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JULY 20,, 2023

CALENDAR

July 31

6th Grade Orientation, 8am-1:00pm

- Report to St. Ursula for Welcome, go through Front Gate at Courtyard
- All 6th graders must attend; wear your school uniform.
- There is no makeup for this Orientation.

New Family Orientation, 12:30pm-2:30pm

- All families new to MBS must attend.
- Agenda includes an introduction to Administration, Carpool, Absentee Procedures, and more!
- Report to St. Ursula. There is no makeup for this Orientation.

August 1

In-service for Faculty & Staff - office closed

August 2

In-Service for Teaching Faculty- office open 8-12

August 3

- **In-Service for Faculty & Staff - office closed**
- **Meet & Greet, 3:30pm** - This event is for EVERYONE! Snowballs will be available. PK and K are invited to get snowballs also.

August 4

- **Off-site Retreat for Faculty & Staff - office closed**

August 7 & 8

- **Staggered First Day of School For Grades 1-8.** Click [here](#) or visit "Latest News" for your staggered day.
- **Buses will not run - Carpool Only**
- **Regular Office Hours Resume**

August 15

First School Mass, 8:15 - Assumption of Mary - Dress Uniforms required.

August 17

Back To School Night for Parents only

August 23

School Pictures - Dress Uniforms required.

August 24

- **School Mass, 8:15 - Dress Uniforms required.**
- **6th Grade Bible Blessings**





Meet & Greet

Students and parents are invited to drop by during the

Meet & Greet
Thursday, August 3
3:30-5:00.

Students can enjoy a snowball until 4:30, meet their teachers, pick up school supplies, and visit friendly faces.

Parents who did not purchase supplies through EPI should bring their supplies during the Meet & Greet.

Daily Medicines should be brought to the Nurse at this time.

New Family Carpool Tags will be distributed:

- PK/K Meetings
- New Family Orientation
- Meet & Greet

Existing Families who need to order another tag, complete this form and bring to the office.



SENSORY MASS
Sunday, August 20, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.
Most Blessed Sacrament
15615 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA 70817
Celebrated by Fr. Todd Lloyd

In an effort to embrace and welcome the members of our Church with special needs and their families, the Diocese of Baton Rouge has begun hosting Sensory-Friendly Masses.

These Masses include lower lighting, softer music, and shorter, more literal homilies; most importantly, it provides fellowship with other parishioners on a similar journey. We encourage families and individuals to get up and move if needed, to bring alternative seating, fidgets or noise cancelling headphones, and to participate in the liturgy just as they are.

You were never meant
to walk life's journey alone.

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Bus Transportation

If you have a student who wants to participate in Bus Transportation, please complete the following form.

It's time to update!

**Most Blessed Sacrament
Volunteer Safe Environment Files
for 2023**



**Please email a request for updating to
the Office of Child Protection at
childprotection@mbsbr.org.**

Update Your Volunteer File!

Please note that the Code of Ethics and the Chaperone and Volunteer Requirements Agreement must be reviewed by all volunteers of Most Blessed Sacrament annually as required by the Diocese of Baton Rouge. Please complete and submit the Code of Ethics Acknowledgement form, **page 5**, and the **Agreement form** to the MBS Office of Child Protection to update your file.

For your convenience, you may scan and email the forms to childprotection@mbsbr.org.

Going to Mass with your Family

Please continue to pray with your family at weekly Mass. This behavior transfers to our prayer time in Class, at Mass, and during Adoration.

- August 14 - Altar Server Interest form goes out to grades 3-8 this week
- August 15 - First School Mass for Holy Day of Obligation
- August 24 - Bible Blessing for 6th Grade
- August 31 - Adoration after Mass



If you are cleaning out your closets and getting ready for the school year, please hold onto your gently-used clothing for our St Vincent DePaul Donations in September!

Volunteerism - Time & Talent

- In order to volunteer on school or church campus, you must go through the Office of Child Protection to update your credentials.
- Opportunities to volunteer and get service hours will be placed here in the newsletter.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Back to School Night - August 17
 - MBS Parish Fair - October 27-29
 - MBS Fun Run - November 10

OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION

Circle of Grace- Safe Environment Training Program

The USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People requires that all children enrolled in Catholic Schools and Parish Schools of Religion receive Safe Environment training. The Diocese of Baton Rouge will provide such training for grades K-12 utilizing the program, Circle of Grace.

The Circle of Grace lesson(s) for your child's grade level is scheduled on the following dates.

Grades K-8 August 21-25, 2023, and August 28 – September 1, 2023

The Circle of Grace lesson plan for your child's grade level may be reviewed at the following link. <https://learncat.diobr.org/circle-of-grace>

Password: CareSafeChurch.



Please note that many of the lessons have a parent letter explaining the grade-level content. Parent letters will be sent home. The information in the parent letters is meant to be discussed between parents and students at home. The parent letter will not be discussed in class. Some lessons require a parent to sign and return the letter or activity page for documentation.

