



The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

AUGUST 24, 2023

CALENDAR

August 21-Sept 1

Circles of Grace Lessons, Sponsored by Office of Child Protection

August 25

Student Council sign-up deadline - date was extended from what was originally communicated to parents and students last week.

August 28

Beacon Testing - Grades 6-8

August 29

- Beacon Testing - Grades 3-5
- Faculty Meeting, 3:15
- Council of Education Meeting, members included in this newsletter

August 30

Fr. Todd talk with Middle School students

August 31

- School Mass, 8:15 - Dress Uniforms are NOT required.
- Adoration after Mass
- Deadline for Altar Server Forms
- Fr. Todd talk with Grades 3-5

September 1

- Fr. Todd talk with Grades K-2
- Deadline to sign up for Pelibots (in this newsletter)

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All women are invited to our MBS ACTS Retreat on October 19-22, 2023 at Rosaryville Retreat Center in Ponchatoula, LA.

ACTS is an acronym for Adoration, Community, Theology and Service.

The retreat's goals are to strengthen our faith and its application in our daily life, to renew ourselves spiritually, and to build strong lasting friendships.

Transportation is included.

The retreat begins Thursday evening, October 19th with check-in between 4:30 and 5:30pm in the St. John Room at MBS Church.

We will return to MBS Church on Sunday, October 22nd, for the 11:30am Mass with a reception following the Mass in the St. John Room. Please use the link provided to register.

Registration ends on Monday, September 4.

Click [here](#) to register.

Council of Education

The Council of Education members are as follows:

Fr. Todd Lloyd, Pastor
Mrs. Cheri Gioe, Principal
Ms. Amber Douet, Ex-Officio
Mrs. Jenny Betbeze, Curriculum
Mrs. Rachel Carroccio, Chair
Mrs. Mandi Celestine, Student Life
Mrs. Katie Berault, Student Life
Mrs. Tricia Hollis, Faith Formation
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Mrs. Rebecca Larriviere, Faith Formation
Mrs. Ami Montelepre, Curriculum
Mr. Stephen Laudun, Budget
Mr. David Mayeux, Development
Ms. Marcy Watts, Curriculum

The Most Blessed Sacrament Council of Education is an advisory body established to support and enhance the mission of Most Blessed Sacrament School. Members of this council are appointed by the Pastor to represent ministries of the MBS parish community.

MBS Pelibot Club

Middle School Students–

- Learn to program and control Lego Spike Robots
- Compete locally
- Thursdays after school 2:45-4 starting Sept 5
- \$25 (covers competition costs and shirts)
- Click [here](#)

Should I Post This?



Questions to ask yourself before making a post or comment online

How am I feeling right now?

Before making a post or a comment, it is always important to check how you are feeling in the moment. When we are angry, sad, or anxious, sometimes we end up doing or saying things that we don't mean. If you are experiencing any of those feelings, it might be best to wait until you are calm before you make a post.



Is this information I'm ok with *everyone* knowing?

When people follow you on social media, that means that you are allowing them access to the personal information you choose to share. They can see your pictures, videos, and read whatever you write about your thoughts, views, and opinions. Remember that whatever you choose to post, text, or put online always has the potential to be seen by those you didn't intend. Before you post, make sure that what you are saying or sharing is something you feel comfortable with everyone knowing.

Is this cyberbullying?

Is what you are posting or sharing going to be helpful or hurtful to you or other people? Are your comments trolling or bullying? Such hurtful behavior can have consequences both online and offline.

What would a parent say if they saw this post or comment?

Always think about what a parent or guardian might say if they were standing over your shoulder and saw what you were posting. If you feel like what you are sharing online would not be approved by a parent or an adult, then that's a clue that this may not be the best thing to post.

Is this something I might regret in the future?

Something to remember about commenting or posting online is that whatever you say can last forever, even if you attempt to delete it. Posts that you made when you were younger can be damaging to you when you get older or become an adult. When you are posting or sharing, ask yourself if you're OK with the comments, posts, or images following you into adulthood.

Is this the best way to communicate?

Some people use social media to express their feelings, attack people, or to resolve conflict. Communicating this way can be harmful and ineffective. If you are posting online about a conflict, think about whether this is a situation that you want everyone to be involved in. It might be best to find other ways to communicate to the person you might have a problem with.

Business Sponsorships

We are revamping our Business Sponsorships and have removed the "Yellow Pages" from the newsletter. At this time, one business can "Sponsor" the newsletter with their logo on the front page for \$25/issue. More information will be released at a later date.

Want to be a newsletter sponsor?
email penne at PLeier@mbsbr.org

Math Club

4-8 grade students
who want to join
MathCounts club,
click [here](#)

Deadline: 9/1/23

Covid Policy Update

Our Lady of the Lake
released the following
COVID [update](#). It's
found on the Nurse's
page of the website.

**INTRODUCING:
CATHOLIC 101**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO
KNOW MORE?**

THE JOURNEY BEGINS HERE...

