

The Pelican Express

AUGUST 11, 2022

CALENDAR

August 15

All School Mass

- Assumption of Blessed Mary Virgin 8:15 MASS
- Dress Uniforms are to be worn. Consult the Handbook, page 41
- Sixth Grade Bible Blessings All 6th Graders receive their personalized Bible to use in Middle School.

August 16

• All Prek/Kindergarten begin school together.

August 19

Spirit Shirt Day

- Designated once a month during the school year. Consult the online calendar.
- All students wear their "We are Called" Spirit Shirt in their class color. Spirit Shirts were distributed this week. Please consult the Handbook, page 43 on what bottoms to wear on these days.

August 22

Back to School Night

- All parents, grades 1-8 are invited to attend this event.
- Agenda includes "State of the Union" by Mrs. Gioe & teacher presentations in classrooms.
- Door Prizes & Raffles, including "Name the Concession Stand" and "Free Extended Care for a Semester."



The Argelus

We have added a new daily prayer custom to our school day. Please click <u>here</u> for a detailed explanation from our Pastor, Fr. Todd. Students have bookmarks and teachers have posters with the prayer for reference.

OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION



According to the Safe Environment Policy promulgated by the USCCB and 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. 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.

2022-2023 Chaperone and Volunteer Agreement

All volunteers with active files must complete and submit this school year's Chaperone and Volunteer Requirements Agreement and the Code of Ethics Acknowledgement Form (page 5 of CoE document). Please find the **agreement** <u>here</u> and **Code of Ethics** <u>here</u>. Please scan/email the completed paperwork to childprotection@mbsbr.org. One service hour may be counted in FACTS for updating the agreement and CoE.

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 once the child protection process is completed.



Attention Parents:

Home and School will be raffling spring and fall before and after care fees, an MBS fair tent spot, and a chance to name the concession stand in the Gym. The drawing will be held on August 22 at Back-to-School Night in St Ursula at 6:00pm. Please return tickets to school by <u>Friday, August 19th</u> for your chance to win. Additional tickets may also be purchased at the event. The tickets are \$5.00 each/or \$15.00 for 4. Any checks should be made to MBS Home and School Association. Thank you for your support!

Tickets will be going home with the youngest or only child on Friday, August 12th.





Students in grades 1-8 will begin attending Mass weekly, starting with the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Monday. Mass will be on Thursdays, beginning on August 25. Here are a few reminders for you to discuss with your Pelican. Religion teachers will also review this with the students:

- All Grades attending Mass will walk up to the Sanctuary for Communion.
- Those not receiving Communion should have their arms crossed over their chest. This position alerts the Eucharistic Minister to bless the student and not present him/her with the Eucharist.
- Those who wish to receive Communion should make it clear to the Eucharistic Minister if they wish to receive the Eucharist on the hands or tongue.

Students are to wear their Dress uniforms, as explained in the Student Handbook, page 41. Please remind your student to be on his/her best behavior and participate in Mass.



All are invited to attend Mass each weekend. Please click <u>here</u> for this weekend's Parish Bulletin.



ATTENTION FAMILIES NEW TO MBS:

Are you Interested in Taking a Tour of the School?

Please click <u>here</u> to sign up for a tour of the school. If all slots are taken, please email Penne to schedule a tour.

<u>PLeier@mbsbr.org</u>







BREAKFAST

In the July 26th Letter from Mrs. Gioe, we stated that

> breakfast is served at 7:20. That is incorrect. Breakfast is served at 7:40.



IS YOUR CHILD INTERESTED IN LEARNING TO PLAY A STRING INSTRUMENT?

GRACE NOTES SCHOOL OF MUSIC COMES TO MBS TO TEACH DURING AFTER-CARE HOURS.

CLICK HERE FOR INFO

Does your PK-3rd Grade Student want to play basketball or Flag Football? Register by this Sunday at 11:45am



All 5th-8th Graders are invited to join the



MBS CHESS CLUB

We meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the Month, from dismissal unto 4pm. The first meeting is August 23.

Learn to ATTACK & DEFEND, & CASTLE. Learn the SCHOLAR'S MATE & the QUEEN's GAMBIT



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All Spirit Shirts went home with students this week. If you would like to purchase an additional shirt, for

yourself, or your child, please visit the following <u>link</u>. If your student was enrolled over the summer and does not have a Spirit Shirt, we will order one for him/her...no action is required,

SERVICE HOURS

The following opportunities have been provided for families to receive Service Hours for their Time & Talent Opportunities. Be sure to log your hours in FACTS...see next page.

