



The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

DECEMBER 7, 2023

CALENDAR

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 (see page 2)

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, 7:20am - breakfast will not be served

December 14

- Mass/Jesse Tree - for students K-5
- Dress Uniforms

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 Peno Pajama Day, see page 2

January 4

- Mass, Dress Uniform
- King Cake Day

**REMINDER: Tuition
is not withdrawn in
January due to
Enrollment. See
page 3**

Jill Peno PJ Day

Jill Peno was an MBS student who passed away during her eighth-grade year after being diagnosed with a brain tumor.

To honor her memory, the Jill Peno Memorial Scholarship is awarded each year to a seventh-grade student that models Jill's outstanding qualities.

On the 3rd, the MBS Student Council is collecting money for the scholarship fund. Donations may be made in the form of cash or a check made out to MBS.

Any student who brings in a monetary donation of \$2 or more on that day may wear their coziest and comfiest pajamas to school on **Wednesday, January 3**. Students must wear athletic shoes.

Congratulations

Alex Payne is a finalist for the Josephine Bahlinger Award at St. Joseph's Academy.

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)

THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE & ST. MICHAEL HIGH SCHOOL PRESENT

CATHOLIC EDUCATION CAREER EXPO

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A TEACHER IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL?

DECEMBER 14, 2023
5:30PM-7:30PM
ST. MICHAEL HIGH SCHOOL
17521 MONITOR AVE, BATON ROUGE, LA

Scan Here to Register

BATON ROUGE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE
ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHBISHOP HIGH SCHOOL

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.

King Cake Day

In celebration of the Epiphany, MBS School will serve King Cake to the students on Thursday, January 4.



**Thank you to 4th
grader Genevieve
Albano who
colored our
Advent image for
2023.**

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

Kleenex Sign-up

Book Fair Sign-up



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.

MBS Basketball Christmas camp – Wednesday December 27, Girls & Boys, K-7th grade MBS Students. Registration is OPEN – Deadline is December 18

Use this link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/IGnXbB9C>

Parish Sports Tee Ball – PK , K and 1st grade! Registration is OPEN, - Deadline is December 18

Use this link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/iYILiSi2>

Parish Sports Tee Ball teams will be assigned over the Christmas break – you will be contacted January 3rd or 4th . Games begin January 13

CSAA Jamboree Action! Boys Basketball

Friday, December 8th at St. Alphonsus

5:45 - 6th Grade vs. St. Alphonsus

6:30 - 7th Grade vs. St. Alphonsus

7:15 – 8th Grade vs. St. Alphonsus

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

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