

The Pelican Express

DECEMBER 16, 2021

DATES FOR YOUR PLANNER

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

January 4 - Students return to school - regular day

January 6 - Dress Uniform; Epiphany Mass

January 10 - ReEnrollment Begins for next school year...see page 2.



Join us for Lessons & Carols presented by the MBS Students Monday, December 20 9:30am MBS Church



Praise & Worship

The Praise & Worship Club will meet on Wednesday, January 5 at 7:00. Students attending the meeting may wear their Praise & Worship shirts

END OF 9 WEEKS

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!

END OF 9 WEEKS

January 6 is the Feast of the Epiphany. We will begin with Mass in the church and end our day with King Cake from the Home & School Association.

2022-23 Re-Enrollment January 10-17

All existing students who will attend school for the 2022-23 school year must RE-ENROLL in January.

- Please have your FACTS login information.
- Between January 10-17, parents must login to FACTS Family Portal, Apply/Enroll, Enrollment/ReEnrollment, and begin the Re-Enrollment Process.
- There is an Enrollment Fee of \$360 to be paid at the time of enrollment. Click here for 2022 fees.
- Those who miss the re-enrollment deadline of the 17th will be charged a \$100 late fee, for a total of \$460.
- There is no Tuition withdrawal in January.

If your student will not be returning next year, please login to the ReEnrollment form as noted above and click "Will Not Enroll."



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

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.

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.