Laundry Help - Click <u>here</u>to volunteer.

Athletics Concessions Stand - Click <u>here</u> to donate.

MBS Back To School Night -Click <u>here to help or donate</u>.

Double Hours



MBS August Cafeteria Volunteers - Click <u>here to help</u>.







MBS Parish Fair is in need of parent volunteers to help before, during, and after the fair. Please mark your calendars for the fair & get your Child Protection credentials updated. Signup Genius links will be published in the newsletter as we get closer. Questions? mbsparishfair@gmail.com



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.

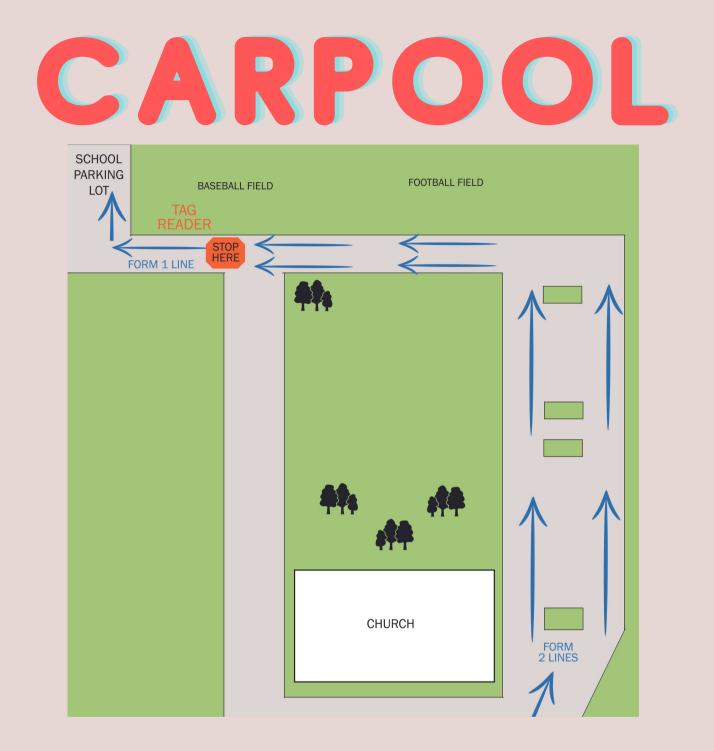
Log your Service Hours into FACTS.

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.



<u>Morning Carpool:</u> 7:20-7:50 Tardy Students must be signed in the office by an adult.

<u>Afternoon Carpool:</u> 2:45-3:10 Students not picked up will be sent to Extended Care for a Drop-in Fee.

Check Handbook for Complete Procedures.

CARPOOL

Procedures

- New families will receive two carpool tags. Everyone needs to have a carpool tag on those days that we
 have early dismissal, or no bus days. Additional carpool tags can be ordered by completing the
 following <u>form</u> and turning it & your money in to Mrs. Vonnie.
- All carpool traffic must enter the campus through the CHURCH parking lot on Jefferson Hwy. Only two cars (who were awarded this privilege at the Gala/Auction) are allowed to enter through Baringer.
- Two lines form and turn into one line at the CAR RIDER PRO TAG READER sign. Afternoon carpool: Do not enter the single-line through the car rider tag reader until 2:30.
- Each car proceeds into the SCHOOL parking lot through the gate.
- Continue to proceed along the gym and courtyard until directed to stop.
- Afternoon carpool: proceed to an open, colored cone.
- Allow the teacher on duty or the Safety Patrol student to open the door.
- Direct your child to sit and buckle when you are in the parking lot or gravel lot.
- More information about Transportation and Carpool may be found in the Parent/ Student Handbook.

Reminders

- NO CELL PHONE USAGE DURING CARPOOL.
- If you do not have your tag, you will be asked to park in the lot and wait until the end of carpool to get your child from the Teacher on Duty.
- Students must exit car from the Passenger Side. (Some parents stop in the Church Parking lot to move students around before getting to the carpool area.
- Please maintain the cleanliness of your vehicle. We have had personal items fall out of the car and roll under the car, causing delays in the carpool.
- Please be kind to the Safety Patrol Crew. They have been waiting outside just as long as you have been waiting in line.

Check your neighbor!

Thank you to everyone who had patience while we had a car broken down in Carpool Line!

Another car had to come through the opposite direction to try to JUMP the car.

If you see a car/person in distress, please check on him/her.