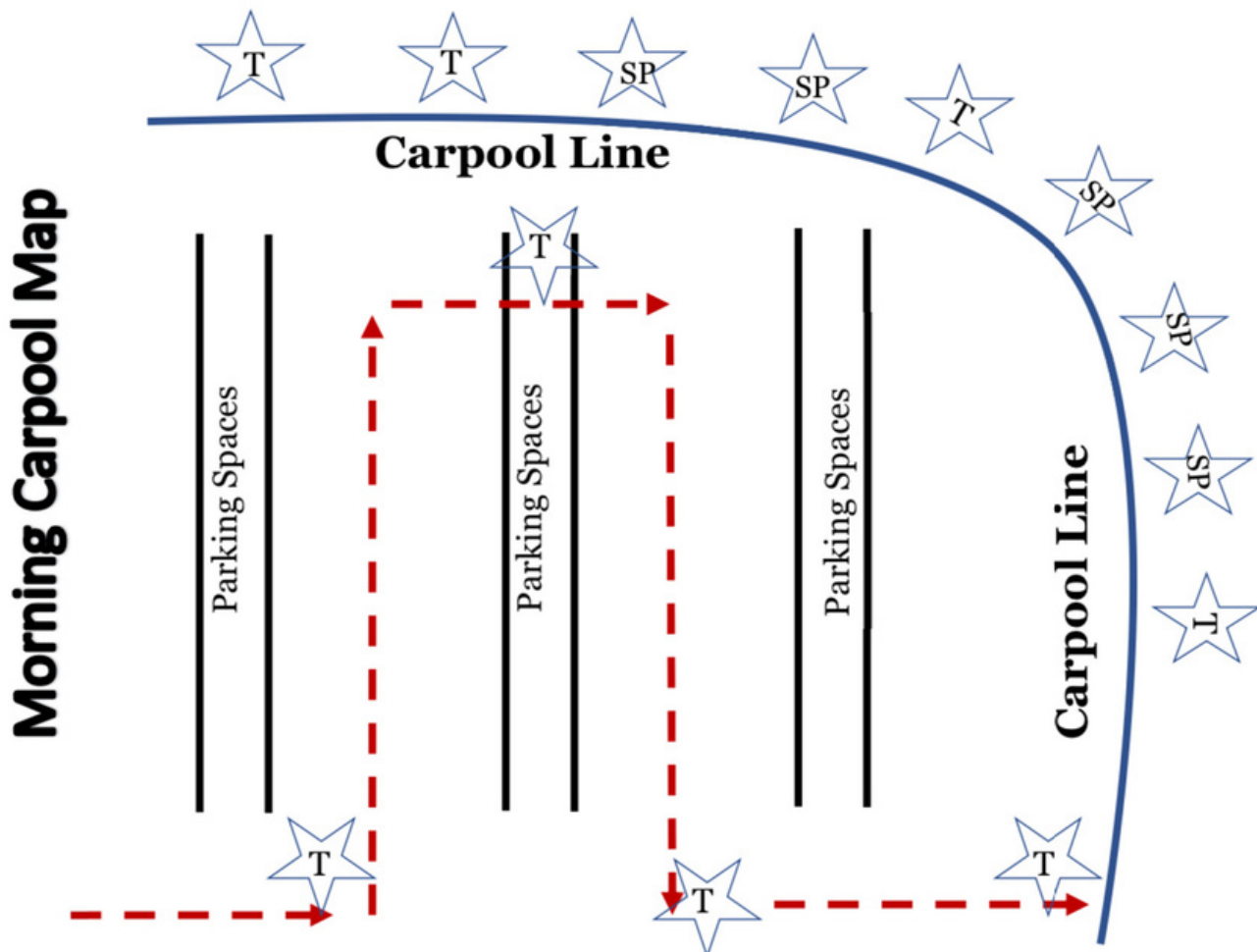


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AM & PM Carpool Instructions for Tuesday, October 19-Friday, October 22

