



# The Pelican Express

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JULY 27, 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**

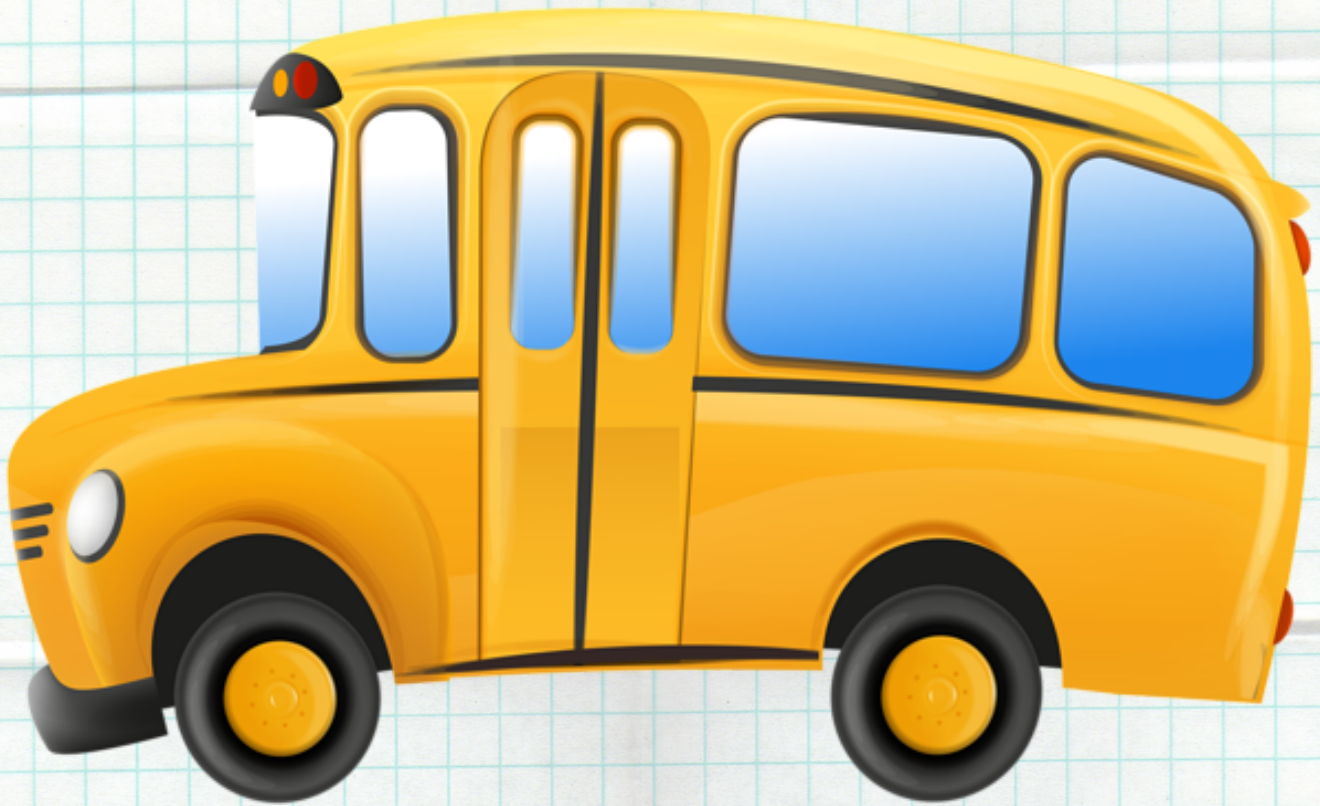
August 23

**School Pictures - Dress Uniforms required.**

August 24

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

# BACK TO SCHOOL



The following pages contain BTS (Back to School) information and Frequently-Used Terms

If this newsletter doesn't answer your questions, visit our website on "Who to Contact" or click [here](#).

# Academic Calendar

- The calendar is an active, live link on our website. It can be found on the homepage or by clicking [here](#).
- The calendar is updated ongoing, so please check back even after you have written everything down in your personal planner.
- We will update upcoming dates on the first page of the weekly newsletter.

## School Day

- 7:20 am Morning carpool begins, office opens
- 7:45 am Assembly in Gym
- 7:50 am Tardy Bell - Students must be escorted to the office and signed in by a parent
- 2:15 pm No Dismissal changes can be made after this time, this includes check-out.
- 2:50 pm Afternoon carpool begins
- 3:30 pm Office closes

## Carpool

- All families should have a carpool tag regardless if the children ride the school bus or not. Your tag is to be used on those "no bus" days.
- Carpool line begins in the church parking lot, entered from Jefferson Hwy. The Church address is 15615 Jefferson Hwy.
- Follow the Carpool Map in next week's newsletter.

## Bus Transportation

- Bus transportation is operated through East Baton Rouge Parish School System.
- After signing up with EBR, you should have received communication stating where your pickup and drop-off spot is located in your neighborhood.
- If you have any issues, Miss Vonnie is our EBR liaison. Email her at [vchiasson@mbsbr.org](mailto:vchiasson@mbsbr.org)
- Please note: children who are not signed up through this system are not allowed to ride the bus. This also goes for cousins or friends who wish to go home with a friend who is a bus rider.

