



# The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

FEBRUARY 22, 2024

## CALENDAR

### February 23

- Faculty Professional Development Day - no school for PK-5 grades
- Lenten Dinners begin - see page 2

### February 24

- MBS Parish Forward in Faith Gala/Auction - see page 3

### February 25

- First Eucharist Prep for Students - Cafeteria
- First Eucharist Prep for Parents - St. Ursula

### February 26

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

### February 26-March 1

- Missionary of Charity Collection - see page 2

### February 27

- Fifth Grade Class Mass, 8:45, Church - All parents are invited to attend this mass and sit with their children.

### February 28

- Praise & Worship Meeting, 7:20am, St. Ursula - Donuts will be served.

### February 29

- School Mass, 8:15, dress uniforms required

### March 1

- MBS Club/Team Shirt Day. All students are invited to wear their MBS Club or MBS Team shirt with uniform bottoms. Only MBS shirts are allowed.
- Free Dress for those students who participated in Missionary of Charity donation - see page 2
- Lenten Dinners - see page 2

### March 4

- Last Day to test for AR
- Beacon Testing, Grades 6-8
- Pep Rally, 2pm

# MBS Lenten Dinners

## Fridays during Lent

All are invited to purchase a Lenten Dinner in the Ott Center adjacent to the MBS GYM.

Doors open at 5:00pm

Dine-in or Take-out available. No Drive-through this year.

# MBS LENTEN DINNERS

**FRIDAYS**  
**FEB 23 - MAR 22**  
**5:00 - 7:00**

**DINE-IN OR TO-GO**  
**MBS OTT CENTER**

**FISH DINNER \$10**  
**SHRIMP DINNER \$10**  
**WEEKLY ENTREE \$10**  
**CRAWFISH PIE \$3**

### WEEKLY SPECIALTY ENTREE

FEB 23 Shrimp & Corn Soup  
MAR 1 Crawfish Casserole  
MAR 8 Shrimp Fettuccine  
MAR 15 Shrimp Stew  
MAR 22 Crawfish Etouffee

# MBS Lenten Poster

**Grayson Carroccio** from Fourth Grade created our 2024 Lenten Poster. The poster is displayed on the exterior of the courtyard and in all classrooms. “No one takes my life from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down and power to take it up again.”



# Missionaries of Charity Collection

St. Teresa of Calcutta came to Baton Rouge in 1985 to establish her community of Sisters, the Missionaries of Charity, responding to Christ’s plea that they “make Him known to the poorest of the poor by their humble service of love.” By the generous gift of their lives, they care for the homeless in our city.

In the spirit of giving this Lenten season, our 2nd graders are leading us in providing a monetary gift for the Missionaries of Charity to support the shelter. They are requesting a \$2.00 donation from each student. We are requesting families to allow their children to earn this money so it may truly be a gift from them.

The collection will take place from Monday, February 26 to Friday, March 1. As a thank you to those who participate, you may have FREE DRESS on Friday, March 1.

# Forward in Faith Gala

## Tickets

This Saturday, join us for our Third Annual Gala where we will have a live band, open bar, food, and items to bid on. Click [here](#) to buy your ticket, wear your favorite cocktail attire, and come support the MBS Forward in Faith Capital Campaign.

## Silent Auction

Bid on silent auction items now! click [here](#) - You do not need to be present to bid or win! Many items already have bids!

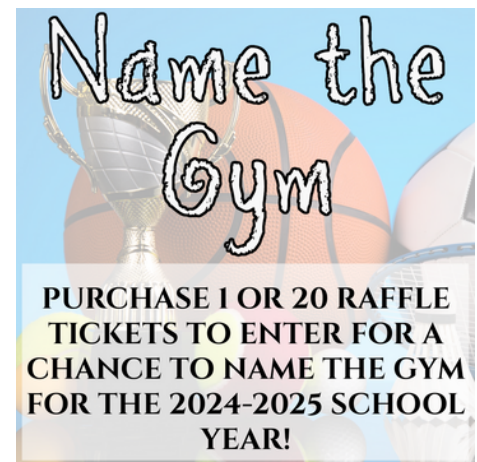
## Instabuy

The three 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. click [here](#)
- **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. click [here](#)
- **Golf Cart Raffle Tickets** - \$30 each or four for \$100. click [here](#). The winner will be announced at the Golf Tournament

## Live Auction

While you are at the Gala, Fr. Todd will co-host the Live Auction for a few items. Click [here](#) to view them. You must be present to bid on these items the night of the Gala.





*MBS Spirit Squad Presents:*  
**EGG MY YARD**  
*Fundraiser*



- Place an order and we will secretly come hide candy filled eggs in your yard along with a special note from the Easter Bunny!
- All orders must be placed before March 8th
- Delivery will be the weekend before Easter, March 23rd and 24th



**Register**

## **Lego Robotics After School Enrichment**

**Wednesdays, March 6-April 17**

Taught by Mr. Rodney Wilson, students in grades 1-5 will build new projects each week using critical thinking and engineering skills.

MBS School Classroom will be determined.

Click [here](#) to sign up.

## **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](#).
- More information is on the next page.

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.



March Cafeteria Workers





# 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.

Be sure to check to School Facebook page as we post information about the Athletics Department frequently.

Volleyball schedule will be out soon!

Parish Sports Tee Ball has concluded, many thanks to all of our volunteers who helped make the program great for the students!

Parish Sports Soccer information is coming soon!

Save the Date: Wednesday, May 1. Spring Sports Banquet in the MBS Gym. Boys Basketball, Volleyball, Trak & Field, Cheerleaders, Dance Team and Pep Squad will be recognized.

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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