



# The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

OCTOBER 19, 2023

## CALENDAR

### October 20

- Spirit Shirt Day with uniform bottoms
- Middle School Dance
- Last day to buy a weekend ride bracelet for the fair. Hurry! click [here](#).

### October 23

- Alternate Carpool Begins this week to accommodate for the Fair Setup...see next page.

### October 24

- PK/K Class Mass - Parents are invited to attend 8:45 Parish Daily Mass at MBS Church and sit with your child.

### October 25

- Praise & Worship, St. Ursula, 7:20am
- Wear Red Day for Red Ribbon Week with uniform bottoms

### October 26

- Conference Day for Middle School Parents/Teachers- **no school for grades 6-8**
- Wear 2023 Fair T-shirt with uniform bottoms. If you don't have a fair shirt, wear dress uniforms for Mass.
- Mass, 8:15, Pumpkin Blessing

### October 27

- Conference Day for Elementary School Parents/Teachers - **no school for grades PK-5**
- Wear 2023 Fair T-shirt with uniform bottoms
- Wear MBS Club/Athletics shirt with uniform bottoms

### October 30

- Fall Break - No School

### October 31

- Wear Uniform bottoms with Halloween shirts - no costumes

### November 1

- All Saints Day Mass, 8:15- dress uniforms

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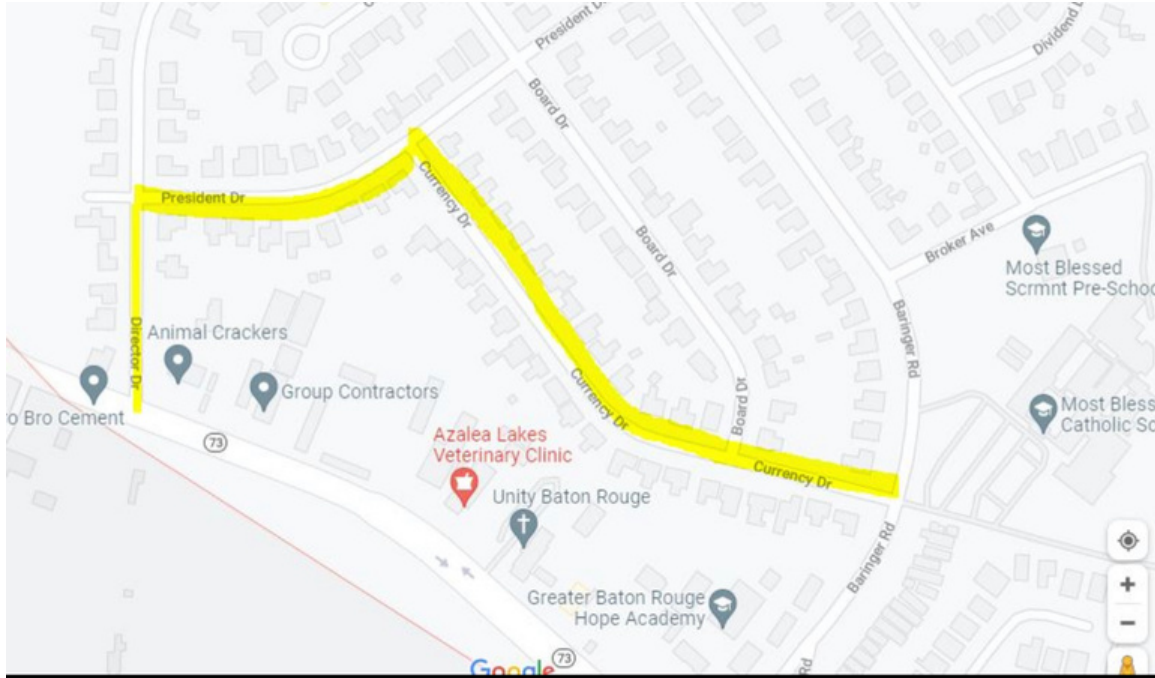
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We will have to run our Alternate “Fair” Carpool the week of Monday, October 23. **This means you will NOT enter through the church lot.**



- **Morning Carpool** - From Jefferson Hwy, turn onto Director by Animal Crackers Learning Center.
  - **DO NOT** Turn into the Church Parking lot. Continue on Director and turn right on President. Turn right onto Currency.
  - This road will feed directly into the school parking lot entrance.
  - Cross Baringer Rd and enter the school parking lot. (Please be sure to wait on Currency if the lot is full. We do not want to block Baringer from the buses or those exiting carpool.)
  - Enter the parking lot. Faculty will be there to direct you. At the last set of parking spaces, you will enter the carpool line.
  - Please be sure that your child is unbuckled and ready to exit the vehicle when you reach the Teacher or Safety Patrol student.
  - Exit the school parking lot as you normally would for carpool.
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- **Afternoon Carpool**- From Jefferson Hwy, turn onto Director by Animal Crackers Learning Center.
  - **DO NOT** Turn into the Church Parking lot. Continue on Director and turn right on President. Turn right onto Currency.
  - This road will feed directly into the school parking lot entrance.
  - Cross Baringer Rd and enter the school parking lot. (Please be sure to wait on Currency if the lot is full. We do not want to block Baringer from the buses or those exiting carpool.)
  - Follow the cones through the parking lot and follow the teacher’s directions to enter the parking spaces. Pull in to the parking spot so that you are facing the gym and can drive forward to enter the line.
  - A teacher will then enter your Car Rider Pro tag number. All tags should be displayed on the rearview mirror and visible for the teacher to see.
  - On the teacher’s motion enter the carpool line and proceed as normal.
  - Exit the school parking lot as you normally would for carpool.