Morning Carpool

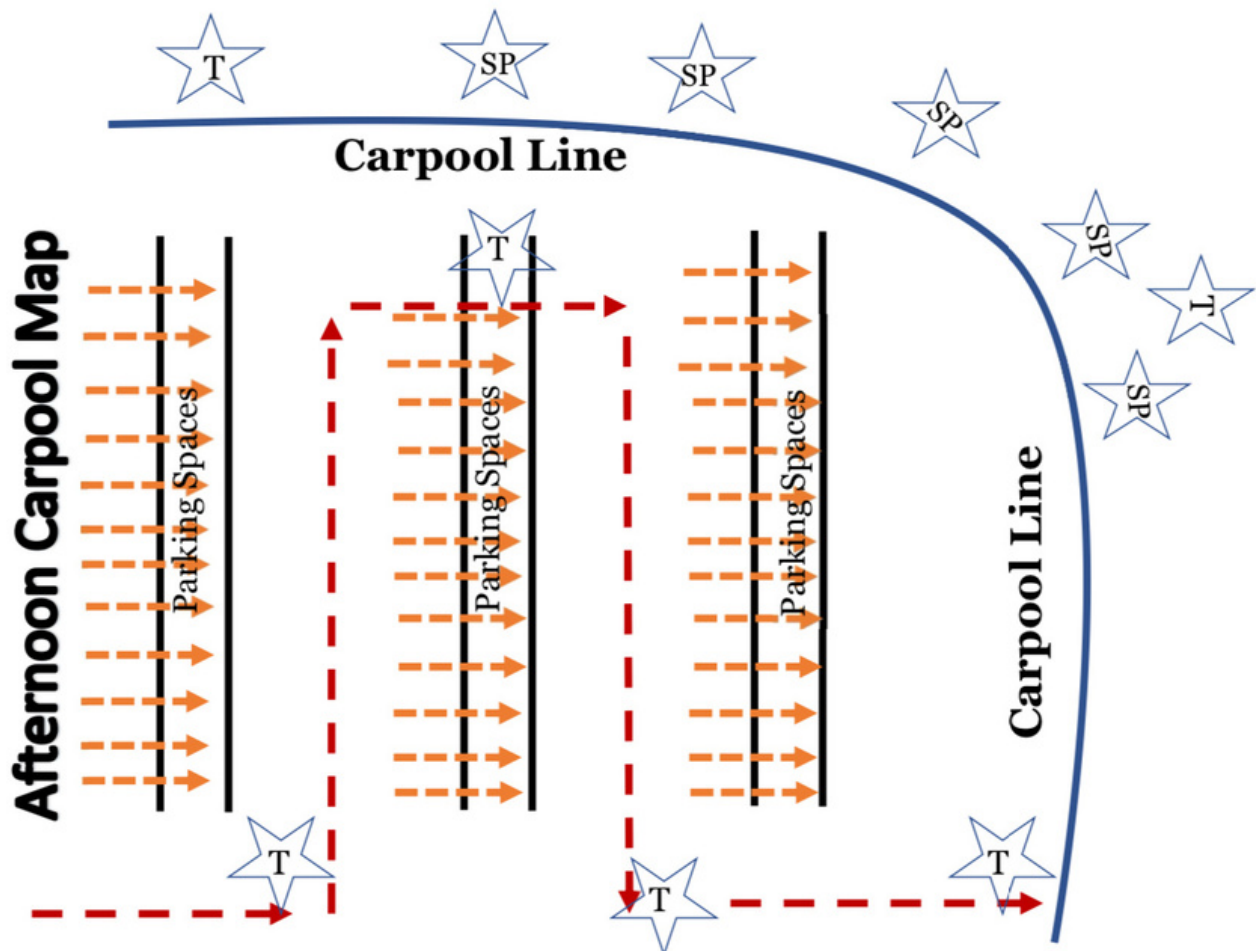
- From Jefferson Hwy, turn onto **Director** by Animal Crackers Learning Center. *DO NOT Turn into the Church Parking lot.*
- Continue on Director and turn right on **President**.
- Turn right onto **Currency**. This road will feed directly into the school parking lot entrance.
- Cross **Baringer Rd** and enter the school parking lot. (Please be sure to wait on Currency if the lot is full. We do not want to block Baringer from the buses or those exiting carpool.)
- Enter the second row of the parking lot and begin following the cones to snake through the parking lot. Faculty will be there to direct you.
- At the last set of parking spaces, you will enter the carpool line.
- Please be sure that your child is unbuckled and ready to exit the vehicle when you reach the Teacher or Safety Patrol student.
- Exit the school parking lot as you normally would for carpool.



