



The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

JULY 2024

CALENDAR

July 31

6th Grade Orientation, 8:00-12:45

- 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, 9-12

- All families new to MBS must attend. Students need not 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 is on page 2.
- 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 were 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.

Staggered Start - First Day of School

The first day of school for students in grades 1-8 can be found [here](#). Class lists/HR will be published at Meet & Greet.

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.

2024-25 Handbook

The handbook has been updated on the website. You may find it under Parents tab or by clicking [here](#).

To assist you as you plan for the upcoming school year, below are Handbook changes that may be significant to you.

- Absences –
 - 5 tardy incidents are equivalent to one full day absence
 - Students are considered tardy once assembly begins at 7:45am
 - Students arriving once assembly begins will be issued a tardy slip regardless of the carpool situation - this will begin the first day of school
- Backpacks
 - Grades 6-8 may have rolling back packs
 - Grades PK – 5 may not have rolling back packs
- Birthdays
 - Party busses and limos are not allowed to pick up students from carpool or anywhere on campus
- We will not dispense analgesics such as aspirin, ibuprofen (Advil) and/or acetaminophen (Tylenol).
- School Counseling
 - ACCESS
- Transportation
 - Bus assigned seating
 - Morning carpool begins promptly at 7:20am and will end at 7:45am
 - Afternoon carpool begins at 2:50pm
- Uniforms (no major changes except for under uniform shorts and socks)
 - Under uniform shorts – MBS Plaid or navy only
 - Socks – ankles must be covered, no logos - MBS socks on Mass days - This applies to ALL students grades PK - 8
 - Hoop earrings – “huggie” style hoop earrings only
 - Shoes - distraction free - this is at the discretion of the teachers
 - Free-dress - No leggings

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.

Back to School Night

Back to School Night will be held on Thursday, August 15, 2024, in St. Ursula Hall and Classrooms. This time is the opportunity to meet teachers and other parents who share your homeroom. The agenda is below...

5:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Registration and Refreshments

6:00 p.m. – Introductions and Presentations

6:45 p.m. – Class Presentations

Elementary – 1st – 5th – Homeroom Classes

- 6:45 p.m. – 7:10 p.m. – Session 1
- 7:15 p.m. – 7:40 p.m. – Session 2 (Repeat of Session 1)

Middle School – 6th – 8th Grade – St. Ursula

- 6:45 p.m. 7:45 p.m. – Middle School Presentations
 - Enrichment/Activity
 - Grade Level Expectations
 - Grade Level Routines
 - Subject and Grade Level Expectations

Altar Servers Needed

All boys and girls in grades 3rd -8th are invited to join the Altar Server Ministry for the 2024-2025 school year.

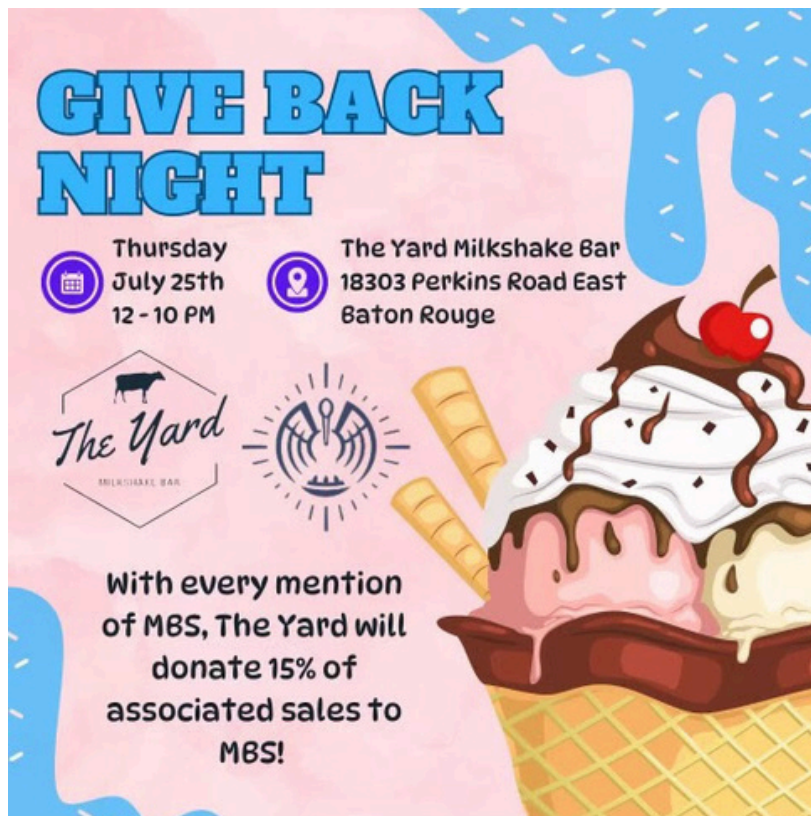
If you are interested in joining the Altar Server ministry, please complete the following [form](#) and return to school,

ATTENTION: CELESTE RABALAIS or email it to crabalais@mbsbr.org. The Form is due no later than August 27.

Please note that the signup is for BOTH school and/or weekend masses. You can specify one of the other.

Training is mandatory will take place during school hours on Thursday, September 5th.

The YARD - MBS Gives Back



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

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People requires that all children enrolled in Catholic Schools and Parish Schools of Religion receive Safe Environment training. The Diocese of Baton Rouge will provide such training for grades K-12 utilizing the program, Circle of Grace.

The Circle of Grace lessons are grade-level appropriate lessons mandated by the Diocese of Baton Rouge to instruct students on topics of personal safety, making good decisions, developing wholesome relationships, and self-esteem. The age-appropriate Circle of Grace lesson plan for your child's grade level may be reviewed at the following link.

Link: <https://learncat.diobr.org/circle-of-grace>

Password: CareSafeChurch

To opt-out your child from the lesson, please send an opt-out form to childprotection@mbsbr.org. Opt-out forms must be received by August 14, 2024. Click [here](#) for the Opt-out form.

It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to ensure that the Office of Child Protection receives the opt-out form by the deadline.



Vision Screening Help in August
In-service Items to donate
Cafeteria Help in August



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

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.

Registration is OPEN for the following Fall Sports!

Deadline is 11:45pm, Monday July 29

Tackle Football - Boys 3rd thru 8th grade

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/eOTRPpU2>

Flag Football - Boys 3rd & 4th grade

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/xgSBYUvy>

Girls Basketball - Girls 3rd thru 8th grade

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/qNA3GFis>

Cross Country - Girls & Boys 3rd thru 8th grade

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/HcjxcHbP>

Pelican Power, Parish Sports and other fall sports coming soon!

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.

click [here](#) for 10 reasons why kids should play sports

Go Pelicans!

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MBS ATHLETICS