

The Pelican Express

DECEMBER 9, 2021

DATES FOR YOUR PLANNER

December 9 - Drama Play for Parents - St. Ursula

December 14 - Last Day for AR Testing

December 15 - AR Free Dress; DARE graduation

December 16 - Mass; Dress uniforms; Used Uniform Sale

December 17 - End of 9 weeks; Spirit Shirt Day; 8th grade baby picture ad due

December 18 - Parish Soccer Deadline

December 20 - Early Dismissal, 11:15, no buses, no extended

December 22 - Report Cards

Christmas Fun Dress Days

- Monday, December 13 Festive Socks
 with school uniform
- Tuesday, December 14* Festive tops & accessories with school uniform
- Wednesday, December 15 AR Free Dress for students (3-5) who earned it
- Thursday, December 16 Dress uniforms for Mass
- Friday, December 17 Spirit Shirts with uniform bottoms

*Those students who participated in Missionaries of Charity have FREE DRESS on Tuesday December 14. (see page 2)



Join us for Lessons in Carols presented by the MBS Students

Monday, December 20 9:30am MBS Church Mempy Christmas cards! Please mail us one, so we can put on

display in the Office. 8033 Baringer Rd. Baton Rouge, LA 70817

Missionaries of Charity Project



A young couple, their first child due to arrive any day, is travelling far from home, unable to find shelter... until a kind stranger gives them help...

2021 MBS Middle School Mid Term Schedule

Wednesday, December 15th, 2021 7:20-7:55 - Homeroom and Assembly 8:00-9:20 - Science Exam 9:25-9:45 - Brunch 9:50-11:05 - English Exam 11:15 - Dismissal via Car Rider Pro

<u>Thursday, December 16th, 2021</u> 7:20-7:55 Homeroom and Assembly 8:00-9:20 Social Studies Exam 9:25-9:45 Brunch 9:50-11:05 – Religion Exam 11:15 – Dismissal via Car Rider Pro

<u>Friday, December 17th, 2021</u> 7:20-7:55 – Homeroom and Assembly 8:00-9:20 – Math Exam 9:25-9:45 – Brunch 9:50-11:05 – Literature Exam 11:15 – Dismissal via Car Rider Pro

In that same spirit of giving, St. Teresa of Calcutta came to Baton Rouge in 1985 to establish her community of Sisters, the Missionaries of Charity, responding to Christ's plea that they make Him known to the poorest of the poor by their humble service of love. By the generous gift of their lives, they care for those who, like the Holy Family at that first Christmas, are homeless in our city.

Our 2 nd Graders are leading us in providing a monetary gift for the Missionaries of Charity to support the shelter. We are requesting a \$2.00 donation from each student, and we encourage families to allow their children to earn this money so it may be truly a gift from them. They are doing God's work through their generosity, by giving joy to those in need throughout the year.

The collection will take place from

Monday, Dec. 6 th to Monday, Dec. 13 th.

As a thank you to those who participate, you may have free dress on Tues. Dec. 14 th .

For Free Dress Guidelines, please visit page 40 of the Parent/Student <u>Handbook</u> on our website.

Time to Start Collecting

Please use the Ziploc Bag provided to collect and return Coke and Community Coffee labels by Jan 14th. These labels allow us to get money back for our school! We are not collecting any other labels or items at this time. The class with the most collectibles will when a PARTY!

Coca Cola Give

Please collect the Coca Cola bottle tops, plastic, or paper packaging that has a Coke product code. We will have volunteers scan the codes at a later date. Examples below.





Community Coffee Cash for Schools



Please collect the Community Coffee Labels from the small bags and even the large bulk boxes. Examples below.









On December 15, FACTS will be disabled. On December 22, FACTS will be reopened and Report Cards will be emailed just in time to have a Merry Christmas!

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Please join us on Sunday, December 12 in MBS Church to help transform the church into CHRISTMAS. 6:30-8:00pm

shop for good online or in-store!

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December 20th and 21st

Enter code

GIVEBACK-BFAVY

in your cart or at checkout on kendrascott.com, or mention it at checkout in-store, and 20% of your purchase will benefit



Not combinable with other offers.

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8th Grade Baby Picture Ads

(This message supersedes the text sent on 11/18 from MBS)

Dear 8th Grade Parents,

Make your 8th Grader's Yearbook extra special this year by purchasing a personal ad in the yearbook for \$25. With this purchase, you will receive an ad 1/8 of a page in size.

The following guidelines must be used when submitting a baby/toddler picture of your 8th grader:

- Write your 8th Grader's name on the back (pictures will be returned)
- Pictures must be no larger than 4x6
- Professional photos may not be used (they are copyrighted)
- Please submit the actual photo or send your photo by email to <u>yearbook@mbsbr.org</u> in jpeg format.