## Spirit Shirt Days

- All students' shirt sizes were entered into FACTS during Enrollment in January (new students enrolled in March).
- We have placed the initial order of spirit shirts already.
- If you want to buy an extra shirt for yourself or your child, please complete the following [form](#).
- Questions? Email Penne at [PLeier@mbsbr.org](mailto:PLeier@mbsbr.org)

## FACTS

- The database that houses grades, progress reports, report cards, service hours, financial statements.
- Your username and password is what you used to enroll.
- When logging into the FACTS Family Portal from our website, our district code is MBS-LA.
- You can also download our MBS App to access FACTS.

# Newsletter

- The "Pelican Express" is published every Thursday and is emailed to parents through FACTS.
- It contains vital information pertaining to school events, reminders, volunteer opportunities for service hours, Child Protection info, and ongoing updates to handbook
- All previous newsletters from the current school year are kept on the website under NEWS.

## Parent/Student Handbook

- Located on the MBS website under "Parents."
- The updated school year's will be available next week on the site.
- All families are required to read and agree to all Handbook Policies.
- The three agreements at the end of the handbook are to be printed, signed, and returned to your child's teacher.

## Uniforms

- Please pay careful attention to the uniform policy in the Handbook, including the length of hems.
- Dress uniforms must be worn on Mass days and special days designated by administration (such as School Picture Day)

## Mass Attendance

- Parents are invited to attend weekly School Mass; however, the students are to remain in their class section to celebrate Mass as a class.
- On your child's class Mass (which is different from weekly Mass), you are invited to sit with your child.
- If a child is tardy on Mass day, parents must still check in the student in the School Office. They will direct you to either drive your child to Mass, or the child may stay in the office.

## In-Parish Tuition

Parent's Commitment to Church and School

- Enrollment and/or continued enrollment at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School requires a commitment to ALL of the following:
  - Prayer and Mass – Families must commit to daily prayer at home. Catholic families must attend weekly, Sunday, Mass on Holy Days of Obligation. Non-Catholic families must attend Sunday services at their home church.
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- 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.



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



**MBS**  
Most Blessed Sacrament

## *Daily Mass & Confession Schedule*

### **Monday**

Confession 7:45 am / Mass 8:45 am

### **Tuesday**

Confession 7:45 am / Mass 8:45 am

### **Wednesday**

Confession 5:00 pm / Mass 6:00 pm

### **Thursday**

Confession 7:45 am / Mass 8:45 am  
Mass 8:15 am during school

### **Friday**

Confession 7:45 am / Mass 8:45 am

### **Saturday**

Mass 8:00 am / Confession 3:00-4:00 pm  
Vigil Mass 4:30 pm

### **Sunday**

Mass 8:00 am / 9:45 am / 11:30 am

**Effective August 1**



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.

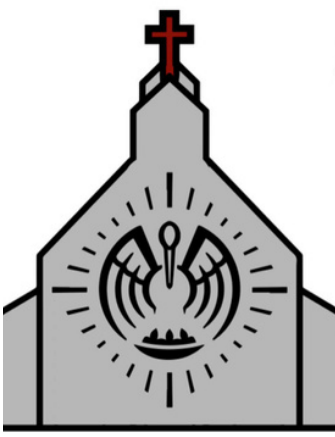
Parents have the right to opt their children out of receiving Safe Environment training. If you choose not to have your child participate in the training, it is required that you sign and submit the Circle of Grace Opt-out form for grades K-8 to: Roslyn Landry in the Office of Child Protection by Wednesday,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

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



[August Cafeteria Help](#)

[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



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*Dates may change due to weather.*

# Christian Formation

ATTENTION: YOUTH

*Do You Love to Sing?*

# *Join Youth Schola Cantorum*

*Come lift your voices & glorify God at mass.*

Practices begin Thursday,  
August 17th  
4:45 - 5:45 p.m.

Any questions or to register,  
contact Mrs. Rebecca LeBlanc at 225-405-7233  
or [rebeccaleblanc@cox.net](mailto:rebeccaleblanc@cox.net).

## 6th - 8th Graders:

The official MBS P.E. uniform must be purchased from the designated uniform stores. The uniform consists of maroon gym shorts and a gray t-shirt with the official school emblem. These are to be of sufficient size to be modest and allow free movement. (Last year's uniform probably doesn't fit this year.)

Bring your PE uniform to school; do not wear your shirt under your school uniform.

You may also want to bring deodorant to reapply on PE days.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

**When a student misses 2 days a month..**

They will miss **20 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **30 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **1 YEAR** of school by graduation.

**When a student misses 4 days a month..**

They will miss **40 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **120 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **2 YEARS** of school by graduation.

## NO SCHOOL DAYS



September 29

Professional Development

- PK-5 Do Not attend
- 6-8 DO attend school

October 2

Professional Development

- 6-8 Do not attend
- Pk-5 Do attend school

# Time & Talent (Service Hours)

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### 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\*

LINK = 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 – August 1.

