



The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

NOVEMBER 16, 2023

CALENDAR

November 16

- Flamingo Night Game - teachers are the "Flamingos" and the 8th graders are the "Pelicans" and they play volleyball against each other. Donations at the door for entry.

November 17

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

November 19

- Parish Thanksgiving Meal 5:30pm, School Gym- All are invited to have a Thanksgiving Meal provided by the Church ministries.

November 20-24

- Thanksgiving Holidays

November 26

- Parish Christ the King Eucharistic Process After 11:30 Mass

November 27

- OJCC 6th Grade Bingo

November 30

- St. Nicholas Mass, 8:15, dress uniform

December 2

- St. Nicholas Christmas Market

December 4

- Last day to AR test for 2nd quarter

December 7

- No Mass for Students
- Wear Christmas shirts with uniform bottoms
- Drama Play, St. Ursula

December 8

- Holy Day of Obligation, Mass, 8:15am,
- Dress Uniforms

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
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!

Lost & Found

We will no longer have a Lost & Found. Please label your items so they can find their way back to your student.

Unclaimed/unlabeled items will be donated every week.

Congratulations

to Marcy Watts who was selected as the MBS Distinguished Graduate. She will be honored during Catholic Schools Week in January.

Tuition Rates

Deadline for IOG contributions is December 15. \$325 must be contributed through church envelopes or auto-draft to be considered for in-parish tuition and acceptance.



PK STUDENTS...applications required!!!

Existing PK students must apply to Kindergarten.

The applications will be accepted until November 30. Questions? PLeier@mbsbr.org



Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School serves our Church, its families, and the community by nurturing Gospel values, academic excellence, and a lifetime of prayer and service.

OPEN ADMISSION 2024-25

November 15-30



TRADITIONAL PK-8TH GRADE CATHOLIC EDUCATION

APPLICATION PROCESS

- November 15 - Open House
- November 15-30 - Online Applications Accepted
- January 8-12 - Screening of New Applicants
- February 19 - Acceptance Letters Emailed
- February 19-March 4 - New Student Enrollment

SCHOOL DAY HOURS FOR ALL STUDENTS

- 7:45AM - 2:45PM
- MONDAY-FRIDAY
- Before/After Care Available

Tuition is based on the religious affiliation of the student and the identified offertory giver status of the parents/ guardians.

•Catholic – Identified Offertory Giver applies to Catholic students whose families are registered at Most Blessed Sacrament Church and have donated \$325 to building fund or general tithing in the previous calendar year. Verifications are done on December 15.

•Catholic – Non-Identified Offertory Giver applies to Catholic students not registered at MBS Church and MBS parishioners who did not meet the minimum contribution to MBS Church in the previous calendar year. Verifications are done on December 15.

FACTS Authentication

Dear FACTS Partner,

On November 13, 2023, FACTS will enable multi-factor authentication (MFA) for all non-administrative users (e.g., families, authorized payers, etc.) accessing FACTS for the following products:

- FACTS Payment Plans and Billing
- FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment

To help facilitate the use of MFA, FACTS recommends that all users utilize a free authentication app, such as Authy, Microsoft Authenticator or Google Authenticator. Users can also choose to receive an authentication email containing a unique code.

These authenticator options support existing login credentials by verifying usernames and passwords, along with something users have in their possession.

For a complete list of supported authenticator apps, a sample setup video, and more information about the use of multi-factor authentication on your FACTS account, please visit our [FAQ_page](#) on HubHelp.

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:
 - 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 to check the status of your file.

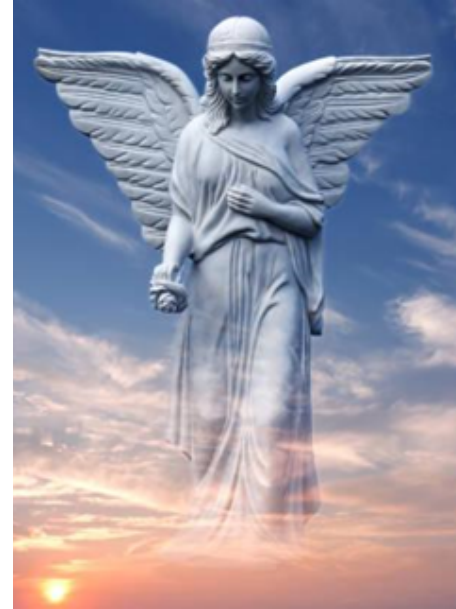
New Volunteer Credentialing the 2023-2024 School Year

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.



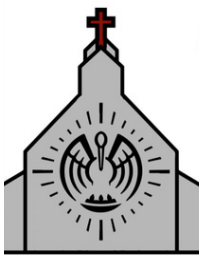
**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**

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





Office of...

**Thank you for the
donations to the
OLOL PK Drive and
the 6th grade
OJCC drive.**

Happy Thanksgiving!

Christian Formation



St. Nicholas Christmas Market

Hosted by the MBS Spirit Groups
(cheer, dance, & pep squads)

December 2, 2023
5:00pm - 8:00pm
MBS School Courtyard

An event for the whole family to enjoy!

Pictures with SANTA
Hot Chocolate
Vendors | Games | Activities

Vendor Registration: <https://forms.gle/7HQAoV9kRb4h7xEK7>
or email allymariesmith@gmail.com

St. Nicholas Christmas Market

Vendor list

REACH Dyslexia Lab
Rosey Stone Boutique
Love, Pentunia LLC
Knotted & Linked
Gigi's Custom Confections
TRIBE 225
Sorella Crafts & Gifts
Parish Roots
Magnolia 23
Millie Claire
Second Line Candle Company, LLC
Big Energy Fitness
Love Designs
Jewelry by Joan
Beautycounter
Pampered Chef
For Your Seasons Boutique
Brooke Bakes
Original PVC Sculptures

Linked with Love- Permanent Jewelry
Park Lane Jewelry
Glitterary Boutique
My Belle Arti
Pixie's Landing
Lisa's Art Boutique
MamaKreations
J&A Threads
NuSkin
Sweet Magnolia Wreaths
Nola Rouge Boutique
Finding Foxtale Clothing
A Carlock Creation



Baton Rouge Party Santa

Most Blessed Sacrament School - 12/2/23 - 5p-8p

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

MBS Gala & Auction

02.24
2024

Goodwood Library

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.

FMBS 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 practices are underway.

Girls Volleyball registration coming soon!

Parish Sports Basketball games are underway!

We wish all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday 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.

Go Pelicans!

Tommy Krysan, Athletic Director

MBS Athletics

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