



The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

OCTOBER 21, 2021

DATES FOR YOUR PLANNER

- October 22 - PreK-5 Students do NOT attend school
- October 25-29 - Red Ribbon Week
- October 25 - Middle School Students do NOT attend school
- October 27 - Picture Retakes; WEAR RED DAY (see page 4)
- October 28 - Mass; Dress Uniforms



Entry Fee: \$20 Prepaid Before October 27th via Paypal (H&S 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

Student Fair Performances Details

- Students should wear their Class-level Spirit Shirt with any bottoms. Uniform bottoms do not need to be worn.
- Masks are not required, as this is an outdoor-event.
- Students should be dropped off behind Fair Stage. Child Protected School Volunteers will be chaperoning the students.
- After the performances, parents should allow the students to exit the stage and proceed backstage.
- There will be signs designating "Drop off" & "Pick up"

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

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

Student Fair Performances Schedule

	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

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

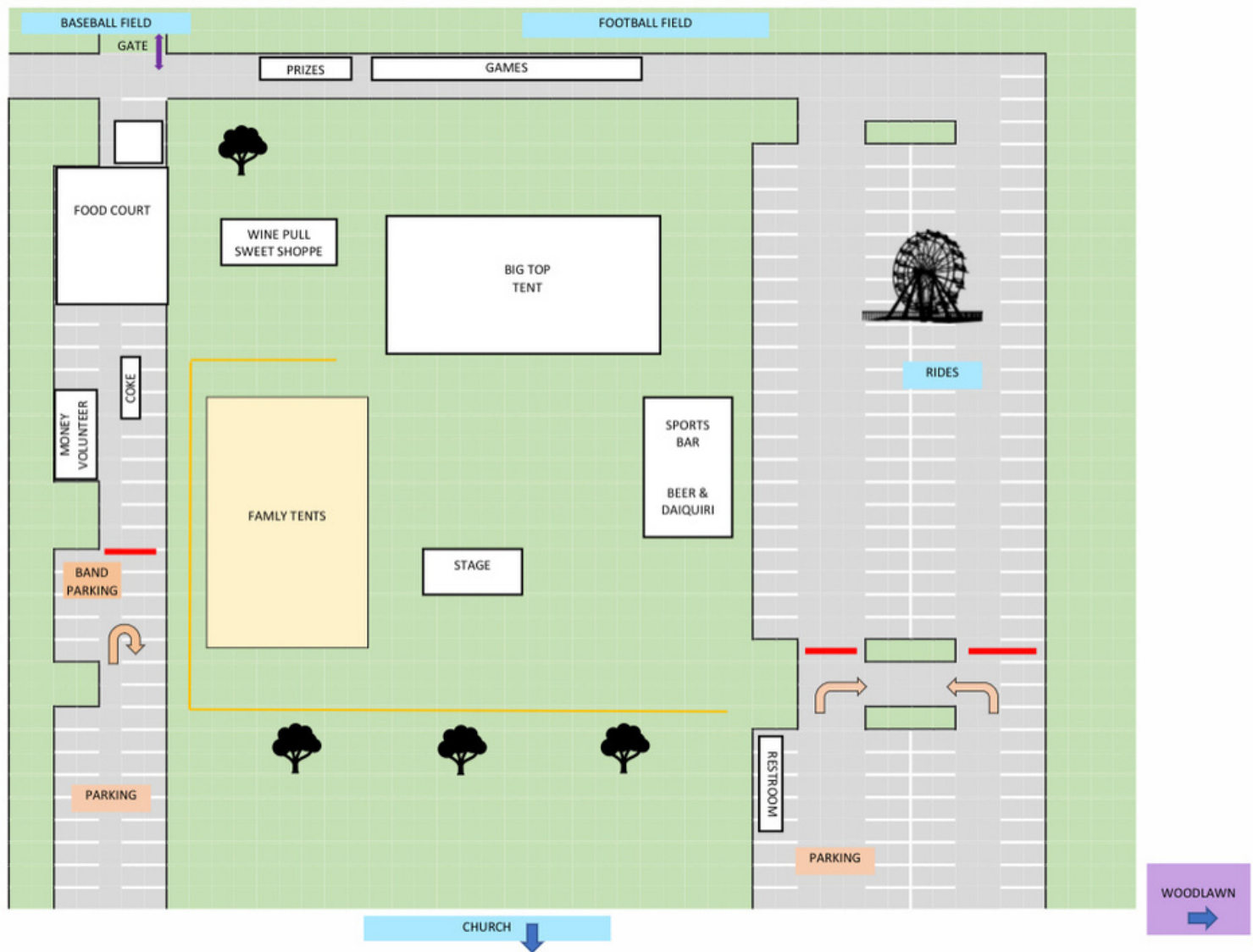
EVERY DAY

- 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)

MBS PARISH FAIRGROUNDS



Students are invited to wear Halloween, orange, or black shirts and Halloween accessories with uniform bottoms to school on Friday, October 29.



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

Red Ribbon Week

October 25-29



On October 27, MBS will participate in **WEAR RED DAY**. Students can wear red shirts, red socks, and other red accessories, with their uniform bottoms.



Picture Retakes


October 27

On October 27, Barbarito will be on campus to do Picture Retakes. Students must wear Dress Uniform for the pictures. Thus, if students need to take a picture, they may not participate in dressing up for Wear Red Day (see above).

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.

grandparents day 2021

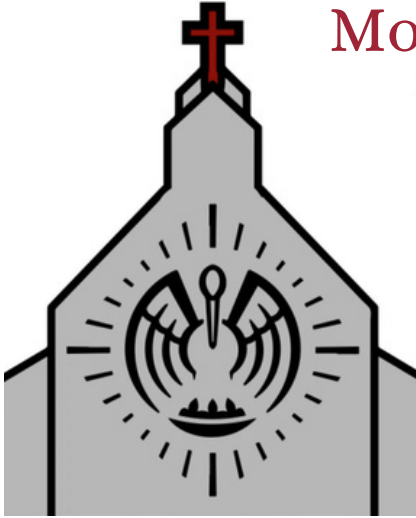
- Grades PK- 2: Thursday, November 18
- Grades 3-5: Thursday, January 13
- Grades 6-8: Thursday, March 10



