



# The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

FEBRUARY 1, 2024

## CALENDAR

### 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

### February 8

- 4th Grade Restaurant
- Mass, Dress Uniforms

### February 9

- No Buses
- Wear Red/Pink/Mardi Gras or Spirit Shirt with uniform bottoms
- K/4th Grade Mardi Gras Parade

### February 12-16

- No School - Mardi Gras Break

### February 23

- Faculty Professional Development Day - no school for PK-5 grades

### February 26

- Faculty Professional Development Day - no school for 6-8 grades.



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.**

# 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!**



# 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.

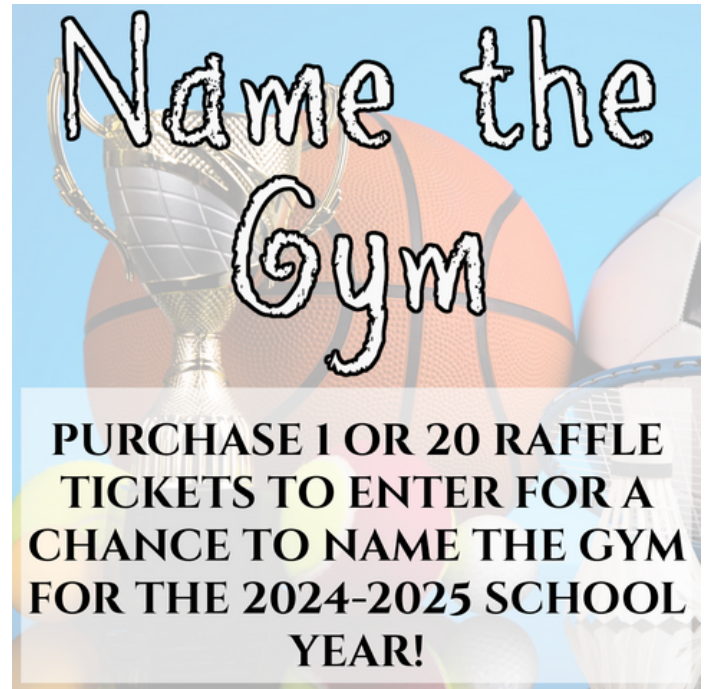
# Forward in Faith Gala

**February 24, 2024**

- The Gala is the largest fundraiser for the Church Parish and is put on by MBS School Parents.
- For more information on how to buy a ticket, click [here](#).
- For more information on how to donate an item for our Silent Auction, click [here](#).
- Items will be available online to start bidding one week prior to the Gala. Auction will close at the Gala.



## Instabuy for the Auction



- Friday, February 2, visit the Auction Website by clicking [here](#).
- The two items that are available to purchase and “instantly buy” are
- **Free Dress Pass for a week** - For \$25 per family, MBS students are able to wear free dress during a week in the Spring, excluding Mass day. The week will be determined by School Administration.
- **Raffle ticket to name the gym** - For \$5/raffle ticket, families can purchase a ticket for a chance to name the Gym. You can give it a creative name, or name it after someone. A sign will be displayed with the winning name. Final approval by Mrs. Gioe is required.

## FACTS 2023 Tax Statement

- Login to FACTS Family Portal
- Financial (Financial Home)
- View Details
- View Payment Summary
- Choose 2023
- Print button is located at top right.

## February Lunch Menu



# 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>

**THE GREATER  
BATON ROUGE  
LEARNING  
DISABILITIES  
COALITION  
PROUDLY  
PRESENTS THE**



# **CW AUSTIN LEARNING DISABILITIES CONFERENCE**

Join us IN-PERSON on March 2, 2024 at the Goodwood Library in Baton Rouge for 5 free, live presentations by local experts! Free and low cost CEUs available!

And

Tune in VIRTUALLY March 2 - April 7, 2024 for free access to over 20 information-packed, one-hour pre-recorded virtual sessions! Free and low cost CEUs available.

Topics include ADHD, Dyslexia, Autism, and mental health, as well as behavior management and learning strategies.



Register at [www.ldhelp.org](http://www.ldhelp.org)



**Conference is open to all parents and educators and is free of charge.**



# THE SHIFT FROM GUIDANCE COUNSELORS TO SCHOOL COUNSELORS

## GUIDANCE COUNSELORS

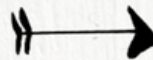
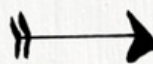
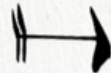
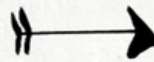
Focused mainly on career/vocation “guidance” (hence the title).

