



# The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

MARCH 23, 2023

## CALENDAR

### Friday, March 24

- Activities Shirt Day - with uniform bottoms
- Bowling Field Trip, Grades 2-5th, wear spirit shirts with uniform bottoms
- Men's Club Lenten Dinner, Bishop Ott Center

### Thursday, March 30

- School Mass, 8:15am, dress uniforms
- Adoration after Mass, Pinwheels at Mass

### Friday, March 31

- Parade of States, 4th Grade
- Jazz Band Festival- Southeastern University
- Men's Club Lenten Dinner, Bishop Ott Center

### Sunday, April 2

- Palm Sunday Mass
- Parish Easter Egg Hunt, Church Grounds

### Tuesday, April 4

- A Scriptural & Forensic Exploration of our Lord's Passion, MBS Church, see page 4

### Wednesday, April 5

- Coffee Talk with Principal, 12-1, St. John Room of Church Office
- Stations of the Cross, St. Ursula, 7pm

### Holy Thursday

- Stations of the Cross, St. Ursula, 9:30
- In Lieu of Mass, the students will attend Stations of the Cross
- Dress Uniforms

### Looking Ahead:

- April 7-14 - Easter Break (Contingency Days are not used - enjoy the whole week off)
- April 19 - Taste Fair
- April 21 - Pelican Games - signup in this newsletter
- May 4 - May Crowning
- May 18 - 8th Grade Graduation
- May 23 - End of 4th Nine Weeks; Last Day of School

# Volunteerism

- In order to volunteer on school or church campus, you must go through the Office of Child Protection to update your credentials.
- Upcoming Events where volunteers are needed:
  - Grade-level retreats - ongoing
  - Cafeteria Helpers - ongoing
  - Pelican Games - April 21
  - May Crowning - May 4
- Monitor the Newsletter for opportunities as they arise.

## 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](mailto: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** [here](#) and **Code of Ethics** [here](#). Please scan/email the completed paperwork to [childprotection@mbsbr.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.

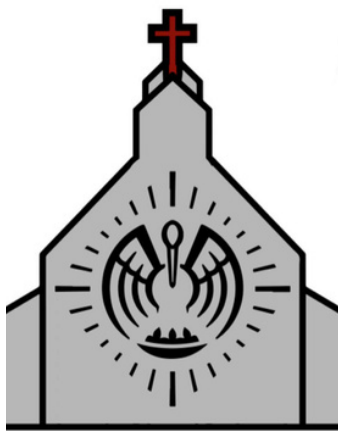
*Volunteer Opportunities are posted here weekly.*



Pelican Games Volunteers

Cafeteria Volunteers





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## **Living Stations of the Cross**

As part of MBS tradition, the Eighth Grade students will host the Living Stations of the Cross. Parents and parishioners are invited to attend this very solemn and prayerful presentation as they walk the journey of Jesus Christ in His final days. This reverent presentation will be held in St. Ursula at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 5th.



**St. Ursula, MBS School Campus**  
**Wednesday, April 5**  
**7:00pm**

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*Christian Formation*

# MBS LENTEN DINNERS

**FRIDAYS**  
**MAR 3 - MAR 31**  
**5:00 - 7:00**

**NEW THIS YEAR**

**NO DRIVE-THRU**  
**FRIED SHRIMP IS BACK**

Due to construction, we will go back to selling dinners inside the Ott Center (next to the gym).

**DINE-IN or TO-GO**

**FISH DINNER \$10**  
**SHRIMP DINNER \$10**  
**WEEKLY ENTREE \$10**  
**CRAWFISH PIE \$3**

**WEEKLY SPECIALTY ENTREE**

MAR 3 Shrimp & Corn Soup  
MAR 10 Shrimp Stew  
MAR 17 Crawfish Etouffee  
MAR 24 Crawfish Casserole  
MAR 31 Shrimp Fettuccine

Hosted by the  
**MBS MEN'S CLUB**

Cash, Checks, &  
Cards Accepted

Dinners begin the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
week of Lent (March 3)



## LUNCH MONEY

Parents, please take care of your  
Lunch Money balances.