AM & PM Carpool Instructions for Tuesday, October 19–Friday, October 22

Afternoon Carpool

- From Jefferson Hwy, turn onto **Director** by Animal Crackers Learning Center. *DO NOT Turn into the Church Parking lot.*
- Continue on Director and turn right on **President**.
- Turn right onto **Currency**. This road will feed directly into the school parking lot entrance.
- Cross **Baringer Rd** and enter the school parking lot. (Please be sure to wait on Currency if the lot is full. We do not want to block Baringer from the buses or those exiting carpool.)
- Follow the cones through the parking lot and follow the teacher's directions to enter the parking spaces.
- Pull in to the parking spot so that you are facing the carpool line and can drive forward to enter the line.
- A teacher will then enter your Car Rider Pro tag number. All tags should be displayed on the rearview mirror and visible for the teacher to see.
- On the teacher's motion enter the carpool line and proceed as normal.
- Exit the school parking lot as you normally would for carpool.



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Pack 777

2021 *Poinsettia* Fundraiser

\$10.00 each

6" potted live poinsettia with 5 lush blooms
14" tall; includes pot cover and sleeve

Help support our Pack 777....

Contact Blair Aguillard at 225.938.1982
to place an order for your Christmas Poinsettia

Want to serve as a Substitute Teacher?
New Subs must attend a Substitute Workshop
October 19 at 9:00am, St. Ursula
Check in at office first.
Important Paperwork & Policies will be reviewed.
Subs can be paid or earn service hours .

More to Donate

Click [here](#) to help increase your
Time & Talent hours!

KINDESS CLUB

Kindness Club Members should
purchase their Kindness Club
shirts [here](#).

Deadline to order is
October 22.



The Auction from the Parish Fair
will be part of the GALA.
There will not be a \$10K Raffle this year.
The Gala will kick-off our
"Forward in Faith" Capital Campaign
for our two new buildings.



**Report Cards were emailed on
Wednesday, October 13.
from Tina Schexnaydre. You
may also log into FACTS and
Select "Student" & Q1
to see the grades.**

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Entry Fee: \$20 Prepaid Before October 27th via Paypal (MBS Website)

Parents of multiple Middle School Students+\$10 per Additional Student

Payment at Door \$25-Check Only -Made out to MBS with Child's Name

Modest Costumes and Face Paints encouraged **No Costume Masks Allowed

PhotoBooth, Costume Contests, Food. Friends & Fun! You won't want to miss it! It will be a SCREAM!

All students must remain in the courtyard at all times and be dropped off/picked up at the main gate

Stephen Ministry



Bear one another's burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2

Stephen Ministry is a group of trained lay ministers who provide personal, individual emotional support and Christian companionship.

Stephen Ministry can provide care in a variety of crises or life challenges such as:

- Divorce/Separation
- Loss of a loved one
- Job Loss/Retirement
- Flood
- Pregnancy or Miscarriage
- Chronic illness/caregiver for a loved one with a chronic illness

All contacts and conversations are confidential.

We are having an information session for anyone interested in becoming a Stephen Minister on Tuesday, November 9th at 6:30 in the St. Luke Room.

If you have any questions please contact Deacon Mark Berard at mberard@diobr.org or 225-421-4484.

To purchase MS Dance tickets, click [here](#).

To volunteer to help with MS Dance, click [here](#).

Red Ribbon Week October 25-29



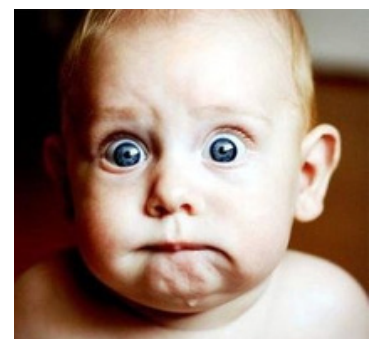
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for Items to donate
for Red Ribbon Week. Get
more Time & Talent hours!

