



# The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

JANUARY 25, 2024

## CALENDAR

### January 26

- MBS Club/Team Shirt with uniform bottoms
- PALS Luncheon
- Last day to sign up to volunteer at the Book Fair. Click [here](#).

### January 27-28

- Students participating in weekend Masses - see page 2 for information

### January 29

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

### January 30

- Free Dress for students - Catholic Schools Week - see page 2
- 5th Grade Religion Fair

### January 31

- Catholic Schools Week- Students may wear Red, White, & Blue tops with uniform bottoms - see page 2

### February 1

- Mass, 8:15, dress uniforms
- Catholic Schools Week Basketball Game - see page 2
- No Homework Night

### February 3

- Hot Chocolate served after Saturday Vigil Mass - Lady of the Eucharist Room (new church office building)

### February 4

- Book Fair begins, 9am-1:30pm, School Library

### February 6

- Progress Reports available online

### February 7

- Kindness Club Meeting
- Group/Club/8th Grade Pictures

# 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.





Catholic Schools  
United in Faith and Community



**MBS**  
Most Blessed Sacrament

**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](mailto:Ali.Branigan3@gmail.com) or Cheri Gioe at [CGioe@mbsbr.org](mailto:CGioe@mbsbr.org)



## Report Cards

The emailed link at the end of the 9 weeks expires. To get your child's report cards after the expiration, Go to FACTS Family Portal, Dashboard, Report Cards. You may also print it from here.

## Grace Therapy

Grace Therapy is offering a summer camp for ages 5-10 and the sessions are great for kids who need some support with social skills or who have any spectrum diagnoses. Click [here](#) for more information.

## 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.





# Scholastic Book Fair

## Thursday, February 1 & Friday, February 2

Book Fair Preview Days - no sales

- All classes will visit the Book Fair to see all the good things we have for our readers.
- Make wish lists and get ready for sales the following week.

## Sunday, February 4

First Day of Book Fair, 9am-1:30pm

- All are invited to shop the first day of the sale.

## Monday, February 5 - Tuesday February 6

- Sales Days for students during school day
- 8am-2:30pm. Click [here](#) to see when your child's class will visit the Book Fair.

## Wednesday, February 7

- 8am-noon
- Students with money or eWallet may shop at recess or from class, with teacher's permission.

**Click [here](#)  
for all things related to the  
Book Fair!**



# 2025 Trip to Washington, D.C. & Williamsburg!



Are you interested in learning more about our trip? RSVP below to attend our meeting where we will discuss:

- Everything that we'll see and do
- Travel dates
- Safety and support
- Pricing and payment options
- All that's included when traveling with EF Explore America

Open to all students in middle school 2024-2025

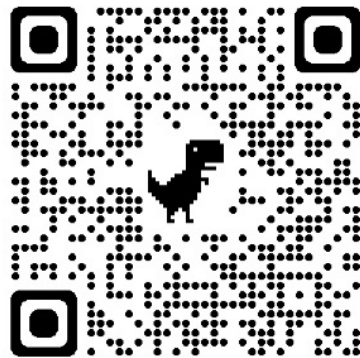
Use the QR code to get meeting location and register to attend!

Meeting time & date:

RSVP for details

Trip Contact Information:

adouet@mbsbr.org



RSVP HERE:

<https://rsvp.efexploreamerica.com/3n6hfe2>

# 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



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

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 & February!

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

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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