Parents have the right to opt their children out of receiving Safe Environment training. If you choose not to have your child participate in the training, it is required that you sign and submit the Circle of Grace Opt-out form for grades K-8 to: Roslyn Landry in the Office of Child Protection by Wednesday, August 16, 2023.

*Please note that opt-out forms will not be accepted after August 16, 2023.

VOLUNTEER

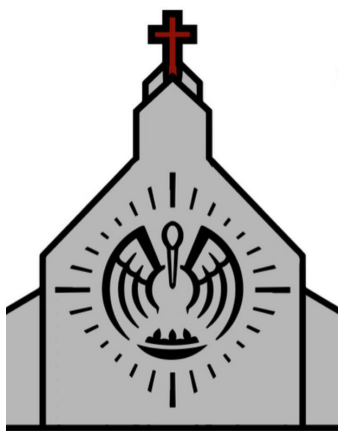
opportunities



August Cafeteria Help

InService - Donate Items

Classroom Coordinator Signup



Office of...

2023 Theme - In His Presence

Our theme for the 2023-2024 school year is "Joy in His Presence". The theme is from Psalm 16:11 which is a Psalm of David and is known as a Psalm of Confidence.

"You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever."

Psalm 16:11 is about the relationship between God and His people, the joy that comes from trusting Him with our lives and spending time with Him. If we seek His will for our lives, He will make our paths straight. He will delight us with all the treasures we need. When we seek the Kingdom of God, we will be filled with joy. We do not need to look any further than HIM in our lives, not our circumstances, not our things, not false pleasures. Only in Him will we find pure joy and love.

At Most Blessed Sacrament School, we are so blessed to spend time in the presence of God during Mass on Thursdays and Holy Days of Obligation. We attend monthly Adoration in the Church as a school community where our parents and the parishioners are always welcome to join us. During our Community Ministry Projects, class retreats, and themed masses, we can encounter Christ in a deeper way showing us the joy we receive when we work and rest in His presence.

New to MBS this year, each month a grade will attend daily Mass at 8:45 am in Church. Families are welcome to join their children and will be able to sit with their children at this mass. To be in the presence of God at Mass especially in the Eucharist is a beautiful way to give thanks to God for all our blessings. We hope that you can join us for these Masses as well as our weekly Thursday Masses and Adoration dates.

I pray that our MBS families find ways to encounter Jesus this year and feel the JOY in HIS PRESENCE.

- Celeste Rabalais, Director of Christian Formation

Adoration After Mass

August 31
September 21
October 26
November 30
January 25
February 22
March 21
April 18

Class Masses at 8:45
2nd Grade - August 22
4th Grade - September 26
Pk&K - October 24
1st Grade - November 14
3rd Grade - December 12
5th Grade - January 16

Class Masses at 8:45
6th Grade - March 12
8th Grade - April 23
7th Grade - April 30



Logo created by Genevieve Procell

Dates may change due to weather.

Christian Formation

UNIFORMS

The uniform policy may found in the Parent-Student Handbook under the Parent Tab on the website.

Parents should purchase all uniform items here:

- **School Time**, 7745 Jefferson Hwy., Baton Rouge, LA 70809
- **Inka's**, 11626 Sherwood Forest Ct., Baton Rouge, LA 70816

Please note Young Fashions is NOT an authorized Uniform Vendor. Also, note that "Dress Uniforms" are required on Mass Days and any other day designated by Administration.



6th Grade Orientation

8:00-8:15 - Welcome from Mrs. Gioe

8:15-8:20 - Transition to Homerooms

8:20-9:00 - Computer Session 1

9:00-9:10 - Snack (Snack will be provided - students may bring a water bottle from home)

9:10-9:40 - Computer Session 2

9:40-12:15 - Group Rotation

12:15-12:45 - Closing

Spirit Shirts

We have ordered a Spirit Shirt for each student to wear on Spirit Shirt Days.

If you would like to purchase an extra student shirt, or one for yourself, click [here](#).

2023 Student Ambassadors

Ethan Fox

Lillian Duvall

Blake Campbell

Alex Payne

Gavin Brouillette

Madeline Cox

Mary Claire Cox

Sarah Wintz

Sidney Gill

Lanie Davis

Student Ambassadors are selected based on their application & teacher recommendations. Students must be 8th graders.



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.

MBS ATHLETICS

Greetings from MBS Athletics!

We hope your summer is going well. We look forward to school starting and to our Fall sports programs! Many coaches and players are already working to develop their skills. Big things are coming for MBS Athletics, including the opening of an ONLINE STORE for Pelicans fan gear!!

“Early Pelican Special” – fan gear is available from July 20 through July 27. (Store will open again soon after 27th)

Order your fan gear!!

Online Store Info

Click [here](#) to access the online store.

Orders will be processed after the store closes and then sent directly to the person who purchased them. (This is not like Amazon where you might have your order in a few days)

Get your Early Pelican Special orders placed July 20-27.

