



The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

MARCH 10, 2022

DATES FOR YOUR PLANNER

March 11 - AR Free Dress/Wax Museum
March 14-21 - 7th GBREB Collection
March 14-15 - 8th Youth Legislature
March 16 - Kindness Club
March 17 - Mass; Dress Uniforms; Reports Cards
March 18 - FUN RUN; Spirit Shirt Day

Praise & Worship:

Please park in St. Ursula parking lot and walk students to the back door of Ursula. A teacher will be waiting at the door. It is not safe to drop students off in the parking lot. We have two more meetings off this school year. They are on April 6 and May 4.

Spring Parent/Teacher Conference

Friday, March 25:

Middle School Students do NOT attend school. PK-5 attend school.

Monday, March 28:

PK-5 Students do NOT attend school. Middle School Students attend.

**Is your
daughter
wanting to
participate
in Pep
Squad,
Cheer, or
Dance next
year?**



**There is a Mandatory Parent Meeting
on Thursday, March 17
5:00pm
St. Ursula.**

**The following girls are eligible
for the 2022-23 school year:**

Pep Squad - Grades 3&4

Cheer - Grades 5-8

Dance - Grades 6-8



PELICAN FUN RUN

THE ANNUAL PELICAN FUN RUN, OUR SCHOOL'S LARGEST FUNDRAISER, WILL TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 18, 2022. THIS YEAR, WE WILL FOCUS OUR EFFORTS OVER A TWO-WEEK PERIOD FROM MARCH 7 THROUGH MARCH 17. DURING THIS TIMEFRAME, FAMILIES WILL GATHER PLEDGES PER LAP, FOR A TOTAL OF 35 LAPS. DUE TO THE RECENT EVENT THAT HAPPENED ON CAMPUS, WE WANT TO INSTALL ADDITIONAL SURVEILLANCE AND LIGHTING FOR OUR CAMPUS. THUS, OUR GOAL IS \$125K.

WEATHER PERMITTING, THE FUN RUN WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD; THE SCHEDULE IS BELOW. THE FOOTBALL FIELD WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS: (1) INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE, (2) OBSTACLE CHALLENGES, (3) COLOR RUN. COMPLETION OF EACH SECTION WILL EQUATE TO 35 LAPS. IF WEATHER IS FORECASTED TO BE UNPLEASANT, WE WILL MOVE THE FUN RUN TO MARCH 30.

THE SCHEDULE IS BELOW:

PRE - K: 8:10

KINDERGARTEN: 8:30

1ST GRADE: 8:50

2ND GRADE: 9:10

3RD GRADE: 9:30

4TH GRADE: 9:50

5TH GRADE: 10:10

6TH GRADE: 10:30

7TH GRADE: 10:50

8TH GRADE: 11:10

1:30 - 2:30 PEP RALLY

PARENTS WHO COME TO CHEER ON THEIR STUDENT MUST REPORT TO THE FRONT DESK TO CHECK IN AND GET A NAMETAG.

MBS Summer Camps

The following camps are available this summer and can be registered by following this [link](#).

Social Skills Class by Michelle DiBenedetto

When: July 11-15th and/or July 18-22 *

Time: 9:00 am - Noon or 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm *

* Dates and time depend on enrollment and splitting of age groups.

Where: MBS School, Room TBD

Camp Instructor: Mrs. Michelle DiBenedetto, LCSW

Cost: \$150.00

This camp will teach the children:

- listening skills
- friendship skills
- how to have a more positive attitude and mindset
- how to apologize for, and learn from, his/her mistakes
- self-calming strategies
- impulse control
- about screen time and why limits are important

and more!

Private Voice/Instrumental Lessons

When: Beginning the week of June 6th. The last lessons will be the week of July 25th. No lessons will be held during the week of July 17-23rd.

Lesson day and times will be determined based on Mrs. Schiebe's availability.

Time: TBD

Where: MBS Music Room

Camp Instructor: Mrs. Anna Schiebe

Cost: \$25.00 per half hour and checks should be made out to MBS with notation "Music Summer Camp".

Grades: Vocal Lessons for students entering 6th Grade or older

Instrumental Lessons for students entering 6th Grade or older

2022 STEM Skills Camp

When: June 6-10th

Time: 8:00 am - Noon

Where: MBS School, Room TBD

Camp Instructor: Mr. Rodney Wilson

Cost: \$110.00

Description: Students in Grades 1-5 will enjoy learning about LEGO Robotics, TechKidz: Video Game Design and TechKidz: Coding.



Strategies For Success: A Summer Boot Camp

When: TBD

Time: 9:00 am - Noon

Where: MBS School, Room TBD

Camp Instructors: Mrs. Becca Muller (SCOOP Coordinator), Holly Wilder (MS Math), and Kylie Harbin (MS English).