# Holy Week (April 2-9)

- Palm Sunday Mass - Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday 8, 9:45 11:30am
- Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm
- Good Friday Confessions 10am; Stations of the Cross 12 noon
- Good Friday Passion of the Lord Service 3pm



- Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday 8pm
- Easter Sunday 8, 9:45 11:30am

**"A Scriptural & Forensics Exploration of our Lord's Passion"**  
**presented by pathologist Dr. Aimee Goodier**

**Tuesday, April 4**  
**6:30-8:00pm**  
**Most Blessed Sacrament Church**





# Time & Talent (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**

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.**

## Coffee Talk with Principal

Come on in and chat with Mrs. Gioe and get updates on school happenings and coming events!

March 22, 9:00-10:00 am

April 5, 12:00-1:00pm



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2023-24

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[here](#) to Register.

2023-2024

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Mackenzie Smith

Bentley Comeaux

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Maggie Reulet

Kaitlyn Vidrine

Aida Casey

Mackenzie Raacke

Hayden Watson

Elena Rico

Ceci Chatelain



Vacation Bible School  
**JUNE 19-23 AT MBS**



# School Counselor Needed

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Did you know...

- Our Guidance Counselor teaches Life Skills to all grades at MBS
- She also coordinates classroom accommodations for our school's ACCESS Program.
- The school counselor ratio is recommended to be 1:250.
- We have been working 1:550 for eight years.
- The mental health needs of our students have skyrocketed in recent years.
- Most common topics we deal with daily are friendship issues, academic concerns, and anxiety.
- We are now seeing isolated incidents of suicide, self-injury, eating disorder, & abuse.
- Ideas are on the horizon for new initiatives to help with our children.

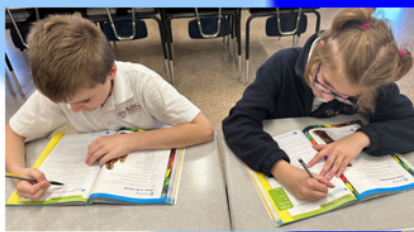
If you know someone who would like to work with our Guidance Counselor, please direct him/her to apply [here](#).



# Every child deserves a safe environment.



## Child Abuse Prevention Month



Almighty Father  
in heaven,  
I ask for your strong  
arms of protection to  
be around all  
children. That they  
may be held safely  
within your love. Fill  
their days and nights  
with hope & joy. Fill  
their hearts and  
minds with your  
truth and light. We  
trust in you.  
Amen.

April is designated National Child Abuse Prevention Month. We are called through scripture and teaching to protect the life and dignity of all people. Throughout the year, but especially in April, there is a commitment to bring awareness to the community, and to pray for healing for those who have suffered abuse. Child Abuse Prevention Month recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect.

In 2008, Prevent Child Abuse America® introduced the blue pinwheel as the national symbol for child abuse prevention.

The pinwheel is a symbol of innocence and joy. Blue is a symbol of hope and heavenly grace. The pinwheel represents the safe childhood that every child deserves, and the role we each play in providing a loving and supportive environment for the children in our lives.



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**MBS Children: Felicity - 3rd grade**



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MBS Children:

Knox, 2nd grade

Luca, ELC, 3YO

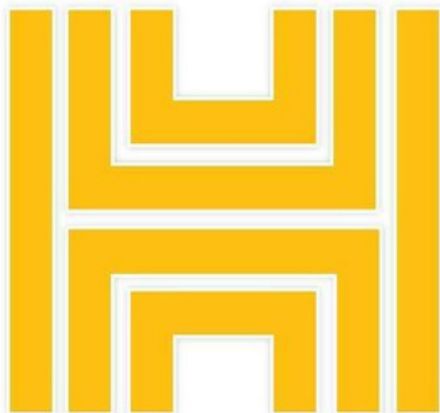
[www.nguyendentalcare.com](http://www.nguyendentalcare.com)



**MBS Children:**

**Mary Commander - 3rd grade**

**Maggie Commander -PK**



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**MBS Children: Flynn - 4th grade, Hayes - 1st grade**

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**MBS Children:**  
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**MBS kids:**

**Arden 6th grade, Ryker 7th grade**



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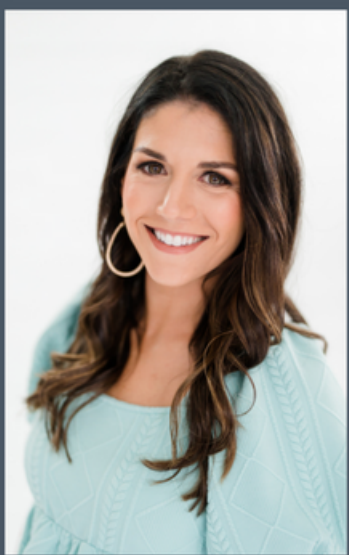
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**MBS Children:**

