



The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

JANUARY 18, 2024

CALENDAR

January 19

- Spirit Shirt Day with uniform bottoms
- Last day to enroll for 2024-25 school year. \$100 fee applied after today.
- Last day for Community Coffee labels to be turned in for school year.

January 22

- Just Winging It Night for 2nd - 5th grade families
- 8th grade class mass, 8:45. Parents are invited to sit with their child at Mass.

January 23

- 8th Grade Class Mass, 8:45. Families are invited to attend Mass and sit with their students

January 24

- Praise and worship, 7:20am, St. Ursula

January 25

- Mass, 8:15am, Dress Uniforms
- Math Club Meeting

January 26

- MBS Club/Team Shirt with uniform bottoms
- PALS Luncheon

January 27-28

- Students participating in weekend Masses - see page 3 for information

January 29

- Just Winging It Night for 6th - 8th grade families
- No School for PK & K students due to admissions screenings

January 30

- Free Dress for students - CSW - see page 3

January 31

- CSW - Students may wear Red, White, & Blue tops with uniform bottoms - see page 3

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 1/8-1/19. The fee is \$375. After the 19th, 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 19th 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.

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.





**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 can be found [here](#).

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

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 Winging 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.



MBS
Most Blessed Sacrament
Give Back Night

15% Donated Back
Dine In or Take Out

Monday, January 15th - PK - 1st Grade
Monday, January 22nd - 2nd - 5th Grade
Monday, January 29th - 6th - 8th Grade

Just Wingin It
18181 Jefferson Hwy #106
Baton Rouge, LA 70817
225-246-2148

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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 or Cheri Gioe at cgioe@mbsbr.org



*"Grace in Your Face:
Marriage as a Living
Liturgy of Love"*

JANUARY 31ST

6:00 PM DINNER
FOR MARRIED OR ENGAGED COUPLES
OUR LADY OF THE EUCHARIST ROOM
MBS PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER
RSVP required email: rsvpregnumchristi@gmail.com
DINNER LIMITED TO THE FIRST 100 COUPLES

OPEN TO ALL
7:00 PM MARRIAGE PRESENTATION
BY DR. TOM NEAL



MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

HOLY MASS
WITH RENEWAL OF WEDDING VOWS TO FOLLOW
CONFESSION WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING PRESENTATION AND MASS

SPONSORED BY REGNUM CHRISTI
NO CHARGE FOR ADMISSION - SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$20 - \$50

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.

2024
MBS PARISH
EVENTS

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CAPITAL CAMPAIGN OR
ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

FORWARD IN
FAITH 
Gala
FEBRUARY 24

EST  2022
PELICAN
CLASSIC
MARCH 4


**BATTLE
FOR THE
PADDLE**
APRIL 27

MBS
PARISH FAIR
OCTOBER 18-20



MOMENTUM
BUILDING
SERVICES



mbsparish.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
 - Mother/Son Night

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

February Cafeteria Signup



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 on January 18,19,20 with games at MBS and our 3rd , 4th and 5th grade teams (Maroon & Gray) are entered!

Hope to see you the GYM ~ we accept debit/credit cards for Gate Fee and Concession

Stand Items!

Volleyball practices start February 5.

Parish Sports Tee Ball games are underway on Saturday mornings. Games are played on the football field (yes it is painted for Tee Ball) and on the baseball field immediately behind the gym.

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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