Ongoing Cafeteria

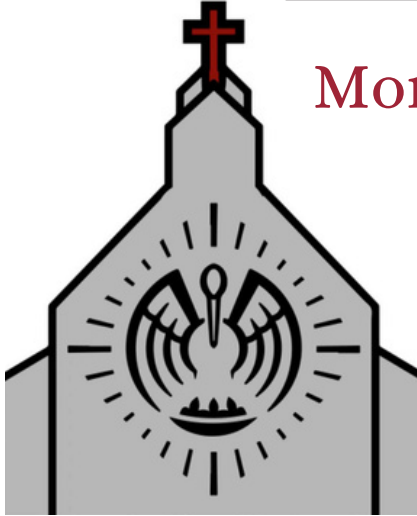
Menu Changes

[click here](#)



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Office of Christian Formation

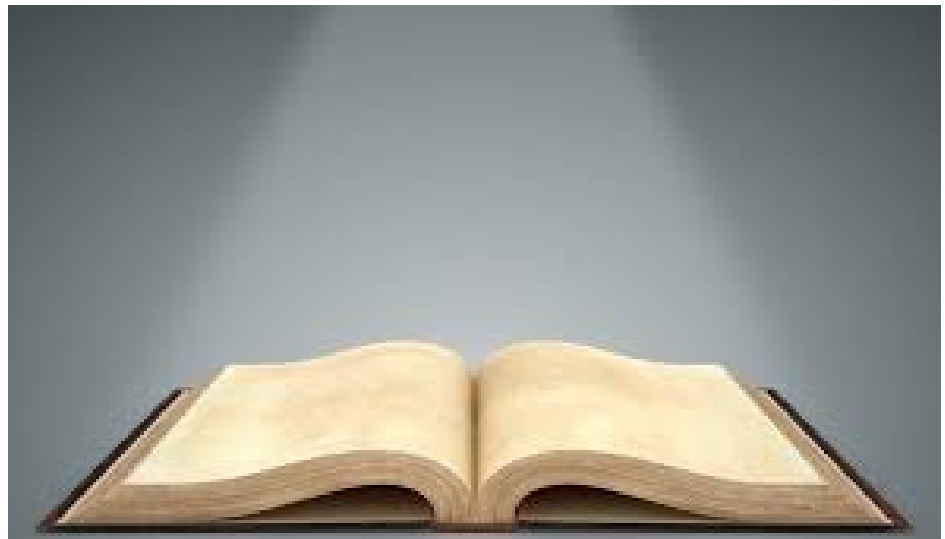


Monday, November 1 ~ Saints & Souls Day

- All Students will attend Mass.
- This mass serves as our weekly school mass. There will be no mass on Thursday, November 4. Students do not have to wear Dress Uniforms on 11/4.
- All Students not participating in procession must wear DRESS UNIFORM.
- Students participating in procession must turn in Permission Slip by October 26:
 - PK-5 Students Permission Slip
 - 6-8 Students Permission Slip

Saints & Souls Day ~ Book of Life

- Families are invited to place the names of their loved ones who have passed away in our displayed Book of Life
- Click [here](#) for more information.



principal

I think we can all agree that technology is a blessing and a curse.

The blessing is that technology has made many things much easier.

The curse, in my opinion, is that it has exposed our children to many things that they are not emotionally ready for.

As a parent, it was very easy to give my children electronics as it entertained them, kept them quiet and busy and allowed me to get work done without interruption. I saw firsthand how the lure of electronics could easily consume a young person's life.

As an educator, I see students addicted to electronics. It has affected so many aspects of their lives - social interactions, behavior, academics, sleep patterns and communication skills just to name a few.

Several years ago, we polled our students to see who had cell phones. At MBS we had students as young as 2nd grade who acknowledged having telephones.

Last week, a fellow principal shared the letter below with me. I found it very timely and wanted to share it with you.

