



The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

NOVEMBER 30, 2023

CALENDAR

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 5

- Free Dress for those who achieved 2nd Quarter AR goals
- Band/Choir Concert - St. Ursula, 6pm

December 6

- Kindness Club Meeting, 7:15am

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
- Beta Club Induction following Mass

December 11

- 5th Grade DARE Graduation - St. Ursula
- H&S Candy Cane Tree

December 12-14

- Middle School Exams - early dismissal for middle school students

December 12

- 3rd Grade Class Mass, 8:45 am, Parents are invited to sit with their children in Mass. Dress Uniforms

December 13

- Praise & Worship, 7:15am

December 14

- Mass/Jesse Tree - for students K-5

December 15

- "The Nativity" - St. Ursula, 9:00am
- Early Dismissal, 11:30
- No afternoon extended care
- No buses

December 18-January 2

- No School for Students, Christmas Break

January 3

- Students return to school
- No Buses
- Jill Penno Pajama Day

January 4

- Mass, Dress Uniform
- King Cake Day

REMINDER: Tuition
is not withdrawn in
January due to
Enrollment. See
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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.

Concert

Choir, Band, & Jazz Band concert is on Tuesday, December 5
6pm - St. Ursula.
We will have special alumni appearances.
Admission Free * Reception Following.

Lost & Found

We 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.

MS Exam Schedule

Tuesday, December 12th

7:20-7:55 - Homeroom and Assembly

8:00-9:20 - Math Exam

(8th Only, 6th/7th study hall)

9:25-9:45 - Brunch

9:50-11:05 - Math Exam (6th & 7th students)

Social Studies (8th only)

11:15 - Dismissal (Car Rider Pro in homeroom)

Wednesday, December 13th

7:20-7:55 Homeroom and Assembly

8:00-9:20 Science Exam

(7th/8th students, 6th study hall)

9:25-9:45 Brunch

9:50-11:05 - Literature Exam

(8th/6th students, 7th study hall)

11:15 - Dismissal (Car Rider Pro in homeroom)

Thursday, December 14th

7:20-7:55 - Homeroom and Assembly

8:00-9:20 - Religion Exam

(7th/8th students, 6th study hall)

9:25-9:45 - Brunch

9:50-11:05 - English Exam (all students)

11:15 - Dismissal (Car Rider Pro in homeroom)

Enrollment for 2024-25

Kindergarten-7th Grade Students

- All students (K-7) who will remain at MBS for 2024-25 school year MUST RE-ENROLL through FACTS Family Portal.
- If your student will not return, please UNENROLL.
- Re-Enrollment takes place 1/8-1/13. The fee is \$375. After the 13th, a \$100 Late Fee will be added. The re-enrollment fee is non-refundable.
- Tuition is not deducted in January due to this Re-enrollment fee.

PK Students

- PK Students who applied to Kindergarten in November will be notified of acceptance on February 19.
- Tuition is not deducted in January.
- February 19-March 4, accepted students will be asked to "Enroll" in FACTS. Enrollment fee is \$375 and is non-refundable.

Sweatpants for December

Middle School Students can show their support to the MBS Student Council by bringing \$5 to their homeroom teacher and wear sweatpants December 1-14 (excludes Mass days). Must wear uniform tops.

No Buses

- **Friday, December 15** - no afternoon buses
- **Wednesday, January 3** - no morning or afternoon buses
- **Thursday, January 4** - no morning or afternoon buses

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



**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 volunteer applications will not be accepted and processed starting December 1, 2023 through the beginning of January 2024 due to the database transition.

Please be patient as we navigate through this transition time for there may be unforeseen issues.



December Cafeteria Sign-up



December Lunch Menu



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/7HQAoV9kRb4h7xEX7>
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



December Events

*The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Dec
7 / 8

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
MASS TIMES:
VIGIL AT 6:00 PM
FEAST DAY AT 8:15 AM AND 12:00 PM

*An Advent Evening of Prayer
and Song at MBS Church*

Dec
16

WITH THE REGNUM CHRISTI MUSIC COLLECTIVE
TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR CHRISTMAS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND THE SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION THROUGHOUT THE EVENING

6:00 - 7:30 PM
THIS EVENT IS FREE. DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED

Christmas Spectacular

Dec
21

FEATURING MICHAEL MCDOWELL ON PIANO

MBS CHURCH
7:00 PM
ADMISSION: \$12
TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT MCDOWELLPIANIST.COM
OR AT THE CHURCH OFFICE

MBS Gala & Auction

02.24
2024

Goodwood Library

Time & Talent (Service Hours)

December 15 is less than 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.



Join Sister Dulce Maria for
La Posada
The Journey of the Wise Men

Hear about their journey and why they brought gifts! Then follow the shepherd in search of the Holy Family

Sunday December 3, 2023 3pm-5pm

La Posada is a Mexican and Spanish tradition, here at CSMPC it teaches the true meaning of Christmas. Children and adults accompany a Shepherd in his search for the Holy Family. The Shepherd shares his story of the importance of finding the Christ Child and what the birth of this Child means for our future.

Afterward, visit with St. Nicholas, Bubbles the Camel, animals in the petting zoo and take a pony ride while enjoying funnel cakes & caramel popcorn!

Appropriate for children of all ages. The event is free; however, we ask you to call the center to reserve your space.
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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 practices are underway.
- Girls Volleyball registration coming soon!
- Parish Sports Basketball games are underway!
- MBS Basketball Christmas camp – Wednesday December 27, Girls & Boys, K-7th grade MBS Students. More details 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!

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