Students in each group will receive a letter to go home to PARENTS a month before the designated Grandparents Day. Parents are to complete the form and return to school asap. This form is what we use to address the Grandparents Day invitations. Grandparents are invited to attend 8:15 Mass in the MBS Church. We will host a small reception with refreshments for the Grandparents in the St. John Room following Mass.

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.



a FACT about FACTS:

MBS has not subscribed to the use of the FACTS/Rediker App. Although some functions may look the same, they are not. Thus, if you have issues with using the app, MBS faculty or staff cannot help you.

If you want to access FACTS from your mobile device, save the bookmark to your homescreen.

FLAMINGO
NIGHT



November 2
6:30 PM
gate opens
6:00PM
football
field

All are invited
to come to the Football Field
to watch the Class of 2022
"Pelicans"
take on the teachers "Flamingos"
in a volleyball game.
Donations will be accepted at the
gate. Donations support MBS
Cares, a faculty outreach
committee.
8th Graders get in FREE.
Concessions & Pizza will be
available.

*Ask * Seek * Knock*

-Matthew 7:7



ASK US HOW WE EDUCATE THE
WHOLE CHILD: MIND, BODY, & SOUL



Open House
November 3, 2021 | 8:30am-12pm
Register for Open House on our website
mbsbr.org



MBS does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin.

principal

What a Wonderful World

By: Louis Armstrong

“...The colors of the rainbow
So pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces
Of people going by
I see friends shaking hands
Saying how do you do
They're really saying
I love you
I hear babies cry
I watch them grow
They'll learn much more
Than I'll ever know
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world
Yes, I think to myself
What a wonderful world
Ooh, yes”

principal

In January, I made a gratitude jar. Every morning, one of the first things I do is write down something I am grateful for and place the word in a clear glass jar. Some days all I can write is “I am grateful for making it through yesterday.” This practice does two things for me. The first thing it does is remind me to be thankful and to thank God. The second thing it does is remind me that I have a lot to be thankful for. This song came on the radio as I was driving to work Monday morning and again reminded me to be thankful. With all the unkindness and issues with acceptance of others and their opinions, we often forget to remember that we do have a “wonderful world” and for that we should be grateful.