We Believe in God.  
We Believe in Family.  
We Believe in our Teams!

I look forward to meeting all of you!

Go Pelicans!

Tommy Krysan, Athletic Director

MBS Athletics

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**MBS ATHLETICS**

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**Vivian - 8th Grade**



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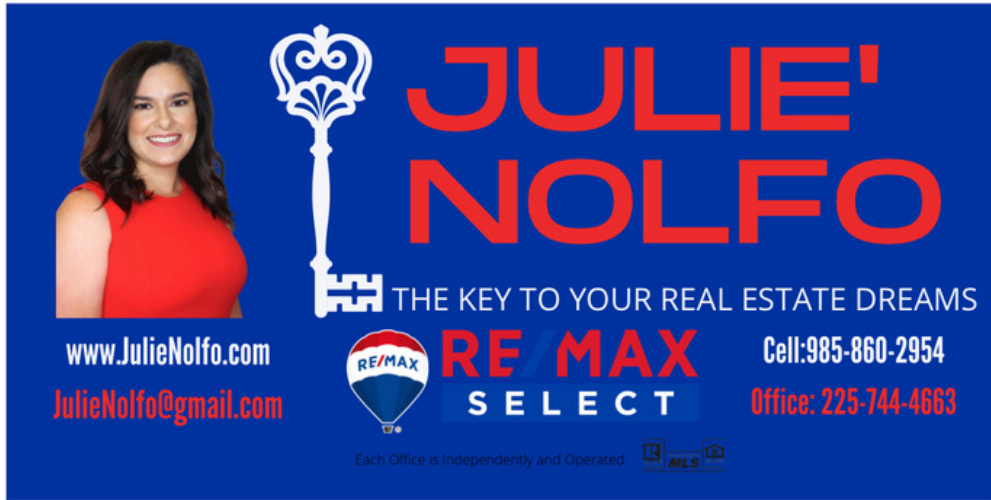
**Clayton - 5th grade**

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**Gwendolyn - K**



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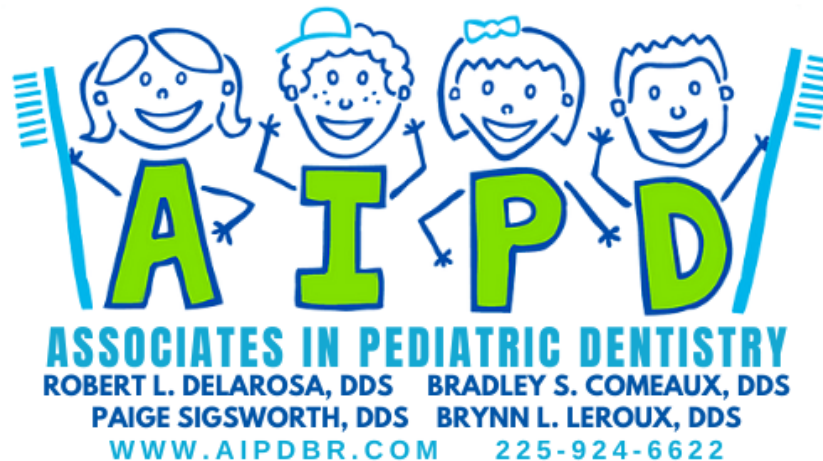


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**MBS Children:**  
Olivia Ostrander K  
Kylie Ostrander ALUM  
Jerry Ostrander ALUM

**MBS Children:**  
Tristan - alum, Paisley - K

**MBS Children:**  
Bentley - 6th grade  
Addison - Alum '22



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**MBS Children: Felicity - 4th grade, Henry - K**



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**Maggie Commander - K**



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**MBS Children:**  
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**MBS Children: Flynn - 5th grade, Hayes - 2nd grade**

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### SERVICES OFFERED:



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#### MARKETING

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**Nora Montet, K**

*Maggie Rose  
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**Carson - Alum,**  
**Bella Rose - 7th grade**

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**MBS Children: Melody - 3rd grade, Margo - PK**



**MBS Children:**  
**Hayes - 2ndgrade,**  
**Emorie - 8th grade**

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**MBS Son: Brady Pitre - 8th grade**



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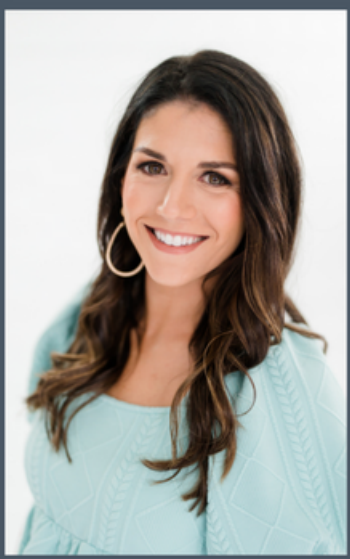
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**5th grade**

**Luke Davis - PK**

**MBS Children: Luke - 3rdgrade;**

**Drew - PK**