



CALENDAR

The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

OCTOBER 12, 2023

October 13

- No Buses for students
- Pep Rally, 2pm

October 16

- No buses for students

October 17

- Report Cards emailed to parents
- FACTS reopened

October 18

- MBS at Mason's Grill. Support MBS by getting a meal at Mason's throughout the day!
- Picture Retakes available for anyone wishing to retake their individual picture. Dress uniforms not required.

October 19

- Sixth Grade Retreat - 6th graders allowed to wear spirit shirts
- Mass, 8:15am, dress uniforms
- Math Club Meetings

October 20

- Spirit Shirt Day with uniform bottoms
- Middle School Dance

October 25

- Wear Red Day for Red Ribbon Week with uniform bottoms

October 26

- Wear 2023 Fair T-shirt with uniform bottoms
- Mass, 8:15

October 27

- Wear 2023 Fair T-shirt with uniform bottoms
- Wear MBS Club/Athletics shirt with uniform bottoms

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Buses are not
available
on 10/16



A poster for Mason's Grill Give Back Day. The background is a dark wood texture. At the top left is the 'Mason's grill' logo. Below it, the text reads: 'Mason's Grill Give Back Day for MBS', 'Wednesday, October 18th', 'ALL DAY', and '13556 Jefferson Hwy.'. Below that, it says 'Send receipts to school the next day with all students and classes listed.' On the right side, there is a circular inset image of a large burger with various toppings. Overlaid on the bottom right of this image is a dark grey circle with white text that says 'CLASS WITH MOST PARTICIPATION WILL RECEIVE A CLASS PARTY!'. At the bottom right of the poster is the MBS logo with the text 'Most Blessed Sacrament' below it.

Alternate Carpool

We will have to run our Alternate “Fair” Carpool the week of Monday, October 23. This means you will NOT enter through the church lot.

We will publish the route in next week’s newsletter.

Drop off Reminder

Students should not be walked to the front gate from the parking lot.

The only students who are considered walkers live in Old Jefferson subdivision and walk to and from their home. All other students should be dropped off in carpool or by bus.

CARNIVAL RIDES

WEEKEND BRACELET **\$60**
GOOD FOR THE ENTIRE WEEKEND
PRE-ORDER ONLY - MBSPARISHFAIR.COM

SESSION TIME BRACELET **\$25**
FRI 6-10 | SAT 12-4 | SAT 6-10 | SUN 12-4
GOOD FOR ONE SESSION TIME ONLY
PURCHASE ON SITE

INDIVIDUAL RIDE TICKETS AVAILABLE
RIDES PROVIDED BY MIDWEST RIDES

SIGN-UPS & PURCHASES

Fair T-Shirt Orders Sep 5 - Sep 20
Family Tent Sales Sep 26
Ride Bracelets Oct 3 - Oct 20
Volunteer Sign-Up Oct 3
Bake Sweets Sign-Up Anytime

FAIR SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

6:00 Fair Opens
7:00 **PRESS 1 FOR ENGLISH**
10:00 Fair Closes

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

10:00 Fair Opens
10:00 Student Performances
2:00 Bingo
5:30 Tent-Or-Treat
7:00 **PARISH COUNTY LINE**
8:00 Game Booths Close
10:00 Fair Closes

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

9:45 Mass in Church
10:45 Fair Opens (after mass)
12:00 **RYAN FORET**
4:00 Fair Ends

PRESS 1 FOR ENGLISH

FRIDAY | 7 - 10



PARISH COUNTY LINE

SATURDAY | 7 - 10



RYAN FORET & FORET TRADITION

SUNDAY | 12 - 3



WATCH GAMES WITH
US ALL WEEKEND

BINGO
2:00 SATURDAY

TENT-OR-TREAT
5:30 SATURDAY



**MONSTER
MASH**
IT'S A FAIRGROUND SMASH

**MBS
PARISH FAIR**

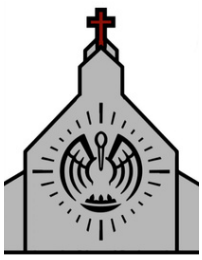
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FOOD COURT

French Fries
Cheese Fries
Chili Fries
Nachos
Chili Nachos
Cheese Sticks
Boudin Balls
Hot Dog
Corn Dog
Hamburger
Jambalaya
Pastalaya
Gumbo
*Onion Mums
*BBQ Chicken-on-a-Stick
*Fried Chicken-on-a-Stick
*Shrimp Stew
*Pulled Pork Sandwich
*Pulled Pork Nachos
Fried Fish (FRI ONLY)
Sauce Piquant (SAT ONLY)
*SATURDAY & SUNDAY ONLY

RIDES GAMES FOOD BINGO LIVE BANDS
SWEET SHOPPE WINE PULL BASKET RAFFLES



Office of...

Book of Life

On Wednesday, November 1st, we will continue the tradition of remembering our loved ones in a special way, in celebrating the Feast of All Saints and All Souls.

Our Book of Life will be displayed during School Mass. This book has been a special tradition here at MBS School and contains all the names of our deceased relatives and friends submitted over the last sixteen years.

If you have lost a loved one since November 2022, fill in the form [here](#) and we will add it to the Book of Life for this year. In order to have the Book of Life ready for Mass, we will need to have ALL names submitted by **Tuesday, October 24th**. Have your child return the form to their homeroom teacher, and it will be forwarded to my office.

The Book of Life contains all of the names previously submitted over the years. Please do not send names that already have been placed into the Book of Life. If you have any questions, please call the Office of Christian Formation at 751-5867.