Athletics can be an important part of a young person's life. It teaches discipline and self-pride while helping one realize the importance of cooperation. Athletics are a component of, and interact with, the spiritual, social and academic components of the overall school program. MBS recognizes that support from the administration, faculty, staff, coaches, parents and fans are necessary in providing a positive Catholic athletic experience for the student-athlete.

I look forward to meeting all of you!
Go Pelicans!

Tommy Krysan, Athletic Director
MBS Athletics

tkrysan@mbsbr.org



MBS ATHLETICS

FALL SPORTS

Is your MBS Student (grades 3-8) interested in a Fall Sport?

**Cross Country
Football
Girls Basketball
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**Email TKrysan@mbsbr.org
by Thursday, July 27.**



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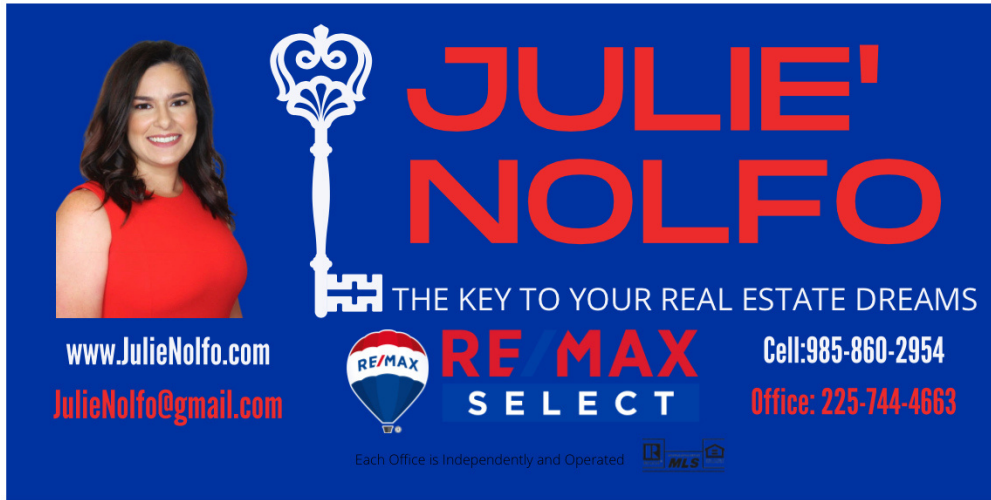
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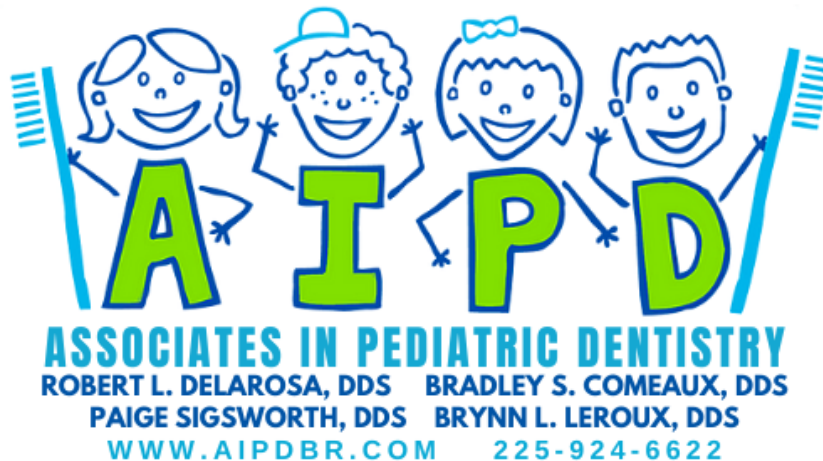
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Kylie Ostrander ALUM
Jerry Ostrander ALUM

MBS Children:

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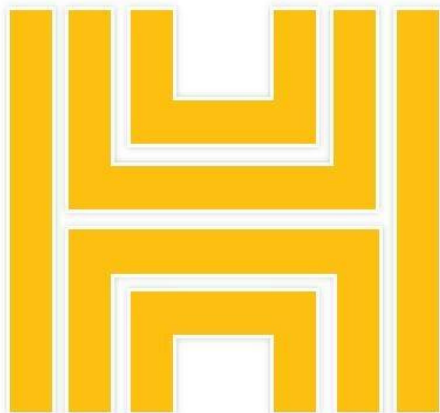
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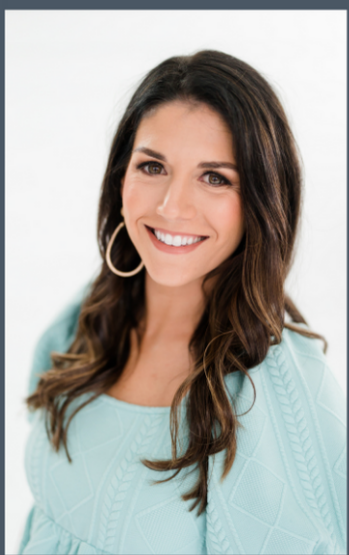
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Luke Davis - ELC, 3YO

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Drew - ELC, 3YO