



# The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

NOVEMBER 9, 2023

## CALENDAR

### November 9

- School Mass, 8:15, dress uniforms
- First Quarter Awards after Mass in Church
- Math Club Meeting

### November 10 - FUN RUN!

- Wear your spirit shirt or a white shirt with uniform bottoms!

### November 13

- Last day to bring in "Count your Blessings by the Pair" items

### November 14

- First Grade Class Mass, Church, 8:45. First Grade families are invited to attend daily mass and sit with their children.
- 4-H Club Meeting, Mr. Millet's classroom, 3:15-4:45

### November 15

- Praise & Worship, St Ursula, 7:20, donuts will be served
- Open House, 8:00-12:00...Invite all prospective families to have a personalized tour with a parent and Student Ambassador. There is no set schedule, come at your convenience.
- Fall Sports Banquet, St. Ursula, 6:30-9:30
- A month away from getting to your IOG to receive in-parish tuition next year... see page 8

### November 16

- Corpus Christi Mass, 8:15, dress uniforms, Eucharistic Procession afterwards
- Flamingo Game - teachers are the "Flamingos" and the 8th graders are the "Pelicans" and they play volleyball against each other. Donations at the door for enti

### November 17

- Grandparents Day - Students wear "Sunday Best."
- Early Dismissal, 11:30
- No afternoon extended care
- No afternoon buses

### November 19

- Parish Thanksgiving Meal

### November 20-24

- Thanksgiving Holidays



# PELICAN Spirit Store

Did you miss the Pelican Spirit Store at the Fair?  
No problem! Contact Home & School to purchase!  
To order, email: Rebecca Fontenot at [fontenot.rebecca@gmail.com](mailto:fontenot.rebecca@gmail.com)  
Are there other spirit items you would like to see? Send us an email!



**40OZ TUMBLER - \$35**  
**ROLL UP BLANKET - \$25**  
**UMBRELLA - \$25**  
**BASEBALL CAP - \$20**  
**GARDEN FLAG - \$20**  
**TEDDY BEAR - \$15**



*Great stocking stuffers, perfect for winter and spring sports, teacher gifts and more!*

After-School Art  
Lessons. Click [here](#) for  
more information.

Lego Robotics  
After-School  
Enrichment. Click [here](#)  
for more information.

Congratulations to the following students who were  
nominated for the Catholic Schools Student of the Year Program:

## 5th Graders

- Aida Casey
- Gracie DiBenedetto
- Elena Rico
- Cole Thurmond

## 8th Graders

- Madeline Cox
- Lanie Davis
- Allie DeBarbieris
- Sidney Gill

We are Pelican Proud of all of our nominees!



After a round of interviews with Mrs. Rabalais, Ms. Douet, and Mrs. Gioe, the following students were chosen to represent Most Blessed Sacrament at the Diocesan Level.

## **5th Grade**

**Cole Thurmond**

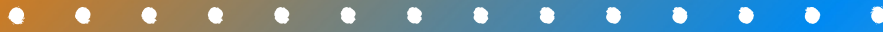
## **8th Grade**

**Sidney Gill**

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**Class 2B - Watts is the Community Coffee  
collection winner. We will have another collection in  
January, so start saving now!**

# Grandparents Day Schedule



## **Group 1 – Pre-K, Kindergarten (Cafeteria), 1st and 2nd (St. Ursula)**

- 8:00 – 8:15 – Grandparents sign in and refreshments in gym
- 8:15 – 8:45 – Teachers bring homeroom classes for an activity with grandparents - Cafeteria/St. Ursula
- 8:45 – 9:00 – Photo stations with children and exit front gate or if not leaving, students return to homerooms

## **Group 2 – 3rd, 4th and 5th grade**

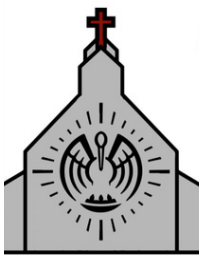
- 9:00 – 9:15 - Grandparents sign in and refreshments in gym
- 9:15 – 9:45 - Teachers bring homeroom classes for an activity with grandparents - St. Ursula
- 9:45 – 10:00 - Photo stations with children and exit front gate or if not leaving, students return to homerooms
- 10:30am - Bag Lunch will be brought to the classrooms

## **Group 3 – 6th, 7th, and 8th Middle School**

- 10:00 – 10:15 - Grandparents sign in and refreshments in gym
- 10:15 – 10:45 Teachers bring homeroom classes for an activity with grandparents - St. Ursula
- 10:45 – 11:00 - Photo stations with children and exit front gate or if not leaving, students return to homerooms



# Friday, November 17



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## **COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS BY THE PAIR**

Are you aware that undergarments are the most-needed items at our local Children's Hospital?