November 1 - Saints & Souls Mass

Our annual celebration to remember the Feasts of All Saints & All Souls will take place on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, with Mass at 8:15 am.

During Mass, we would like to highlight the Communion of Saints by inviting students in grades to dress as their patron or favorite Saint of the Church in simple costumes.

Instructions and Permission Slips may be found here:

[Grades PK-5](#)

[Grades 6-8](#)

They will walk in the opening procession, as the Litany of Saints is sung.

If you have any questions concerning our All-Saints Procession, please call Celeste Rabalais at the Office of Christian Formation, 751-5867

Christian Formation

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 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.



October Cafeteria [Sign-up](#)

Fun Run [Sign-up](#)

MBS Fair Wine Pull [sign-up](#) to donate wine or money

MBS Fair Sweet Booth
[Sign-up](#) to bake.

MBS Fair Bourbon Raffle - [sign up](#) to donate money



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CASH FOR
OUR SCHOOL!

YOUR TRASH IS OUR TREASURE! TURN IN YOUR COMMUNITY COFFEE PROOF OF PURCHASE LABELS THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 3. EACH LABEL IS MONEY IN RETURN FOR MBS!

THE CLASS THAT COLLECTS THE MOST WILL RECEIVE A REWARD PARTY!



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, 8-12
ONGOING PARENT-LED TOURS
MBSBR.ORG



MBS does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin.



St. Joseph's Academy
Est. 1868

JOIN US FOR **Open House** WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 | 3:30-7 p.m.
For Girls in Grades 6-8 and Their Parents

Register at visitsja.org

LEARN ALL ABOUT WHAT MAKES THE ACADEMY SO SPECIAL.

Founded in 1868 by the Sisters of St. Joseph.

St. Joseph's Academy has a non-discriminatory admissions policy.

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Baton Rouge, LA 70808
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Middle School Dance

Middle School Dance will be on Friday, October 20. Tickets are on sale now. They must be purchased in advance. Click [here](#) to purchase them. More information on the following page.

Fun Run!

Fun Run is Friday, November 10. We will need help on Thursday and Friday. Please visit the following [link](#) to sign up to help where you can.

JOIN US...IF YOU DARE!
FOR THE SPOOOOKTACULAR MBS MIDDLE SCHOOL



Halloween **DANCE**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20TH
7-9PM IN ST. URSULA HALL

TICKETS \$20, \$10 FOR SIBLINGS
PREPAID BY 10/19

DJ/DANCING ~ COSTUME CONTEST ~ PHOTO OPPS
MODEST COSTUMES - NO MASKS

STUDENTS MUST BE DROPPED OFF/PICKED UP AT MAIN GATE

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.

Dear Parents:

October 23-27 is **Red Ribbon Week**. During Red Ribbon Week, we participate in a national campaign focusing on positive, healthy choices to remain drug-free. October is also National Bullying Prevention Month. Red Ribbon Week will include lessons and messages to put a stop to bullying.

Our theme this year is “Good Vibes Only - Living Drug Free.” The week will be filled with activities and treats, however, bracelets, bookmarks, and lollipops don’t change behavior. It takes a real partnership between school and family to increase awareness and reinforce positive decisions. Here are some ways you as parents can help keep your children safe and drug-free:

1. Talk to your children about your rules and expectations – often, not just one time.
2. Take advantage of ads, shows, songs, and other media to help you introduce the topics of drug use and bullying in a natural, unforced way.
3. Model safe, healthy choices and kind, respectful behavior.
4. Supervise, supervise, supervise! Fact: Children are most likely to experiment with drugs between 4-6 PM. If children are supervised, experimentation is much less likely.
5. Spend screen-free time with your family, particularly around the dinner table. Research shows that quality family meal time correlates with healthier, positive life choices and overall success.

We look forward to a great Red Ribbon Week! As the week progresses, ask your children about our activities, such as the former STOMP performer and daily student presentations. Middle schoolers will be reading picture books about friendship and kindness to grades PK-4 throughout the week, as well. All middle school classes will also have Life Skill lessons on cyberbullying during Red Ribbon Week. If you’d like more information on helping your students with this increasingly common form of bullying, check out this Bark Resource page: <https://www.bark.us/learn/cyberbullying/>.

We will also have one “dress up” day. On **Wednesday, October 25th**, MBS will participate in **Wear Red Day**. Your children can wear red shirts, red socks, and other red accessories, with their uniform bottoms.

Thank you for your role in prevention for your children, for our community, and for our future! Let’s spread “good vibes” for safe, kind, and drug-free kids!

Blessings,

~Your School Counselors~
Michelle DiBenedetto, LCSW
Brooke Johnson, LMSW



Parish Sports Flag Football is under way playing Saturday mornings on Pelican Field!

Parish Sports Basketball (PreK thru 2 nd grade) registration is coming later this month.

MBS Athletics is now accepting Credit/Debit Cards for entry into athletic events and purchases at the concession stand! Thanks to: Coastline Business Solutions

Boys Basketball Registration is coming soon! Information will be emailed, posted on School Facebook page and included in a future newsletter.

Boys Basketball will be open for students in 3rd thru 8th grade!

Save the Date! Fall Sports Banquet ~ Wednesday, November 15 – St. Ursula!



FALL SPORTS BANQUET

Wednesday
November 15, 2023



MBS ATHLETICS

Go Pelicans!

Tommy Krysan, Athletic Director

MBS Athletics

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