



# The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

FEBRUARY 29, 2024

## CALENDAR

### March 1

- Free Dress for those students who participated in Missionary of Charity donation - see page 2
- The MBS Athletics/Club Shirt Day has been moved to March 8th
- Lenten Dinners - see page 2

### March 4

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

### March 5

- Beacon Testing, Grades 3-5
- 3rd Quarter AR Free Dress for those students who achieved their 3rd Quarter AR goals.

### March 6

- Youth Legislature for 8th Grade
- Kindness Club Meeting, 7:15am, Library

### March 7

- Mass, Dress Uniform
- Youth Legislature for 8th Grade
- 7th Grade Retreat

### March 8

- MBS Athletics/Club Shirt Day with uniform bottoms.
- Mother/Son Movie Night
- Third Nine Weeks ends

### March 11

- FACTS Gradebook is disabled for parents and teachers at 8am. Q4 Gradebook will be reopened after Report Cards are emailed to parents on 3/14.

### March 12

- 6th Grade Class Mass, 8:45
- 4H Club Meeting, 3:15pm - Mr. Millet's classroom

### March 13

- Spring Pictures - All students dressed in Spring Free Dress will be photographed. An email will be sent to parents with a proof and the *option* to purchase. Students in regular uniform will not be photographed.

# 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

<b>FISH DINNER</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>SHRIMP DINNER</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>WEEKLY ENTREE</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>CRAWFISH PIE</b>	<b>\$3</b>

### WEEKLY SPECIALTY ENTREE

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

# 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.

# March Lunch Menu

The Lunch Menu has been updated on our Website. Click [here](#).

# Week of Free Dress from Auction

If you purchased a week of free dress from the Auction, the voucher will go home with a child next week. It’s good for the family, so if your child doesn’t receive it, check with a sibling. The week of **Free Dress is April 8-12**. Dress uniform must be worn on Thursday. Questions? Email Penne at [PLeier@mbsbr.org](mailto:PLeier@mbsbr.org)

*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

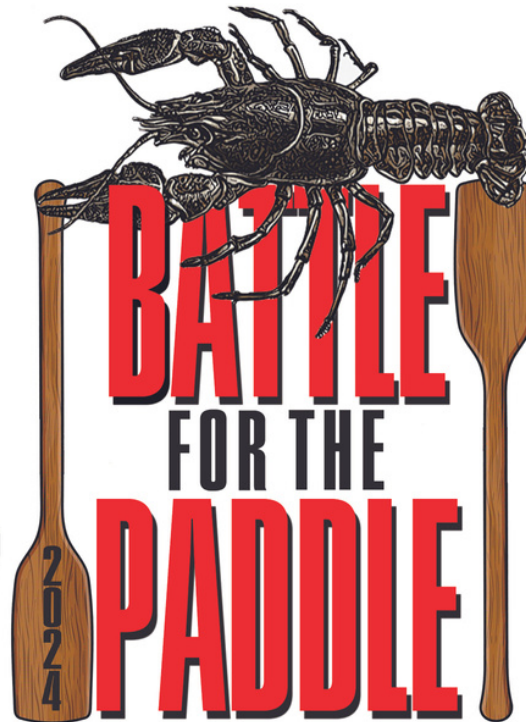
**Register**

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE!**

**PARISH FAMILY PICNIC  
FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP**



**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES  
AVAILABLE**



**Most Blessed Sacrament  
Catholic Church**

**SATURDAY  
APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>  
2024  
3 P.M. — 7 P.M.**

**TEAM SIGN-UP**

Teams of 4 \$400/Team  
Boiling 2 Sacks (Minimum)  
per team  
Crawfish and Ice provided

**MBS.BattleforthePaddle@Gmail.com**

# 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





# Old Jefferson Community Center

As the 6th Grade Service Project, our 6th graders host bingo for residents of the Old Jefferson Community Care Center. Here are a few pictures from this event.



# Catholic Daughters Education Contest

Congratulations to the following students for placing at the local Court level. all first place winners have been forwarded to the State for another round of competition.

## DIVISION 1-ART

- 1st place - Elena Rico
- 2nd place - Emma June Spencer
- 3rd place - Cameron Vineyard

## DIVISION 2- ART

- 1st place - Gracie Link
- 2nd place - Brooke Berry
- 3rd place - Lexi Montelepre

## DIVISION 2 - POETRY

- 1st place - Allison Dryden
- 2nd place - Emme Guedry
- 3rd place - Madeline Cox

## DIVISION 2 - ESSAY

- 1st place - Charlee Phillips





# CATHOLIC EDUCATION

## AN OPTION FOR ALL FAMILIES

### IT'S WHO WE ARE

*By reason of our evangelizing mission, we believe Catholic schools should be available to all people who desire a Catholic school education for their children. We strive to do everything in our power to manage available resources and seek innovative options to ensure that Catholic school education is geographically, programmatically, physically, and financially accessible for our families.*

NSBECS, Defining Characteristics of Catholic Education

### DID YOU KNOW

Tuition assistance is available for qualifying families. Talk to the School Principal to learn more about the options available for your family.

**Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Baton Rouge**  
proudly partner with the following organizations  
to provide need-based scholarships

### SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATIONS (STO)

**ACE SCHOLARSHIPS**  
[www.acescholarships.org](http://www.acescholarships.org)

**ARETE SCHOLARS**  
[www.aretescholars.org](http://www.aretescholars.org)

**SAN DAMIANO SCHOLARS**  
[sandamianoscholars.com](http://sandamianoscholars.com)

Applicants must be:  
A resident of Louisiana  
Income below 250% Poverty Guidelines  
Meet one of the following criteria:  
-Entering Kindergarten for first time  
-Transferring from a public school  
-Prior year participant of STO or SEE

**LOUISIANA STATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**  
[louisianabelieves.com](http://louisianabelieves.com)

Applicants must be:  
A resident of Louisiana  
Income below 250% Poverty Guidelines  
Meet one of the following criteria:  
-Entering Kindergarten for first time  
-Transferring from a C, D, F public school

**DIOCESE OF BATON ROUGE AND BLACK & INDIAN MISSION FUND**  
[www.csobr.org](http://www.csobr.org)

Assistance available for qualifying new and returning families. Ask the School Principal for information on how to apply.

*Evangelizing Hearts. Educating Minds. Encouraging Talent. Embracing the Future.*





# 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 Registration 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.

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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**MBS ATHLETICS**