



# The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

## CALENDAR

AUGUST 31, 2023

### 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)

### September 2

- Cross-Country Meet, Highland Road Park

### September 5-12

- Parish Flag Football Registration, email will be sent on September 5 with registration link

### September 6

- Kindness Club Meeting, 7:15-7:45am, Library. - Sign up in this newsletter.
- 3A St. Vincent DePaul Field Trip

### September 7

- Altar Server Training for those who signed up
- Mass, 8:15. Kindergarten will also join us, dress uniforms **optional**

### September 8

- 3B St. Vincent DePaul Field Trip
- 7th Grade Girls Basketball Jamboree at St. Aloysius, 5:45pm
- 8th Grade Girls Basketball Jamboree at St. Aloysius, 7:15pm

### September 11

- Home & School Student Appreciation

### September 12

- First Quarter Progress Reports
- 4-H Club Meeting, 3:15pm, Mr. Millet's classroom

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# CHESS CLUB

All 5th-8th graders are invited to participate in the MBS Chess Club.

They meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month.

First meeting is on Tuesday, September 12.

Click [here](#) to register!

## ATTN MIDDLE SCHOOLERS:

Join **Kindness Club** for the 2023-2024 school year! Help spread kindness in the MBS community and beyond! All projects are based on student-generated ideas and contributions. There are no criteria to join - ALL 6th-8th graders are welcome, but we ask for \$15 dues to fund our projects. Click [here](#) to sign up and pay dues. We meet once per month - on a Wednesday morning, at 7:15, in the Library.

Our first meeting will be:

**Wednesday, September 6  
7:15 AM, in the Library**

2022-2023 Yearbooks are on sale in the school office.  
\$45 each. Send a cash/check made to MBS  
Limited Quantities - first come, first serve basis

## Lunch Menu

Click [here](#) for September Menu.  
Note that this menu has different choices than the Diocesan menu.

**PURCHASE  
FAIR T-SHIRTS  
SEP 5 - SEP 18**

We only have a short window to order, so don't miss out, order now!

**MBSPARISHFAIR.COM**



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



## VOLUNTEER

*opportunities*



September Cafeteria Volunteers  
Sign up



**A FUN  
ADVENTURE  
OF FAITH AND  
FRIENDSHIP...**

**This experience provides ...**

- your family with an education that transcends through different boundaries and growth outside the home
- valuable learning experiences
- your children education, awareness and tolerance of other cultures
- opportunities to learn Spanish
- travel to other countries

**Exchange Students ...**

- are matched with an American student, same age (11-17), gender and interests who attends a Catholic school.
- participate in the same activities as the host students
- have been screened, prepared, know English at some level and had Bonding program support
- have all expenses, including air fare, full medical insurance, tuition, cafeteria and spending money paid for by each exchange student's family

**Consider hosting  
students from  
Guatemala  
for just eight weeks  
(Oct.-Dec.)!**

**BONDING Program**

Since 1999 the BONDING program has made it possible for exchange students to support Catholic missions in Guatemala by being English/Spanish translators!

BONDING is grateful for all the support and prayers of bishops, priests, Catholic schools and families who have made these opportunities possible!

Join us in continuing our family's faith throughout the world!

IF YOU WANT TO HOST,  
please complete the  
online application:  
**[www.catholicbonding.org](http://www.catholicbonding.org)**

Or, for more information,  
contact us at:  
**[info@catholicbonding.org](mailto:info@catholicbonding.org)**



**Save the Date**  
**The 8th grade  
Pelicans will play  
volleyball against  
the Faculty  
Flamingos.  
Thursday,  
September 21  
6:30pm  
MBS Gym**

## Reminders for Bus Riders:

- Cooperate with the Driver - your safety depends on it.
- Be on Time - the bus will not wait for you.
- Remain quiet enough not to distract the driver.
- Be Courteous, Be Safety-Conscious, Protect your Riding Privilege.
- Do NOT Throw objects on the bus or out of the windows.
- Do NOT eat or drink on the bus.
- Do NOT damage the bus in any way
- If you leave anything on the bus, do not run after the bus.





# 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.

We are looking forward to a busy Fall for sports, Parish Sports, and seeing all our students and families at our games.

All the teams are working hard and getting ready for a competitive, fun season!

**Football Schedules** are posted on our website, Athletics tab.

Girls Basketball Jamboree:

- Friday Sept 8, 7th Grade team at St. Aloysius 5:45pm
- Friday Sept 8, 8th Grade team at St. Aloysius 7:15pm

Season schedules are coming soon!

**Cross-Country Meet.** Saturday, Sept 2, at Highland Road Park (St. Jean Vianney Meet)

Girls 10:30am, Boys 11:00am

Swimming schedule is coming soon!

Parish Sports Flag Football information (PreK – 3rd grade) will be released next week.

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.

**Click [here](#) for the  
new  
CSAA Policy on  
Heat Illness  
Prevention**

**Go Pelicans!**

**Tommy Krysan, Athletic Director**

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**MBS ATHLETICS**