



# The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

JANUARY 27, 2022

## DATES FOR YOUR PLANNER

January 28 - Professional Development - no school for PK-5

January 29-30 - Catholic Schools Week Masses

January 31 - Professional Development - no school for 6-8

February 3 - Mass; Dress Uniform

February 4 - Progress Reports online; spirit shirt day

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

### **Saturday & Sunday, January 29-30 – Celebrate your Parish**

Participation in weekend Mass. Attend your child's given Mass time that went home a few weeks ago. Students are asked to wear their school uniforms.

### **Monday, January 31 - Celebrate your Community**

\$2.00 donation sent to school for the purchase of gift cards for Metanoia House, and a treat for our local fire department and police department. Students in grades 1-5 get free dress on this day if they bring in a donation.

Middle School, PreK, and K will get free dress on Tuesday if they bring in a donation.

PLEASE LABEL ALL DONATIONS WHEN YOU SEND THEM TO SCHOOL.

### **Tuesday, February 1 - Celebrate Students**

Surprise for the students

### **Wednesday, February 2 – Celebrate our Nation**

Students may wear red, white, and blue shirts, socks, and accessories with uniform bottoms.

Diocesan Catholic Schools Mass.

### **Thursday, February 3 – Celebrate Vocations**

Special treat for Father Phil and Deacons.

School Mass with Jell Peno, Neighbor's Way, and Teacher Years of Service Awards.

### **Friday, February 4 – Celebrate Faculty, Staff, & Volunteers**

Spirit Shirt Day

### **February 5&6 – Celebrate Family**

Spend family time together and share with your child the reasons why you send them to a Catholic School.

Bring a family photo (will not be returned) to Mass with you and hang it on one of the trees in the Narthex.

On the back, please write why your child/children attend Catholic school.



**CELEBRATE  
CATHOLIC  
SCHOOLS  
WEEK 2021**  
January 31 - February 6  
#CSW21

FORWARD IN  
FAITH 

*Gala*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2022**  
**7:00 - 10:00 PM**

Join us at the Capitol Park Museum for Most Blessed Sacrament's first ever gala!



All ticket proceeds and pledges from the Gala will go toward our 2022 building project. Building Project information may be found at [www.mbsforward.com](http://www.mbsforward.com)

The evening will include:

- Heavy hors d'oeuvres
- Open Bar
- Live Band
- Silent Auction

**Tickets are \$75 per person and may be  
purchased at**

[www.mbsforward.com](http://www.mbsforward.com)

  
Capital Park Museum  
660 N 4th St  
Baton Rouge LA 70802  


# FORWARD IN FAITH



# Gala

## What is the GALA?

The GALA is a Semi-Formal Event to kick off our "Forward in Faith" Capital Campaign. It takes the place of our \$10K Parish Raffle this year. It's on Valentine's Day Weekend, so you can schedule a date with your sweetheart while supporting the Church!

## What do I wear?

Everyone is invited to wear something semi-formal. Ladies can wear something short, tea-length, or long. Men are not required to wear a tux. A suit is just fine.

## Tell me about tickets?

Tickets be purchased online at [MBSforward.com](https://MBSforward.com). They are \$75/person.

MBS Parents may also send a check/cash with their students to the School office. Please label the envelope "Church Office - Gala" so we know where to bring the envelope.

## What about the Auction?

We will have both a Silent and a Live Auction at the gala. Silent auction items are similar to what we have seen at the Virtual Auction - Spring 2021 and the Fair Auction. The Silent auction will be through the Qtego app. Live auction items will include vacation getaways. We will also have the coveted "First in Carpool Line" and "Principal for a Day."

## When can I see the Auction items and begin bidding?

The items will go live on Qtego on February 5. We will post the link for easy access, The items will close during the Gala, at 9:00pm to be awarded thereafter.