OUR PRE-KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ARE  
SPONSORING A  
SOCKS, UNDIES, AND UNDERSHIRTS  
DRIVE TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Collection runs from  
**Monday, November 6th - Monday, November 13th.**

Items needed are for ages:  
PREEMIE through 17 YEARS

THEIR BIGGEST NEED IS FOR TEENAGE-SIZED  
UNDERGARMENTS.

THANK YOU

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*Christian Formation*



# FLAMINGO NIGHT

**What:** A volleyball game between the 8th Graders (Pelicans) & Faculty (Flamingos)

**When:** Thursday, November 16. Doors open at 6pm, Game begins at 6:30pm

**Who's Invited?** Everyone!



**Where:** MBS GYM

**Cost:** Donations accepted at door as entry fee. This supports MBS CARES, a faculty/staff outreach committee. 8th Grade Students get in \*Free\*

**Concessions:** Pizza and Concessions will be available for purchase.

# 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 Fun Run - November 10
  - Grandparents Day - November 17
  - Pelican Games - April 19

## 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.

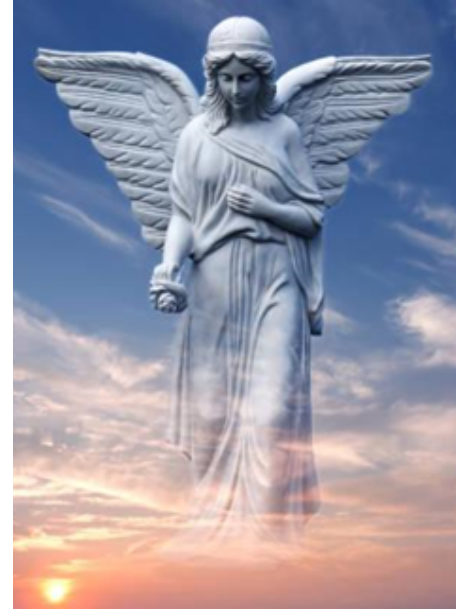
### New Volunteer Credentialing the 2023-2024 School Year

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).



**IMPORTANT  
NOTICE**

The Safe Environment file database for the Diocese of Baton Rouge is scheduled to terminate in December 2023.

A new database is being prepared to start in early 2024. Please note that there may be a time period when volunteer applications are not processed due to the database transition. If you are interested in receiving volunteer credentials presently, you are encouraged to submit the paperwork before December 1, 2023.

November Cafeteria Sign-up



# MBS PARISH NOVEMBER EVENTS



**PARISH ACTIVITY  
CENTER  
DEDICATION**

SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 19  
AFTER 11:30 MASS  
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

## **THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION**

SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 19  
5:30 PM  
MBS SCHOOL GYM



## **CHRIST THE KING EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION**

SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 26  
AFTER 11:30 MASS  
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW





# Time & Talent (Service Hours)

## December 15 is a month away! Will you receive In-Parish Tuition next year?

### 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.



Football season has ended. Many thanks to all the players, families and coaches. We also thank St. Thomas More and athletic director Ryan Empson for our football partnership.

Fall Sports Banquet ~ Wednesday, November 15 – St. Ursula

- Honoring MBS Football players, Girls basketball, swimming, tennis, cross country. (Cheer, Dance, and Pep will be invited to the Spring Sports Banquet)
- Sponsored by FMM - Facilities Maintenance Management
- Dress is casual
- Food served by Tramontes Meat & Seafood: Pastalaya, roll, cake ball.
- Adults pay \$10 at the door, cash or credit card
- Students are free entry.
- All head coaches will be asked to talk 2-3 minutes about their team.
- Rob Smith, SMHS AD will speak also.

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

Boys Basketball practice starts soon, Girls Volleyball registration coming soon!  
Parish Sports Basketball schedule is 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.



**Go Pelicans!**

**Tommy Krysan, Athletic Director**

**MBS Athletics**

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