



# The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

JANUARY 11, 2024

## CALENDAR

### January 8-13

- Re-Enrollment for the 2024-25. See page 2. All existing MBS students (grades K-7) must re-enroll for the upcoming school year.

### January 11

- Mass, Dress uniforms
- 2nd Quarter Awards After Mass
- Math Club Meeting

### January 15

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - no school

### January 16

- 5th grade class mass, 8:45. Parents are invited to sit with their child at Mass.

### January 17

- Praise & Worship, St. Ursula

### January 18

- Mass, Dress Uniforms

### January 19

- Spirit Shirt Day with uniform bottoms

### January 23

- 8th grade class mass, 8:45. Parents are invited to sit with their child at Mass.

**If you intend for your child to attend MBS for the 24-25 school year and he/she will be in grades 1-8, you must re-enroll.**  
**Log into FACTS Family portal today**  
**and select Reenrollment.**  
**Deadline is Saturday.**

# **Enrollment for 2024-25**

## **Existing 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.

## **How to Re-enroll, January 8-13**

- All existing K-7 students who will attend school for the 24-25 school year must Re-enroll during this time period.
- If your student will not return, please login and “unenroll” during this time period.
- Have your FACTS login information. Reminder: District Code is MBS-LA.
- Login to FACTS Family Portal.
- Click [Apply/Enroll>Enrollment/Reenrollment](#), and begin the Re-enrollment process.
- There is a Reenrollment fee of \$375 per student.
- Those who miss the deadline of the 13th will be charged a \$100 late fee, for a total of \$475/student.
- *Spirit shirt sizes are communicated for the upcoming school year during Re-Enrollment.*

## **Existing 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.

# Pelican Pride

## Science Fair Results 2024

### Chemistry:

- 3rd Place: Cassie Zecchel: Homemade vs. Store Bought Shampoo
- 2nd Place: Blake Campbell: How do various chemicals affect the color of flames?
- 1st Place: Ethan Fox: What Liquids give you the most electrolytes for sporting events?

### Earth Science:

- 3rd Place: Ethan Laudun: Do Warmer Seas make stronger Hurricanes?
- 2nd Place: Knox Juneau: Do Hurricanes cool the Oceans?
- 1st: Sam Boyles: Effects of Environment on Static Electricity

### Life Science:

- 3rd Place: Brenna Tricou: Does highlighter affect memory?
- 2nd Place: Sidney Gill: Sunlight vs Artificial Light
- 1st Place: Lanie Davis: The effects of Sunscreen on Coral

### Physical science:

- 3rd Place: Cole Johnson: Perfect Slime Recipe
- 2nd Place: Luke Schempf: Can a toy car go faster than a real car?
- 1st Place: Alex Payne: Best Insulation for Hydration

*Overall Winner: Lanie Davis: The effects of sunscreen on coral*

### Faculty Shout-out

Congratulations to Mrs. Beth Risinger who recently was elected as Vice President to the Nicholls State University Alumni Federation



# Office of Christian Formation

## Catholic Schools Week

Saturday, Sunday, January 27&28

### Celebrate your Parish

- Students are invited to participate for each Mass. Click [here](#) to sign up.
- Family speakers will be after each Mass about Catholic Schools
- All students attending Mass should wear Dress Uniforms to stand out in the congregation
- Family photos will be hung on trees in Narthex of Church. Please have your photos ready to hang. Photos will NOT be returned.

Monday, January 29

### Celebrate Vocations

- Guest speakers at morning assembly.
- Thank you cards will be sent to various people and organizations.

Tuesday, January 30

### Celebrate Students

- Students are invited to wear FREE DRESS and will receive a special treat at recess.

Wednesday January 31

### Celebrate our Nation

- Flag presentation at Assembly
- Students are invited to wear Red, White, and Blue with uniform bottoms
- Diocesan Mass

Thursday, February 1

### Celebrate our Community

- MBS School Mass, Neighbor's Way Awards & Service Awards
- Basketball Game: Middle School vs EBR Sheriff's Office, 6:30, MBS GYM

Friday, February 2

### Celebrate our Faculty/Staff

- Free Dress for faculty and staff and a special treat

Saturday, February 3

### Celebrate Families

- Join us for 4:30 Mass with a special reception following Mass in the Lady of the Eucharist Room for cookies and hot chocolate.





**MBS**  
Most Blessed Sacrament

Catholic Schools  
United in Faith and Community

## Celebrating Our MBS Catholic School Families Saturday, February 3, 2024



Join us for 4:30 PM Mass  
and then for  
refreshments in the  
Our Lady of Eucharist room.

CELEBRATING OUR MBS COMMUNITY

## MBS BOYS V. EBRSO

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BASKETBALL GAME



**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST**

Doors open at 6:00 · First game starts at 6:30  
performances by the Cheerleaders & Dance Team  
and second game to follow

Donations will be taken for Catholic Charities.

Concessions will be sold.

## a dozen reasons to choose Catholic Schools



# Mother/Son Night

**Friday, March 8**

Movie & Game Night

- All Moms and their Sons are invited to attend the Mother/Son Movie & Game Night.
- Check in starting at 5:30pm at Celebrity's Theatres on George O'Neal.
- Payment for tickets will be in next week's newsletter.

# Mother Seton Award Nomination

**Due Friday, February 2**

- The Diocese recognizes one outstanding VOLUNTEER from each Diocesan school.
- This award honors those individuals whose volunteer service and dedication to home & school and church have been exemplary.
- Click [here](#) for the nomination form.