(Combined 76 years of experience.)

Cost: \$150.00

Description: A study skills class for students entering 6th - 8th grades that will cover the following topics:

- organization
- quiz/test prep
- following directions
- time management
- Google tools proficiency
- note taking

FACTS

REPORT CARDS

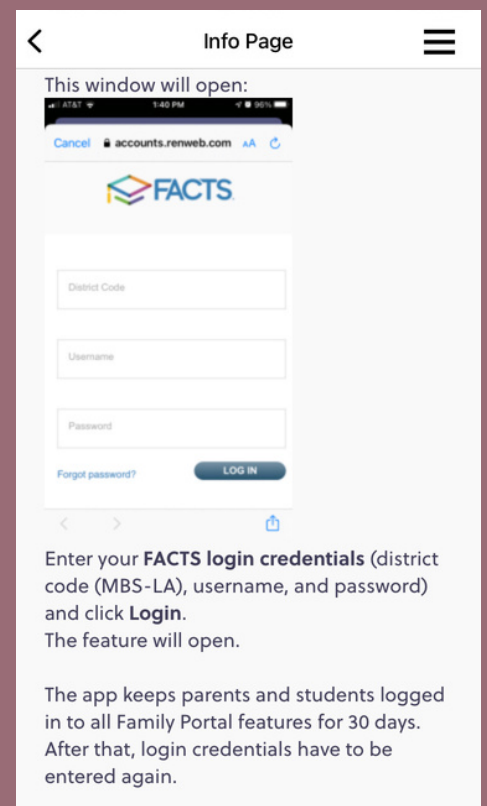
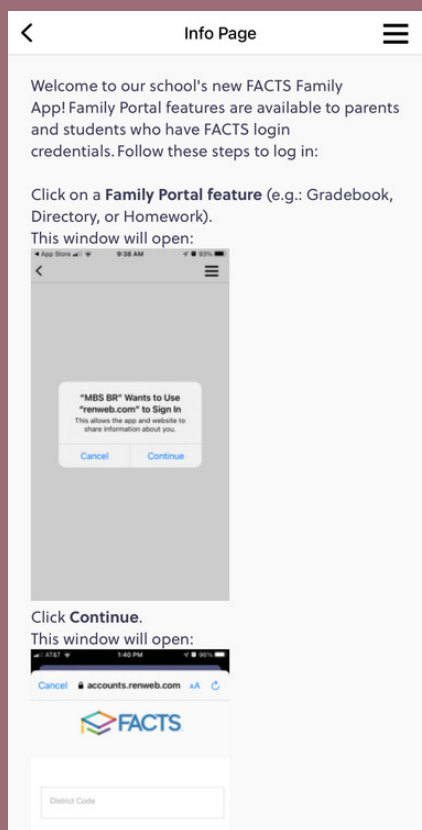
Thursday, March 10 - Quarter 3 Gradebook and Report Card are disabled.

Friday, March 11 - Quarter 3 ends

Thursday, March 17 - Parents will be emailed Report Card and FACTS will be reopened.

Those who have already downloaded the FACTS APP should have received a notification about the closing of the gradebook. If you haven't downloaded the APP, see below....

FACTS APP



MBS Summer Camps

The following camps are available this summer and can be registered by following this [link](#).

Boys Agility Summer Camps (Ages 4-6 Or Ages 7-11)

SESSION 1 - AGES 7-11

When: June 27-July 1

Time: 8 am - 3 pm

Cost: \$150.00

Instructors: Frances Avery &
Tiffany Brouillette

SESSION 2 - AGES 4-6

When: July 11-15

Time: 8 am - Noon

Cost: \$125.00

Instructors: Frances Avery &
Tiffany Brouillette

Girls Basketball & Volleyball Summer Camp

When: June 13-17

Ages: 7-11 yrs old

Basketball: 8 am - Noon (\$125)

Volleyball: Noon - 3 pm (\$125)

Basketball & Volleyball: 8 am - 3 pm (\$150)

Instructor(s) Frances Avery & Tiffany Brouillette

Cheer & Dance Summer Camp

When: June 6-10

Ages: 4-11 yrs old

Dance: 8 am - Noon (\$125)

Cheer: Noon - 3 pm (\$125)

Dance & Cheer: 8 am - 3 pm (\$150)

Instructor(s) Frances Avery, Tiffany
Brouillette and Holly Wilder



Save the Date:
Vacation Bible School
June 20-24

Registration will take place at the
beginning of May for students
entering Kindergarten - 5th grade



PJ Girl's Night Out **April 9, 6-9pm**

**We will have pizza, play games, sing &
dance while parents enjoy a Night Out.**
\$20*/child

***money supports the Cheer/Dance/Pep
Squad**



7th Grade Food Drive
Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank
Monday, March 14th – Monday, March 21st

Please help 7th grade with their ministry project, the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank Drive. We are asking the students to bring in items according to their grade levels. Thank you for your generosity.