**James Davis -**

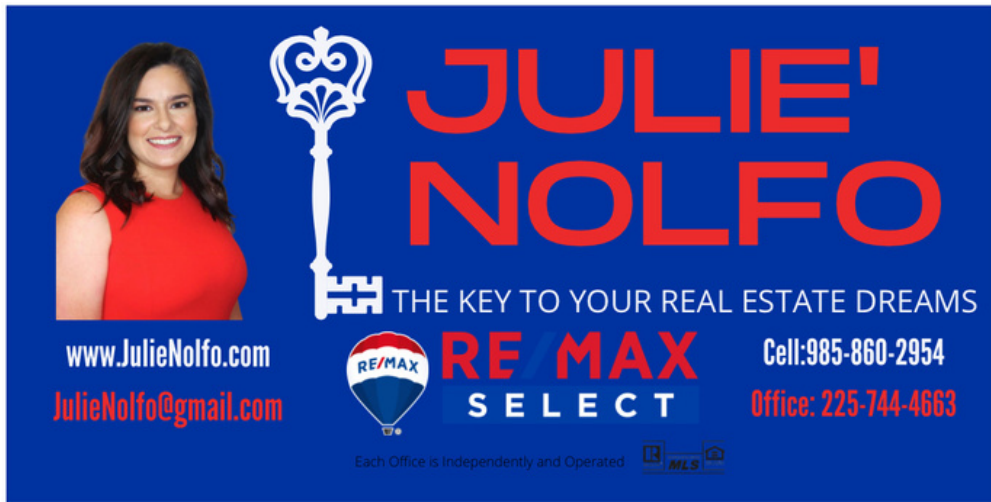
**4th grade**

**Luke Davis - ELC, 3YO**

**MBS Children: Luke - 2nd grade;**

**Drew - ELC, 3YO**

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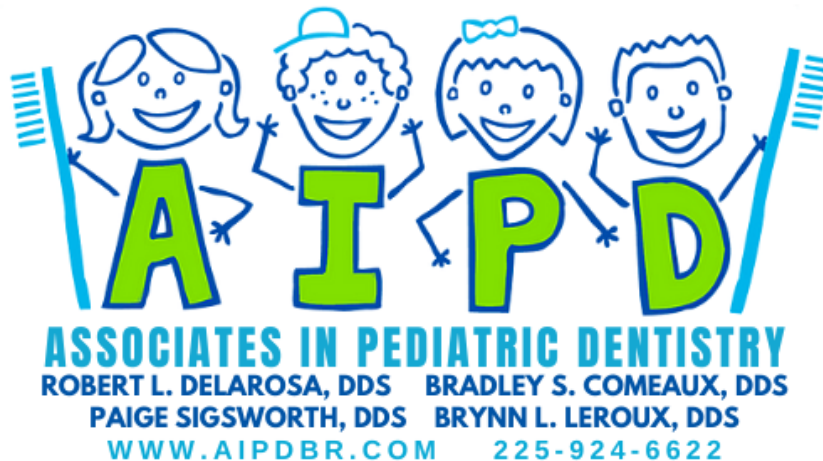
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**MBS Children:**  
Olivia Ostrander PK4  
Kylie Ostrander ALUM  
Jerry Ostrander ALUM

**MBS Children:**

Tristan - 8th grade, Paisley - PK

**MBS Children:**  
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Riley - 1st grade



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**MBS Children: Melody - 2nd grade, Margo - PK4**



**MBS Children:**

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**Emorie - 7th grade**

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**MBS Children: Marikate Comeaux, Kindergarten**

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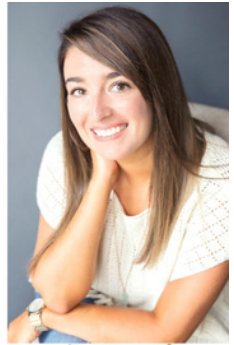


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**MBS Children:**  
Clayton - 5th grade  
Marilyn - 3rd grade  
Gwendolyn - K