# PALS (Parent Appreciation Luncheon Service)

**Friday, January 26**

- Each year, Home & School Association sponsors PALS
- We recruit subs so our teachers can enjoy a lunch on their seat and not their feet.
- We decorate St. Ursula and provide a themed lunch. This year is FIESTA!
- Click [here](#) to sign up for items to donate. Signup deadline: January 26.
- Click [here](#) to volunteer to help or sub pro bono. Signup deadline: January 18.

# Scouts

**January 28, 1pm-5pm**

- Catholic scouts are missing access to religious emblems because their unit may not have a trained counselor.
- The Catholic Committee on Scouting will provide training at MBS, Church Office.
- This training will prepare a counselor or two in each unit to work with Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, American Heritage Girls.
- Contact Kathy Gora for more information 225.266.9001



# Community Coffee Labels

## January 19

- The final Community Coffee collection is January 19.
- Please send in your labels by this deadline.
- The class with the most turned in will receive a prize.
- No labels will be collected until next school year.

## 24-25 Home & School Open Positions

The following positions are available for applications:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Committee Chair: Dance
- Committee Chair: Hospitality

Those interested in applying should contact Ali Branigan at Ali.Branigan3@gmail.com or Cheri Gioe at CGioe@mbsbr.org

## MBS Give Back Nights - Just Wingin IT

- 15% of your purchase will go back to MBS
- **Monday, January 15** - PK - 1st Grade
- **Monday, January 22** - 2nd grade-5th grade
- **Monday, January 29** - 6th grade - 8th grade
- If you have students in more than one grade level, just pick one night to attend
- The class with the most participation will receive an Incentive Party. Turn in receipts before the end of January. Write all homerooms on the receipt.



The graphic is a promotional poster for MBS Give Back Night. At the top, it features the MBS logo (a circular emblem with a torch and scales) and the text "MBS Most Blessed Sacrament Give Back Night". Below this, it lists the dates and grade levels for the three nights: Monday, January 15th (PK - 1st Grade), Monday, January 22nd (2nd - 5th Grade), and Monday, January 29th (6th - 8th Grade). A red box highlights the "15% Donated Back Dine In or Take Out" offer. Another red box contains the "Just Wingin It" logo and address: 18181 Jefferson Hwy #106, Baton Rouge, LA 70817, 225-246-2148. A note states: "If you have students in more than one grade level, just pick one night to attend." At the bottom, it says: "The class with the most participation will receive an Incentive Party. Turn in receipts before the end of January. Write ALL homerooms on the receipt." Three photos of food (fried chicken, fries, and a burger) are shown at the bottom right.

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GALA TICKETS  
ARE ON SALE  
NOW!

WWW.MBSAUCTION.COM



## Gala Sponsorships

Click [here](#) for your business to sponsor the Gala.

## Auction Donations

Click [here](#) for your business to donate a product/service to the Gala's Auction.



**MBS Home and School**  
**OPEN POSITIONS 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Executive Board Positions**

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary

**Committee Chairs**

- Dance
- Hospitality

If interested, please contact Ali Branigan at [ali.branigan3@gmail.com](mailto:ali.branigan3@gmail.com) or Cheri Goe at [cgioe@mbsbr.org](mailto:cgioe@mbsbr.org)



MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

## ACTS MEN'S RETREAT

ROSARYVILLE RETREAT CENTER  
PONCHATOULA, LA

**MARCH 7 - 10, 2024**

REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 6, 2024

OPEN TO MEN 21 & OVER

SPACE IS LIMITED

COST IS \$325

TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED

REGISTER:



ADORATION COMMUNITY THEOLOGY SERVICE





# 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:
  - PALS -
  - Pelican Games - April 19

## OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION

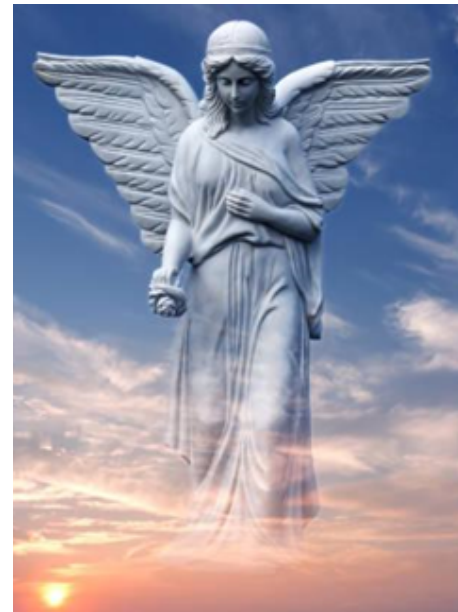


**IMPORTANT  
NOTICE**

The Safe Environment file database for the Diocese of Baton Rouge was terminated on December 31, 2023.

Due to unforeseen issues, the new database is currently in the testing phase and will not start in January as expected.

Your continued patience is appreciated throughout this process.



Catholic Schools Week Masses

PALS Donations

PALS Volunteer



# 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.

We have many HOME playing dates CSAA Games in January!

Be sure to check to School Facebook page as we will post all games!

We will also co-host a boys basketball tournament with St. Jean Vianney January 18,19,20 with games at MBS and our 3 rd , 4 th and 5 th grade teams are entered! Hope to see you the GYM ~ we accept debit/credit cards for Gate Fee and Concession Stand Items!

Volleyball Registration 5th thru 8th grade is Open. Deadline is Tuesday January 16. Link to register for Volleyball: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/gx2tVu5m>  
Volleyball practices start February 5.

Parish Sports Tee Ball practice starts this week, games start Saturday, Jan 13 (games to be played on football field – will be painted for Tee Ball)  
Go Pelicans!

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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