Grade	Food Item
Pre-K	Rice
Kindergarten	Pasta
1 st	Peanut Butter
2 nd	Canned Fruit/Fruit Cups
3 rd	Plastic Jars or Can Spaghetti Sauce Canned Ravioli, Spaghetti O's...
4 th	Tuna Fish
5 th	Canned Soup
6 th	Canned Vegetables
7 th	Jelly
8 th	Dried Beans
Faculty / Staff	Flour, Sugar, Oil

Labeled boxes will be placed outside each grade's classrooms for the collection of food. The GBRFB will also accept monetary donations made payable to Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank, which should be sent daily to the front office.

This is a great opportunity to practice almsgiving during this Lenten season. Be creative in thinking of ways to incorporate this selfless act of giving with your students.



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.

Pelican Games will be in April.

If you want to volunteer, you must be Cleared by the Office of Child Protection.

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 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. 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.

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 through 2021.
- Click [here](#) for more information.

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You shop. Amazon gives.



All Ye
Knights

And
Ladies

THE HONOUR OF THY PRESENCE IS REQUESTED
AT MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL'S

Mother & Son Date Knight

ON SATURDAY, THE NINETEENTH OF
MARCH, IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND
TWENTY-TWO AT SEVEN IN THE EVENING.

ENTERTAINMENT BY BAYOU CIRQUE IN
ST URSULA HALL FOLLOWED BY GAMES
AND MERRIMENT IN THE COURTYARD.
JOIN US FOR ARCHERY, AXE THROWING,
FENCING, AND MUCH MORE.

ADMISSION: \$25 PER COUPLE AND \$10
EACH ADDITIONAL KNIGHT.
COSTUMES ARE WELCOME.

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

To donate items/volunteer, click [here](#).



Oh La La!

Madames &
Mademoiselles,
you are cordially
invited to the MBS

*Mother & Daughter
Parisian Spring Soirée*

FRIDAY, APRIL 1ST 7:00 PM

Say oui and dress très chic for a fabulous
Parisian affair with dancing,
light hors d'oeuvres, patisserie,
and much more!

Tickets are \$25 each couple and
\$10 each additional daughter

To purchase tickets, [click here](#)

To donate items/volunteer, [click here](#)

APRIL Is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month.



The Effects of ABUSE

When a child is abused, the effects are grave and can last a lifetime. Some of the most common effects of abuse include:

- Loss of faith and trust in God.
- Post-traumatic stress disorder, psychological distress, and other indirect signs of trauma, such as anxiety, trouble sleeping, chronic stomach pain, and headaches.
- A greater risk of developing behavioral problems, substance abuse, and suicide.

The sense of violation goes deep into a person's psyche and feelings of anger, shame, hurt, and betrayal can build long after the abuse has taken place.

Steps to Prevent ABUSE

Communicate with Your Children

It is extremely important to communicate openly with your children. Let them know that they can talk to you about anything that bothers them. This will help you identify warning signs and grooming behaviors perpetrated by offenders before they escalate to abuse.

Educate Yourself and Your Children on Abuse

Learning how to identify, prevent, and report abuse is key. Parents and guardians should empower their children to protect themselves from harm and to report abuse. Ask your diocesan safe environment coordinator or parish delegate about opportunities for safe environment training.

Identify and Report Warning Signs of Child Abusers

Grooming behaviors are the actions abusers take to project the image that they are kind, generous, caring people, while their intent is to lure a minor into an inappropriate relationship. Offenders can be patient and may groom their victim, his or her family, or community for years.

Some abusers isolate a potential victim by giving him or her undue attention or lavish gifts, while others allow young people to participate in activities which their parents or guardians would not approve, such as watching pornography, drinking alcohol, using drugs, and excessive touching, such as wrestling and tickling. Abusers also often try to isolate their victims from family or friends and encourage their victims to keep secrets from their parents or other caring adults.

Holding Offenders ACCOUNTABLE

To help hold offenders accountable, report all suspected abuse to local public authorities. You can also contact your local diocesan victim assistance coordinator to make a report and seek outreach for the abused.

In accordance with diocesan policy, when a single act of sexual abuse is admitted or established, the offender is to be removed permanently from ministry.



“Let it be clear that before these abominations the Church will spare no effort to do all that is necessary to bring to justice whosoever has committed such crimes . . . To those who abuse minors I would say this: convert and hand yourself over to human justice, and prepare for divine justice.”

—Pope Francis, Dec. 21, 2018