In addition to the message it imparts, I want to add that social media via electronics has allowed children and adults to become emboldened. We no longer need to look someone in the face when communicating with them or hear their voice via a conversation. Many, simply send off an email or text without truly thinking of how it may affect the person receiving it. We have forgotten to communicate with respect and kindness. Let us always remember that there is a real person on the other side of that communication, and we must continue to respect their feelings. This is an important lesson we need to model and teach our children.



principal

The Phone

This phone belongs to my 14 year old daughter. It's charging on my kitchen counter. At 9pm, every single night, her phone shuts itself down and she brings it here. Why? It's how I keep her safe.

That phone is free of social media. She has an app that allows her to chat with a handful of friends and family. I know every person she talks to, and I check her phone and messages regularly. Why? *It's how I'm keeping her safe.*

My nearly 12-year-old son asked me two days ago if I would connect his PS4 to the internet so he could play with friends outside of the house. I said no. He had a persuasive argument; it was filled with many things I agree with him about. Unfortunately, the good does not outweigh the bad. So, I stuck with the original "no." Why? *It's how I am keeping him safe.*

These devices, left unchecked, will allow people into our homes at any hour of any day. There is no escape. And I've created this home to be an escape. It's a safe place for my children. No matter what happens out in the world, I want this house to be their respite, their safe haven, their fortress.

Opening the door to unrestricted internet access allows anyone to enter our home at any time. I'm locking that door.

When it comes to internet access here there is zero privacy. ZERO. I've listened to arguments about privacy, and I've not heard a single one that made me rethink the safety of my children.

It's not only their physical safety we are called to guard! We must guard their hearts, their eyes, and their ears until they can make their own rational decisions. I'm doubling down rather than easing up on this issue. Why? Because I've read countless stories of parents who wish they could undo what's been done.

There are children- CHILDREN- sending pics, videos and other inappropriate content of themselves to "friends" online. And it's not happening out there somewhere- it's happening in good, solid Christian homes. It's happening right under our noses. The fallout of this crisis is yet to be seen. Our boys are exposed to inappropriate content and pornography years earlier than their fathers and the consequences are immeasurable.

Parents, educate yourselves on the long- term damage of early pornography exposure. I know the old adages bring comfort "boys will be boys." But I call bull. We are excusing life altering behavior by assuming that it's "just what boys do." No longer is it magazine photos of girls they will never meet- it's inappropriate pics of girls in their schools.

This is not fear mongering or helicopter parenting, it's simply common sense.

Check the phones. Monitor their online presence. If you allow social media, make sure you're one of their most engaged followers. They probably won't like that. You'll get some pushback. Parent anyway.

I tell my children all the time "I'm not here to make friends. It's okay with me if this makes you unhappy. Why? *It's how I'm keeping them safe.*

-Jenn Kish

OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION



Circle of Grace - Safe Environment Training Program

The USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People requires that all children enrolled in Catholic Schools and Parish Schools of Religion receive Safe Environment training. The Diocese of Baton Rouge will provide such training for grades K-12 utilizing the program, Circle of Grace. The Circle of Grace lessons for Grades K-8th are scheduled for November 8-12, 2021

The Circle of Grace lesson plan for your child's grade level may be reviewed at:

<https://learncat.diobr.org/circle-of-grace>

Password: CareSafeChurch

Parents have the right to opt their children out of receiving Safe Environment training. If you choose not to have your child participate in the training, it is required that you sign and submit the [Circle of Grace Opt-out Form](#) for grades K-8th to Roslyn Landry in the Office of Child Protection by Thursday, October 28, 2021. The opt-out form can be sent by email (childprotection@mbsbr.org) or fax (fax number 225-751-6738).

Hurricane
Makeup Days

- December 17 -FULL Day of School
- December 20 - Early Dismissal at 11:15 - No Buses, No after-school care.
- January 4 - FULL DAY of School.

Christmas
Holidays

Dec21-Jan3

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
- \$1813.00 has been donated to MBS through August 2021
- Click [here](#) for more information.

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You shop. Amazon gives.



Time & Talent Info.

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.

