

The Pelican Express

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

September 21

- Mass, 8:15, Dress uniforms optional
- Adoration following Mass
- 4th Grade Girls Basketball Game, St. Aloysius

September 22

• 4th Grade Girls Basketball Game, STM

September 23

• Central Wildcats Cross Country Invitational - Central Middle School

September 24

• 3/4 Football Game at SJV

September 25

- 5/6 Football Game at STM
- 7/8 Football Game at STM

September 26

- 4th Grade Class Mass, 8:45 Parents are invited to sit with their 4th grade student
- Family Tent Sales begin on Fair Website click here sales will close when all spots have sold out.

September 28

- School Mass, 8:15, dress uniforms optional
- 7th Grade girls basketball at STM
- 8th Grade girls basketball at STM

September 29

- Professional Development no school for pk-5; 6-8 grades attend
- Team/Club Shirt Day with uniform bottoms
- Swim Meet at Crawfish Aquatics

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In-Parish Tuition

As a reminder...to receive In-Parish Tuition for the 24-25 school year, a minimum amount of \$325 should be donated to Church to support the stewardship program. Those donations must be made through weekly use of MBS Church envelopes, automatic church deductions, or online giving through the church website. Deadline is December 15.

Accelerated Reading

October 3 - Last day to take an AR Test for 1st Quarter goals.



No School Days

- September 29 PK-5 grades do NOT attend school
- October 2 6-8 grades do NOT attend school
- October 26 6-8 grades do NOT attend school
- October 27 PK-5 grades do NOT attend school
- October 30 Fall Break No school for all students
- November 20-24 Thanksgiving break no school for all students
- December 18-Jan 2 Christmas break no school for all students

Early Dismissal Days

November 17 December 15

There is no Afternoon Extended Care on Early Dismissal Days



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At Most Blessed Sacrament, we have a tradition of helping our communities' needs through grade level service projects throughout the year. Each year our third, fourth, and fifth graders' collections support the ministries of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Once again, this year, we are combining our three collections into one HUGE two-week drive. St. Vincent de Paul has always been able to depend on the generous people of MBS to help them serve the community.

When: Monday, September 18th - Monday, October 2nd Where: MBS School

What: 3rd and 4th graders will be collecting toiletry items for the Men's, Women's, and Children's shelters.

Baby Items:

diapers, wipes shampoo, lotion bottles, pacifiers, etc.

Men & Women Items:

shampoo/conditioner shaving cream, razors toothbrush/toothpaste deodorant/soap personal care items

5th graders will be collecting your gently used clothing. Items needed are socks, shoes, shirts, shorts, pants, sweaters, scarves, dresses, jackets, and coats!! CLEAN OUT THOSE CLOSETS!

If your donation is too large for your child to carry to school through bus or carpool, you may drop items off to St. Ursula on any day during the drive from 7:30am-2:30pm. On behalf of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students, we thank you for your generosity.

JOY IN HIS PRESENCE **PSALM 16:11**

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Team/Club Shirt Day

On designated days, students are invited to wear MBS team or MBS club shirts with uniform bottoms. If your child does not have a Athletics, Parish Sports, or Club shirt, he/she must wear uniform shirt. September 29 October 2

Materials brought to school:

Only eyeglasses, lunchboxes, and outerwear will be accepted for distribution to students once they are on campus. Late assignments, projects, PE uniforms, water bottles will not be accepted.



 OPEN
 7:00 PM THE JEWISH ROOTS

 TO ALL
 OF THE MASS

 MBS CHURCH

DINNER LIMITED TO THE FIRST 100 COUPLES

HOLY MASS TO FOLLOW

CONFESSION WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING PRESENTATION AND MASS

NO CHARGE FOR ADMISSION - SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$20 - \$50

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Upcoming Liturgy Events

- 8th Grade Bake Sale supporting St. Agnes Soup Kitchen
- Pet Blessing
- Living Rosary
- All Saints' Day Book of Life

Dress Uniforms

Dress Uniforms are coming back in October!

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 19 *New date*

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 <u>childprotection@mbsbr.org</u>.

Update your Volunteer File

Please note that the Code of Ethics and the 2023-2024 Chaperone and Volunteer Requirements <u>Agreement</u> 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 <u>Acknowledgement form</u>, 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.





Red Ribbon Week Donations <u>Sign-up</u>

September Cafeteria Volunteers <u>Sign up</u>

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

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

Or, for more information, contact us at: info@catholicbonding.org

 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.)!



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:

- <u>**Prayer and Mass**</u> 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.
- <u>Service</u> 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

• <u>Weekly Church Offering</u> – 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 inparish 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.

All of our Fall Sports programs are underway!

Football, Swimming, Cross Country and Girls Basketball! The Cheerleaders, Pep Squad and Dance team are performing at selected events.

A great way to follow all the teams is on the MBS School Facebook page. We post about upcoming games – day/time/location!

Football Schedules are posted on our website www.mbsbr.org Athletics tab...

Parish Sports Flag Football starts practice Monday, Sept 25. Program coordinator Khloe Page is doing a great job organizing the teams.

Athletics can be an important part of a young person's life. It teaches discipline and selfpride 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.

> Go Pelicans! Tommy Krysan, Athletic Director MBS Athletics tkrysan@mbsbr.org

