



The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

JUNE 2024

CALENDAR

July 31

6th Grade Orientation, Time TBD

- Report to St. Ursula for Welcome, go through Front Gate at Courtyard
- All 6th graders must attend; wear your school uniform. This meeting is for students only.
- There is no makeup session for this Orientation.

New Family Orientation, Time TBD

- All families new to MBS must attend.
- Agenda includes an introduction to Administration, Carpool, Absentee Procedures, and more!
- Report to St. Ursula. There is no makeup session for this Orientation.

August 1

- In-service for Faculty & Staff - office closed
- **Meet & Greet**, 3:30 - All families are invited to come to campus, enjoy a frozen treat, & meet your teacher.

August 2, 5, 6

- In-service for Faculty & Staff - office closed

August 7 & 8

- **PK & K Parent Meetings & Student Assessments** - information was mailed. Please scan the QR code on your letter to sign up for your meeting.
- **Staggered First Day of School For Grades 1-8**. Half of the students will attend on the 7th; the other half will attend on the 8th. The list will be published next month and placed in the newsletter and on the website.
- Buses will not run on August 7. Buses will run on August 8.
- Regular Office Hours Resume, 7:15-3:30

August 9

- First Day of School for ALL students in Grades 1-8.

August 9&12

- **Staggered First Day of School for PK & K**. Half of the students will attend on the 9th; the other half will attend on the 12th. The details will be emailed over the summer. Parents are allowed to walk their students to their classroom just on this day.

August 13

- First Day of School for ALL students in PK & K. All students utilize Carpool or Bus. Please do not walk your child to the gate. This halts carpool progress and creates unsafe situations.

August 15

- **First School Mass, 8:15** - Assumption of Mary - Dress Uniforms required.
- Back to School Night for Parents only.

2024-25 Extended Care Registration

If you would like your child to participate in the Extended Care Program, please click [here](#) to register. Details, including prices, can be accessed [here](#).

Carpool Tags

Existing Students: Please continue to keep your carpool tags each year. We will utilize them year over year. If you need to order an extra one, please click [here](#). Complete the form and bring to the office.

New Students: You will receive two during the New Family Orientation. If you need to order more than that, please complete the form above.

Uniforms

The uniform policy may be found in the Parent-Student Handbook under the Parent Tab on the website. Parents should purchase all uniforms at either School Time on Jefferson Hwy or Inka's on Sherwood Forest Ct. Please note that Young Fashions is not an authorized vendor. Please note that "Dress Uniforms" are required on Mass Days and any other day designated by Administration.

Summer IXL & Reading Requirements

All **existing** students going into first-eighth grade must complete IXL assignments over the summer. Click [here](#) for more information. All students going into Kindergarten through 8th grade must complete summer reading. Click [here](#) for more information.

Mercedarian Sisters

We are blessed to have the Mercedarian sisters joining us next school year on two Fridays of each month. Once a month they will hold Adoration in St. Ursula and the second Friday they are here, they will be meeting with individual students and visiting classrooms to teach a lesson or read a book, etc.

Class Lists

We are still working on Homeroom & Class Lists. They will be finalized and posted for Meet & Greet in August.

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. See next page for save the dates!

OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION

Diocese of Baton Rouge New Safe Environment Database

The new Safe Environment database is active. The procedures have changed for onboarding employees and volunteers. This is phase 1 of the transition. Please be patient as I learn the information and how to navigate the database. Those applicants that did not complete the process prior to the migration to the new database will need to start the process as a new applicant.

According to the Safe Environment Policy promulgated by the Diocese of Baton Rouge, **all parish and school ministry volunteers/chaperones must complete a mandatory background check and child protection training.** Child Protection credentials allow the holder of these credentials the opportunity to chaperone/volunteer. All credentialed adults must abide by the sign-up and confirmation process for each event.



New Volunteer Credentialing for the 2024-2025 School Year

New Volunteer Applications for parents/guardians will be accepted after Memorial Day. Please email your volunteer request to childprotection@mbsbr.org.

Update Your Volunteer File for 2024-2025

Please note that the [Code of Ethics](#) and the [Chaperone and Volunteer Requirements Agreement](#) must be reviewed by all volunteers of MBS School annually as required by the Diocese of Baton Rouge. Please complete and submit the Code of Ethics Acknowledgement form, page 5, and the Agreement form to the MBS Office of Child Protection to update your file.

For your convenience, you may scan and email the forms to childprotection@mbsbr.org.

Vision Screening Help in August
In-service Items to donate



Calling Volunteers!

Home and School is in need of volunteers throughout the school year!
Please save these dates. During Back to School Night, each teacher will be passing around a volunteer interest form. More information to come in future newsletters and Back to School Night!