- 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:**

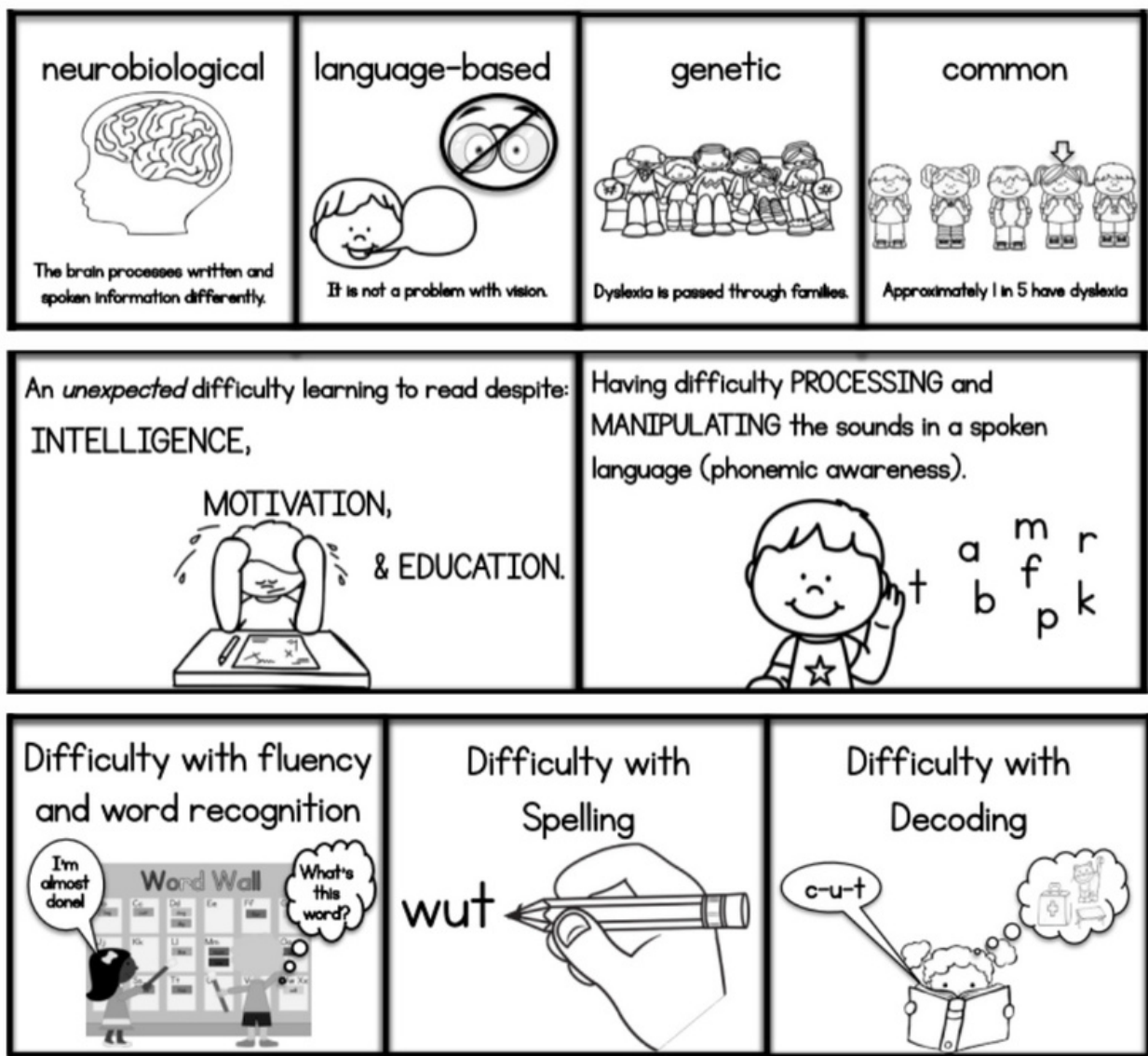
- **Parent Name (signed up on the SUG)**
- **Name of item**
- **Title of Sign Up (ex: 5th Grade Auction Basket)**

**This helps us match your hours
in FACTS.**

Dyslexia Awareness Month

DYSLEXIA IS...

According to Federal Law, the term 'dyslexia' means an unexpected difficulty in reading for an individual who has the intelligence to be a much better reader, most commonly caused by a difficulty in the phonological processing (the appreciation of the individual sounds of spoken language), which affects the ability of an individual to speak, read, and spell. *S.3747 - First Step Act of 2018.*



SARAH'S Teaching
SNIPPETS