Monday evening, I was once reminded that we have to look for the good when I read the following story. I am not going to lie, it filled my heart and describes the “wonderful world” that I know is possible.

“Wandering around the Albuquerque Airport Terminal, after learning my flight had been delayed four hours, I heard an announcement: “If anyone in the vicinity of Gate A-4 understands any Arabic, please come to the gate immediately.

” Well — one pauses these days. Gate A-4 was my own gate. I went there.

An older woman in full traditional Palestinian embroidered dress, just like my grandma wore, was crumpled to the floor, wailing. “Help,” said the flight agent. “Talk to her. What is her problem? We told her the flight was going to be late and she did this.” I stooped to put my arm around the woman and spoke haltingly.

“Shu-dow-a, Shu-bid-uck Habibti? Stani schway, Min fadlick, Shu-bit-se-wee?” The minute she heard any words she knew, however poorly used, she stopped crying.

She thought the flight had been cancelled entirely. She needed to be in El Paso for major medical treatment the next day. I said, “No, we’re fine, you’ll get there, just later, who is picking you up? Let’s call him.”

We called her son, I spoke with him in English. I told him I would stay with his mother till we got on the plane and ride next to her. She talked to him. Then we called her other sons just for the fun of it. Then we called my dad and he and she spoke for a while in Arabic and found out of course they had ten shared friends. Then I thought just for the heck of it why not call some Palestinian poets I know and let them chat with her? This all took up two hours.

She was laughing a lot by then. Telling of her life, patting my knee, answering questions. She had pulled a sack of homemade mamool cookies — little powdered sugar crumbly mounds stuffed with dates and nuts — from her bag — and was offering them to all the women at the gate.

To my amazement, not a single woman declined one. It was like a sacrament. The traveler from Argentina, the mom from California, the lovely woman from Laredo — we were all covered with the same powdered sugar. And smiling. There is no better cookie. And then the airline broke out free apple juice from huge coolers and two little girls from our flight ran around serving it and they were covered with powdered sugar, too. And I noticed my new best friend — by now we were holding hands — had a potted plant poking out of her bag, some medicinal thing, with green furry leaves. Such an old country tradition. Always carry a plant. Always stay rooted to somewhere.

And I looked around that gate of late and weary ones and I thought, This is the world I want to live in. The shared world. Not a single person in that gate — once the crying of confusion stopped — seemed apprehensive about any other person. They took the cookies. I wanted to hug all those other women, too.

This can still happen anywhere. Not everything is lost.”

Story by: Naomi Shihab Nye

Do you know where you stand as an IOG (Identified Offertory Giver) with MBS Church? All donations of a minimum of \$325 must be received by December 15, 2021 to receive INPARISH TUITION for 2022-23 school year. Donations made after December 15 will be credited for the following school year. (see next page)
Call Darlene Moscona at 225.267.5987 to check on your status.

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).



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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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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.

As a follow-up to Mrs. Gioe's Principal Letter in the last Newsletter that highlighted safety concerns with children having access to smartphones/internet/social media, I'd like to introduce a protective measure for our children, the Wait Until 8th movement.

This is a parent-led, positive peer pressure program that decreases the "so-and-so has one" argument from our kids. In this movement, parents band together to disallow smartphones/internet/social media until (at least) 8th grade.

The research that supports this plan shows that early and overuse of screens is addictive, impairs sleep, interferes with academics, increases anxiety and depression, exposes children to sexual content, and even changes the composition of the human brain -- thinning the cortex that processes information from the senses! Let's protect our children from these dangers as long as we can. Sign the pledge. It's FREE and could save you and your child(ren) so much pain and stress!

<https://www.waituntil8th.org/>

<https://www.waituntil8th.org/why-wait>

I SIGNED
the pledge

*Because childhood is too short
to waste on a smartphone.*



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