**ADULT CATECHESIS IS FOR
ANYONE!**

- Unbaptized adults
- Christians baptized in another faith
- Baptized Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation
- Any Catholic wanting to deepen their faith

WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 8:30 PM
STARTS SEPTEMBER 6TH

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
EMAIL MBERARD@DIOBR.ORG

Yearbooks

**Graduates of 2023 are
invited to attend 9:45
Mass on September 10
and pick up their
yearbooks in the St. John
room after Mass.**

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:
 - MBS Parish Fair - October 27-29
 - MBS Fun Run - November 10
 - Pelican Games - April 26

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 with one, you are not automatically compliant for the other.

Please email Mrs. Landry at childprotection@mbsbr.org to check the status of your file.

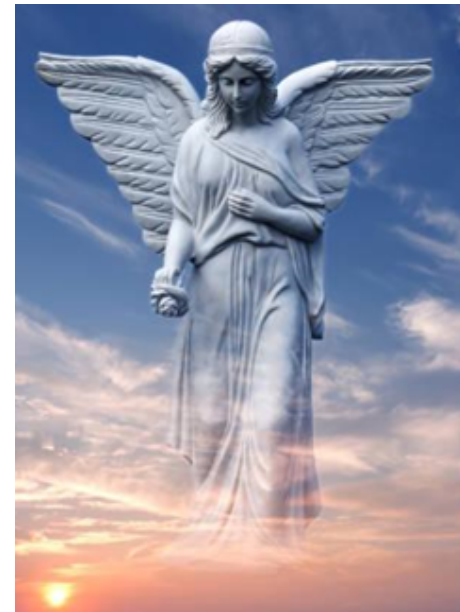
New Volunteer Credentialing the 2023-2024 School Year

New Volunteer Applications for incoming parents/guardians are being accepted. Please email your volunteer request to childprotection@mbsbr.org.

Update your Volunteer File

Please note that the Code of Ethics and the 2023-2024 Chaperone and Volunteer Requirements [Agreement](#) must be reviewed by all volunteers of MBS School 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.



JOIN THE FAIR COMMITTEE

THE FAIR SANITATION CREW NEEDS HELP!

We need a volunteer to help with the sanitation crew at the fair. Join us this year and work with our current members and learn the ropes for next year. This is a great opportunity for a school dad to join and get involved! Help us keep the fair going for our kids!

Email for inquiry:
mbsparishfair@gmail.com

MBS
PARISH FAIR

Time & Talent (Service Hours)

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.
- **Service** – Twenty (20) hours of Time and Talent 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.

Definition of an hour of Time and Talent: an actual hour of volunteer work or donation purchases of \$10

- **Weekly Church Offering** – As an Identified Offertory Giver (IOG), a minimum amount of \$325.00 must be donated, yearly, to the Most Blessed Sacrament General Offertory or Building Fund to support the Church stewardship program. Church members who meet the IOG requirement *will receive in-parish tuition*. Donations will be verified by December 15 unless otherwise authorized by the Pastor or Principal. Any offerings thereafter will count towards the next school year.

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.

Parish Sports will start in September; Flag football will be first.

Registration info/details are coming soon via email, newsletter, and website.

Football Schedules are posted on our website and below.

Girls Basketball schedules are coming soon!

Swimming & Cross Country schedules are also coming soon!

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. Athletes, parents, and fans are a direct reflection of MBS and should adhere to the philosophy of the school by always acting in a dignified manner.

MBS Football Schedule				
Date	Team	Location	Opponent	Time
12-Sep	5&6	Parkview	Parkview	6:00pm
13-Sep	7&8	STM	Univ Lab	6:00pm
17-Sep	7&8	St. John	St. John	3:30pm
17-Sep	3&4	MBS	Aloysius	1:30pm
20-Sep	5&6	Dunham	Dunham	6:00pm
24-Sep	3&4	SJV	Crusaders	1:00pm
25-Sep	5&6	STM	Aloysius	5:30pm
25-Sep	7&8	STM	Aloysius	7:00pm
1-Oct	5&6	MBS	Crusaders	1:30pm
1-Oct	7&8	MBS	Crusaders	3:00pm
8-Oct	3&4	St. John	St. John	1:00pm
9-Oct	5&6	Mercy	Mercy	5:30pm
10-Oct	7&8	George	George	6:00pm
15-Oct	5&6	George	George	2:30pm
17-Oct	7&8	Univ Lab	Univ Lab	5:15pm
22-Oct	3&4	St. Jude	St. Jude	12:00pm
24-Oct	5&6	STM	Ascension Catholic	5:30pm
24-Oct	7&8	STM	Ascension Catholic	7:00pm
5-Nov	7&8	CPC	Catholic Pointe Coupee	3:30pm
5-Nov	3&4	MBS	St. Jude	1:30pm

Click here for the new CSAA Policy on Heat Illness Prevention

Go Pelicans!

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MBS ATHLETICS