****Note: you must be child protection certified****

Fun Run

November 15th

Penne Leier
pleier@mbsbr.org

MBS Parish Fair

October 18th - 20th

mbsparishfair@gmail.com

Grandparents Day

November 22nd

Allison Touns/Alicia Authement
allison.gulledge@gmail.com
aliciaauthement@gmail.com

Teacher Shopping Days

December 6th and 13th

Noelle Comeaux/ Nicole Vidaurre
nacomeaux@gmail.com
nicolervidaurre@gmail.com

Pals Luncheon

January 30th

Mandi Celestine/Margo Kitto
ace6410@gmail.com
margokalin@aol.com

Father Daughter Dance

February 8th

Michelle Leerkes
michelle.leerkes@gmail.com

MBS Gala

February 15th

Chelsea Meng
mbsbrauction@gmail.com

Donuts with Dad

March 20th

Noelle Comeaux/ Nicole Vidaurre
nacomeaux@gmail.com
nicolervidaurre@gmail.com

Pelican Games

April 4th

Tara Watson/Allison Davis
TKWatson4@gmail.com
adavis6479@yahoo.com

Muffins with Mom

April 10th

Noelle Comeaux/ Nicole Vidaurre
nacomeaux@gmail.com
nicolervidaurre@gmail.com

Faculty Staff Appreciation Week

Week of May 5th

Angela Warren/Margo Kitto
angelaawarren@bellsouth.net
margokalin@aol.com

May Crowning

May 8th

Ashley Ferrer
ashleytferrer@gmail.com



Religious Education Registration June 3rd - July 14th

REVISED

This Includes Registration For:

- **Parish School of Religion** (Grades 1-10)
- **Confirmation Prep** (11th Grade)
- **Sacramental Prep** (2nd Grade)
- **RCIC** (for students 3rd grade or older in need of Sacraments of Initiation)

Cost for registration is \$40 per student.

NOTE: *Late Registration will last from **July 15th** through **July 28th**. The cost to register at this time will be **\$60**.*

To Begin Registration:

Visit the parish website at **mbsparish.org** or scan the QR Code below



For more information please contact the Formation Office:

West Giffin, Director
225-752-6230 | wgiffin@mbsbr.org | mbsparish.org

- **For 2nd grade registration, put 2A in the homeroom section. Classes have not been separated for the upcoming year.**
- **Your family ID can be found on your church offertory envelopes.**
- **Call the church office at 752-6230 if you have any questions.**

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.

Greetings from the Athletic Department, I hope the summer is going well.

***Registration Dates**

Girls Basketball Registration for Fall 2024 will be July 22-29, 3rd grade thru 8th grade.

Boys Tackle Football Registration for Fall 2024 will be July 22-29, 3rd grade thru 8th grade.

Boys Flag Football Registration for Fall 2024 will be July 22-29, 3rd and 4th grade.

MBS Athletics ~ We are looking for swim team coaches for this fall. Swim team registration will be in mid August, meets start mid September and go thru early November. If you or anyone you know might be interested please email: tkrysan@mbsbr.org

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Registration Information/details will be emailed, posted on school Facebook page and mentioned in the newsletter.

Parish Sports Registration for the Fall 2024 will remain the same.

We will be looking for coaches in ALL programs for 2024-25. Please email me if you or someone you know is interested in coaching.

"Pelican Power" is coming this Summer!

MBS Athletics will be launching "PELICAN POWER" this summer. Pelican Power will be an athletic department support TEAM of individuals, students, and businesses. The Team will support the athletic department with volunteer service hours, athletic projects, and generate funds to supplement the athletic department for all student athletes. More details coming this summer! Go Pelicans!

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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.

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Tommy Krysan, Athletic Director

MBS Athletics

tkrysan@mbsbr.org



MBS ATHLETICS

Dear MBS Families,

I hope this letter finds it all going well. I am concluding my first year as the Athletic Director at MBS. I have thoroughly enjoyed the athletic department and look forward to the coming years and good things happening in athletics for our students.

I want to thank Mrs. Gioe and the entire office staff for their tremendous help as I navigated through this past school year. The faculty and staff were always there for me.

The families also played a huge role. Whether it was answering my questions or volunteering to help the athletic department, it is certainly an important part of the athletic department providing the best possible experience for all students.

We added tennis as well as a fall and spring sports banquet to the athletic calendar. We look forward to adding golf and other things in the future. We will be adding "Pelican Power," a support team for athletics (more details coming this summer). We will also have a huge fundraiser in August. These funds will supplement to the cost of uniforms, equipment, supplies and more for the new Multi Purpose Building which will be used by athletics for: Parish Sports, Basketball, Volleyball and more.

MBS Athletics cannot be what it is without volunteer coaches, parents volunteering to work in the concession stand, working the admission gate, line judge in volleyball and many other roles that certainly helped all of us. Thanks to each of you!

Monica Southard, assistant athletic director, and I will be working all summer planning and preparing for the 2024-25 school year. We will be making some positive changes in many areas for all our sports programs, cheerleading, dance team, pep squad and more. Parish Sports will also see some positive changes.

I learned a lot in my first year as athletic director and look forward to the athletic department trending upward!

Again, thanks to all of you.

Go Pelicans,
Tommy Krysan
Athletic Director, MBS



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