## What if I want to donate an item or help with the Auction?

We would love to help promote your business while supporting the Campaign. Please contact Lauren Stevens at [LStevens@mbsbr.org](mailto:LStevens@mbsbr.org)

## What is the Capital Campaign raising money for?

Our growing parish is in need of two new buildings, one on the school campus, one on the church campus. Information, including conceptional layouts & designs can be found on the website [MBSForward.com](https://MBSForward.com)

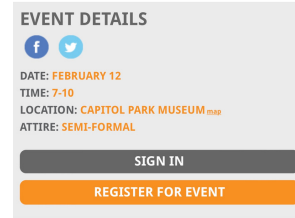
## How do I make a donation to the Campaign?

We would love to sit down and discuss your donation with you to designate it appropriately. Please email Michael McDowell at [Mmcdowell@mbsbr.org](mailto:Mmcdowell@mbsbr.org) to make an appointment.

# How to Participate in the Auction

1. Items will be live on Qtego site February 5-12.

2. Visit the provided link or scan the QR code <https://qtego.net/qlink/mbsbr>



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3. Register for the Event. All bids are digital, so credit card information is required.

## WELCOME TO OUR EVENT REGISTRATION

Most Blessed Sacrament Parish has teamed up with Qtego Fundraising Services, a technology firm that provides a revolutionary charitable giving experience. For added convenience you will be able to participate in our event with your tablet or computer as well as your mobile phone via our mobile website or by texting. Qtego's service will keep you informed of status updates and other announcements during the event.

## REGISTERING IS EASY!

Once you register your mobile phone\*, you can participate in the event immediately. **Qtego is fast, easy and fun!**

Learn more about Qtego at [Qtego.com](http://Qtego.com).

\*Standard text messaging & data rates may apply. [Read more.](#)

**Already Registered for this Event? [Sign in Here!](#)**

**Register Your Mobile Phone to Participate!**

Your information is strictly confidential and will only be used for the Most Blessed Sacrament Parish event.

FIRST NAME  
LAST NAME  
MOBILE PHONE NUMBER  
EMAIL  
ADDRESS  
CITY  
SELECT YOUR STATE  
ZIP  
CREDIT CARD NUMBER  
EXP DATE  
01 2020  
 COVER ADMINISTRATIVE FEES?  
I WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT ON ALL MY PURCHASES TO HELP COVER SOME OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.  
ADDITIONAL AMOUNT: 3.50%  
REGISTER

4. Begin bidding the afternoon of the 5th. We will have over 75 items. Bidding will close at 9:00pm on February 12.

5. You will receive a text on any item you are awarded. Items should be picked up at the Gala or at the Church Office on Monday, February 14.

# VOLUNTEER



Click [here](#) for an opportunity to help donate items for our MBS Parish Gala. Please check the end of the signup. Several items are still needed.

**FEBRUARY LUNCH  
MENU  
[CLICK HERE](#)**

Click [here](#) for an opportunity to help stock the Concession Stand.

## HOW TO FIND THE 2021 TAX STATEMENT IN FACTS

LOG INTO FACTS.

In Report Manager, select "Family Statement - NEW" report in Accounting. Filter by the appropriate accounting system and set the date range for the 2021 year.

## HOW TO FIND THE 2021 TAX STATEMENT IN FACTS

Thank you everyone for your cooperation and understanding when rescheduling our Pals lunch!

It is rescheduled for February 4 and the date has been changed on the sign up.

If you need to change or cancel what you signed up for, please update it [here](#)

*Krewe of Pelicans*

ALL HAIL OUR AMAZING TEACHERS



JOIN US FOR

**PALS  
LUNCHEON**

FRIDAY, February 4  
ST. URSULA

*Please dress in your favorite Mardi Gras attire!*

Martha Ministry is participating in "Socks of Love" as a military donation. We are collecting socks and candy for the Southeast La War Veterans Home in Reserve Louisiana. There are 135 men and 20 women who live in the home. The sock size needed is Men's 10-13 or Women's 9-11. A variety of candy will be collected as well as sugar-free candy. We are coordinating this collection along with The Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana Chapter 1. Each Veteran will receive a nicely-decorated gift bag with socks and candy. Please bring the items to church at any of the masses or drop off at the office until 2/3/22. Please feel free to contact Susie Whitlow with questions at [susie.q.whitlow@gmail.com](mailto:susie.q.whitlow@gmail.com) or 225-505-4296.