Worked with only a few students that needed extra support. More reactive to needs.

Found mostly in upper grades (which is why us adults don’t really remember our elementary counselors! We likely didn’t have one!)

Often worked with just schedule changes and were stuck with the stereotype of always behind a desk.

Often worked alone with the school district.



## SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Focuses on social/emotional, career, and academic development.

Works with all students. Proactive.

School counselors work with all grades beginning as soon as students start school until they graduate!

Can be found everywhere! School counselors are in the classroom teaching school counseling lessons, facilitating small groups and working one on one with students in brief individual counseling.

Collaboration is constant! School counselors are in contact with parents, outside resources, teachers, and other school personnel to make sure a team approach is taken.



# Cheerleader Clinic at CHS

- Sunday, March 3 or Sunday, March 10, 1pm-3pm
- Open to all girls in 1st-5th grades
- \$30/girl
- fee includes a t-shirt and a snack
- Register by clicking [here](#). Create an account.
- Deadline is February 7
- Questions? Email Jennifer Thibodeaux at CHSCheer@CatholicHigh.org



**Home and School Needs You!**

## Executive Board Positions

**President**

**Vice President**

**Secretary**


## Committee Chairs

**Dance**

**Hospitality**

**School Supplies**

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





# Religion Fair Winners

## SACRAMENTS

- 3rd place: Cecilia Chatelain – Eucharist
- Tie 2nd place: Trey McDaniel- Anointing of the Sick & Adrian Diecedue- Confirmation
- 1st place: Mackenzie Raacke – Baptism

## CHURCHES

- 2ND place: Vivian Foreman – St. Basil Cathedral
- Tied 1st place: Brynn Lott – Cathedral of Notre Dame & Mollie Davis – St. Patrick's Cathedral

## SAINTS

- 4TH place: Caleb Cefalu – St. Maxmillion Kolbe
- 3rd place: Espyn Berrio – St. Patrick
- Tied for 2nd : Ellie Fox – St. Theresa of Calcutta and Carol Otalora – St. Bernadette
- 1st place: Aida Casey: St. Kateri Tekakwitha

## BIBLE STORIES

- 4th place – Graycen Dobra – Noah's Ark
- 3rd place – Luke Gommel – Parable of the Good Samaritan
- 2nd place – Chloe Midgett – Parable of the Prodigal Son
- 1st place – Gracie DiBenedetto – Jairus's Daughter and the Woman with a Hemorrhage

## RELIGIOUS ORDERS

- 3rd place – Elena Rico – Discalced Augustinians
- 2nd place – Chloe O'Quin – Benedictines

## POPES

- 4th place – Henry Hollenbeck – Pope Innocent III
- 3rd place – Mo Descant – Pope Pius XI
- 2nd place – Cole Thurmond – Pope Francis
- 1st Place – Maggie Reulet – Pope St. John Paul II

**Grand Prize Winner – Aida Casey**

TO REGISTER AND PURCHASE TICKETS CLICK THE LINK BELOW.

TICKET SALES CLOSE FEBRUARY 28TH-PRE-PURCHASE ONLY. NO TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR



*Click link below  
to purchase  
your tickets!*

POPCORN

DRINKS

ARCADE GAMES

FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH

CHECK IN 5:30-6

MOVIE 6:30

MBS IS PROUD TO PRESENT A

# Mother & Son Movie Date Night

Admission: \$20 per child and \$10 per adult.

Ticket includes movie admission, one box of popcorn, a 12oz refillable drink and a 30 minute timed arcade game card (game card included for child admission only).

Doors open at 5:30 for check-in and arcade play. Private screening movie starts at 6:30.

**\*ALL STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT  
FOR ENTIRE EVENING**



# 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:
  - Mother/Son Night
  - Pelican Games

## 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.



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 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.

Registration is open for Track and Field '24. 4th through 8th grade Girls Boys! Coach is Renee McKay – practices will be next door at Woodlawn HS, meets are on Sundays (schedule not released yet)

Please register with this link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/gvYnTo27>

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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