# Student Performances

	Line Up	Performance
	Backstage	Start
<b>Kindergarten</b>		
Dem Bones	9:50	10:00
<b>1st Grade</b>		
Addams Family	10:05	10:15
<b>2nd Grade</b>		
Spooky Scary Skeletons	10:20	10:30
<b>3rd Grade</b>		
Ghostbusters	10:35	10:45
<b>4th Grade</b>		
Monster Mash	10:50	11:00
<b>5th Grade</b>		
Somebody Watchin' Me	11:05	11:15
<b>Band</b>		
Monsterville	11:30	11:50
Zombie Attack		
Eerie Escapade		
Monsters, Unite!		
<b>Pep Squad</b>		
	12:20	12:45

## Weekend Ride Bracelets

- Ride Company has to put the bracelets on the arm of the recipient. (Student must be present.)
- Students will get a voucher on Thursday or Friday.
- Bring this voucher to the Ride Ticket Booth to exchange for a bracelet.
- One voucher per student.
- If students are absent, the voucher will be in the Money Booth.

### 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

### PRESS 1 FOR ENGLISH

FRIDAY | 7 - 10

### PARISH COUNTY LINE

SATURDAY | 7 - 10

### RYAN FORET & FORET TRADITION

SUNDAY | 12 - 3

### WATCH PARTY

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

### 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

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

- Grades K-3 should wear their spirit shirts.
- Students should meet behind the stage at their designated time.
- Parent Volunteers & Grade-level teachers will be there to check in the students and monitor them before their performances.
- After the performance is done, you may pick up your student in the designated pick-up spot.

# 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](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).



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

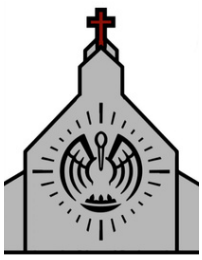
MBS Fair Sweet Booth  
[Sign-up](#) to bake.

November Cafeteria [Sign-up](#)

Fun Run [Sign-up](#)

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





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## 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

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Christian Formation

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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!

**ST. MICHAEL'S HIGH SCHOOL**  
THE ARCHANGEL

WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU

**Open House**  
OCTOBER 25, 2023  
4:00-7:00PM

REGISTER NOW AT [WWW.SMHSBR.ORG](http://WWW.SMHSBR.ORG)

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

**OPEN HOUSE**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, 8-12  
ONGOING PARENT-LED TOURS  
[MBSBR.ORG](http://MBSBR.ORG)

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

**Get ready for the cool weather!**



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October 16th—21st, 2023



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**FLAMINGO NIGHT**  
**Thursday, November 16**

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







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Williamsburg

Register for more info



The White House



Colonial Williamsburg

# MBS Travels!

## MBS Goes West



U.S. National  
Parks:

Grand Canyon,  
Bryce,  
and  
Zion



There is still space for  
**Spring Break 2024**



# 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 Basketball (PreK through 2 nd grade) registration is OPEN, deadline is Monday October 23.

Link to register: 2023 Parish Basketball <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/TVBCOWUk>.

Boys Basketball Registration is OPEN, deadline is Monday, October 23.

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

Link to register: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/XxOMsDN9>

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

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 Athletics ONLINE Store is OPEN!! Get your MBS Athletics Gear - have winter gear, long sleeve, sweatshirts, hoodies and more!!

<https://rockteamsports.chippily.com/MBS/>



**save  
the  
date**

**MBS ATHLETICS**

**FALL SPORTS  
BANQUET**

**Wednesday**  
**November 15, 2023**  
**6:30pm ~ St. Ursula**  
**Adults \$10.00 -**  
**Students Free**

**Go Pelicans!**

**Tommy Krysan, Athletic Director**

**MBS Athletics**

**tkrysan@mbsbr.org**



## 5/6 & 7/8 MBS QUIZ BOWL TEAM

If you would like to try-out for this year's 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade quiz bowl teams, **please return the bottom portion of this form by Tuesday, October 24, 2023.**

**The Quiz Bowl Competition Test will be right after school on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, until about 4:00 in Mrs. Harbin's classroom (Rom 7). You may pick up your child at the front gate.**

We plan on the team being announced on Friday, October 27, 2023.

**The 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade team and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade team will consist of 6 members per team (3 top scorers per grade).**

Due to such a limited number allowed to compete, we would also like to invite all who try out to be a part of the Quiz Bowl Club. We will hold our first practice/club meeting the week of November 6, 2023, on a day we decide after the team and club are formed. The location will be in Mrs. Harbin's room after school until 4:30 pm. More information about practices will follow that. We were not given much notice because this year our actual Quiz Bowl Team competition is set for Saturday, January 20, 2024, at St. Michael the Archangel High School.

Mrs. Harbin will moderate the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade team.

Mrs. Muller will moderate the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade team.

Ms. Quintero will assist with both teams.

**Please cut and return the form below by TUESDAY, October 24** if you are interested in becoming a member of our MBS Quiz Bowl teams as well as our club:)

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**Please return to Mrs. Muller in The SCOOP room in St. Ursula by Tuesday, Oct 24, 2023**

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in becoming a member of the MBS Quiz Bowl team. I am in \_\_\_\_\_ grade.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Homeroom

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Name/ Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Phone Number

Parent's Email \_\_\_\_\_