## **CONGRATULATIONS TO KASEY GARY MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT 2022 DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE.**



Not only is Kasey an Alumna of MBS, but she currently has two children, 8th Grader Marielle, and 6th Grader Aliza, attending her alma mater. Kasey and her family attend mass weekly where she helps form her children's Catholic identity just as she and her husband Jon do. Kasey is an avid school and church volunteer. She is a member of the Home & School Association and helps with PALS luncheon for teachers and helps coordinate the Pelican Games in the Spring. She will be honored at the Diocesan Distinguished Graduates' Dinner on Monday, January 31. Join us in congratulating Kasey!

# Time & Talent Update

**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.**



Most Blessed Sacrament is beyond excited and proud to announce that 8th Grader, Addison Comeaux has been selected to represent the Diocese of Baton Rouge as the Diocesan Student of the Year.

Addison submitted a portfolio of her academic and extracurricular activities along with an autobiography.

A committee comprised of non-public educators reviewed Addison's portfolio along with the portfolio of many others. Addison advanced and was interviewed this past Wednesday. We received an email on Friday, informing us of this honor.

Addison will now advance to the state Student of the Year competition.

Please join me in congratulating Addison on this huge accomplishment. We are Pelican Proud!

## Student of the Year

Congratulations to Arden Ehlers who was chosen as MBS 5th Grade Student of the Year.

Arden created a portfolio and wrote an autobiography which was submitted to the non-public school selection committee. The selection committee chose Arden to advance to the interview round and she participated in a Zoom interview last Wednesday. Arden, we are Pelican Proud of you, THE MBS 5th Grade Student of the Year.





# 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 [childprotection@mbsbr.org](mailto:childprotection@mbsbr.org) 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 [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.

### 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 [here](#) and scan/email the completed agreement to [childprotection@mbsbr.org](mailto:childprotection@mbsbr.org).

## 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 [here](#) for more information.

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You shop. Amazon gives.

**PRAISE & WORSHIP MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 9**

**7:20AM**

**ST. URSULA - DROP OFF IN BACK PARKING LOT**

## Journal entry from one of our K-Pal 8th grade students. The student is referring to Ms. Chester & Ms. Monica in 1st.

"Observing the teacher and assistant of lower grades helps me find the value of teaching, and the connection with each of the students they have. With that being said it is extremely important for a teacher to have a good relationship with the students and to bring a positive nourishment to everyone as well. This is what truly separates a good teacher from a wonderful teacher. It is a small bridge to cross but can make a huge impact on the learning experience of a child. And because of that, I feel that my lower grade teacher and assistant both demonstrate the morals and values of being a wonderful teacher.

There are a wide variety of things I notice with my lower grade teacher and assistant that truly do make a difference in the learning game. I love how they are always using positive reinforcement when students are struggling in different areas. I also appreciate the expectations they use for the 1st graders. Even though they are still young, they are finally learning the meaning of being responsible and independent. Something that was really striking to me as well is the arrangement of activities they do to help enhance the students' learning in certain areas. They do a great job of giving them centers that go with the topic that they are learning. Even I struggled on a few of the topics they were learning as an 8th grader! Lastly, I absolutely adore the classroom environment. They did a wonderful job of setting up a bright and colorful classroom. It brings life to teaching and makes learning fun. They also have different seating arrangements and bands at the feet area to help students who are more fidgety than others.

Overall, my experience in the lower grade classroom has been very positive. These teachers are hardworking, and love what they do. It truly shows, and is something special that not everyone has. I have noticed so much kindness and positivity radiating from these teachers. They go above and beyond for these students, and are giving them the best learning experience for their future. As a whole, my experience in the 1st grade classroom has been nothing but love and support from these wonderful teachers."



Middle school students, Zoe Boudreaux and Alyssa Loya, inform 3rd graders about the January Kindness Club mission -- Resolutions for Kindness 2022. The students will make a paper chain with all of the resolutions from every grade to span the cafeteria and spread kindness this year!