To reserve a space for your ad in the yearbook return payment, photo (if not emailing it) and message in an envelope marked "personal ad" for yearbook - please send it to the office **before December 17th**. Make checks payable to MBS.

Ads are 1/8 of a page so please be advised that too many words reduces the space we can use for the photo.

Most Blessed Sacrament School reserves the right to refuse any photo or message that we deem inappropriate.

Thank you, MBS Yearbook Staff

Please return this form plus photo (if not emailing it) with payment before December 17, 2021.

Student Name/ Homeroom

Message:



Ryleigh Averett

Life is a journey. Enjoy the ride. We love you and are so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad, Luke and Sydney



Colin Frick

Congratulations Colin! We are so very proud of you! We love you. Love, Mom & Dad



WHEN: JAN 3- FEB 25

COST: \$80 IN-PARISH \$90 OUT OF PARISH

REGISTRATION: PK-5TH HTTPS://PAYIT.NELNET.NET/FORM/WGCDDMOP

DEADLINE: 12/18/21 @ 12:00 AM *NO LATE REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED**

Athletic Director: Tiffany Brouillette tbrouillette@mbsbr.org



Can my child participate if they attend a school other than MBS?

Children from all schools in PK4-5th grade are welcome to participate.

What are the age divisions?

In the past, grades have been divided based on the number of children registered. Typically PK/K, 1st/2nd, 3rd/4th, 5th will be the divisions unless there are enough in a division to play without combining.

What happens if I miss the deadline? A new registration program is being used and late registrations can not be processed.



When will practices be held?

Practices will be one afternoon a week. The day is TBD by the coach.

When will games take place?

Games will take place on either Saturday or Sunday afternoons. A schedule will come out after registration closes.

Can a request be made for team placement?

Click here to register for MBS Parish

Soccer. Take note of the

Registration

Deadline is, as FACTS will not allow

Request can be submitted to tbrouillette@mbsb.org; however, request are not guaranteed.

Home & School Winter Used Uniform Sale

December 16

4:00pm-7:00pm

Classroom #2 Mrs. Ross's PK

CASH ONLY

We will not be accepting uniforms for resale at this time. This is a great opportunity to buy your ever-growing child used uniforms for the rest of the year. We will still have our Summer Used Uniform Sale for those who want to sell their items.



FACTS Payment Forms

MBS is now utilizing FACTS Payment Forms for Field Trips, Athletics, etc. It's simple to use! The teacher will provide a link to the form for sign-up and payment.

Please note that each form has an expiration date, so you must sign up before the form ends.

USED UNIFORM Prices

skirts \$5 jumpers \$5 pants \$4

polos \$2 bloomers \$1 sweatshirts \$4

oxfords \$4 shorts \$2

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.

- 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

Talent Update

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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.

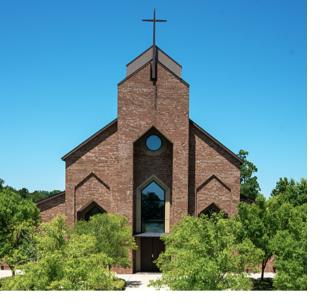
Log your Service Hours into FACTS.

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.



MBS Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8:00-3:30 (closed 12-1) Friday, 8:00-12:00 The Church Office will be closed December 23, 24, 27, 30, 31 & January 3.

COUNSELOR'S

Children are **naturally** willful, spirited, impulsive, passionate, and easily frustrated.

When we divide the behavior between good and bad, we completely disregard the complexities of being a child.

@BigLifeJournal

CORNER

Congratulations, Addison Comeaux



Addison was selected as an SJA Josephine Bahlinger Award Finalist at St. Joseph's Academy. Only 15 students are selected to be a finalist.



Tickets: www.McDowellPianist.com Or at church office

OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION



According to the Safe Environment Policy promulgated by the Diocese of Baton Rouge, all parish and school ministry volunteers/chaperones must complete a mandatory background check and child protection training. Please note that MBS School child protection requirements are not the same as MBS Church Parish. Therefore, if you are compliant for one, you are not automatically compliant for the other.

The Diocese of Baton Rouge conducted a sweep of the child protection database in March 2021. If your child protection file was not updated prior to the sweep, then your file was closed. Please email Mrs. Landry at <u>childprotection@mbsbr.org</u> to check the status of your file and/or receive the required paperwork to activate your file.

Child Protection credentials allow the holder of these credentials the opportunity to chaperone/volunteer. All credentialed adults must abide by the sign-up and confirmation process for each event.

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 <u>childprotection@mbsbr.org</u>. Please note that five hours may be entered in FACTS for "Time and Talent" service hours for completing the child protection process.

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. Please find the agreement <u>here</u> and scan/email the completed agreement to <u>childprotection@mbsbr.org</u>.

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
- **\$2048** has been donated to MBS to date December 2021
- Click <u>here</u> for more information.

