



The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

AUGUST 15, 2024

CALENDAR

- August 15**
- Back to School Night for Parents only.
 - Five Guys MBS Night. 15% of your purchase will go to MBS. Please mention MBS when you order.
- August 19-30**
- Circle of Grace Lessons taught. See Child Protection information in this newsletter.
- August 19**
- K vision screening
- August 20**
- Substitute Teacher Orientation, 9am. Anyone who wishes to become a substitute is invited to attend.
 - 1st grade vision screening
- August 21**
- School Pictures. All ordering will be done online, and Barberito will email you when your images are ready to view.
 - 3rd grade vision screening
 - Pelibots, St. Ursula
- August 22**
- School Mass, 8:15 - See modified uniform policy in handbook.
 - Bible Blessing for 6th graders immediately following Mass.
 - 5th grade vision screening
 - Robotics, St. Ursula
 - Classroom Coordinator Meeting for those who were selected, 6pm, St. Ursula.
- August 23**
- Last Day to order extra spirit shirts. We will not place another order this school year.
 - 6th grade Scoliosis screening
 - 7th grade vision screening
 - Mercedarian sisters will be on campus interacting with the students.
- August 27**
- Altar Server forms due
- August 28**
- Kindness Club Meeting for Middle Schoolers, 7:20am, Library
- August 29**
- School Mass, 8:15 - See modified uniform policy in handbook
 - Altar Server training - new date than originally communicated

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

Spirit Shirts

One spirit shirt has been distributed to your student. If you would like to order an extra spirit shirt, please complete the following [form](#) by Friday, August 23.

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 RABALAIIS or email it to crabalais@mbsbr.org. The Form is due 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, August 29...this is a new date than previously communicated.

Dismissal Changes

If you have dismissal changes, please make sure to notify your child's homeroom teacher via email. Please do not rely on your children to notify the teacher.

Conference & Prof Development Days

Please take note of when Conference Days and Professional Development Days are this school year. The first round is coming in September. On September 27, PK-5th grade will have conferences; therefore, PK-5th grade will not attend school. Middle School will attend on this day. On September 30, Middle School will have conferences; therefore, middle school will not attend school. PK-5th will attend on this day. Other days to take note of are in January/February and March.

No School Days



Carpool

Did you know that we unload about 400 carpool students each morning? Thank you for your patience with carpool as we all adjust to the beginning of the school year. Please be assured that we are monitoring carpool daily. Our little Pelicans are learning how carpool works, and it takes them a little longer to exit their cars. We hope to see improvement next week.

Kindness Club

Attention Middle School Students! If you would like to know more about Kindness Club, join us for the first meeting of the year on Wednesday, August 28, 7:20am in the library. The club is open to all 6th-8th grade students, and the only membership criteria is the belief that "KINDNESS MATTERS"!

Lego Robotics

Students in Grades 1-5 are invited to attend Lego Robotics after school on Thursdays in September through October for the Fall Season. The cost is \$135. Students will build new projects each week using their critical thinking and engineering skills. Follow the [link](#) for the signup and payment.

**MBS
PARISH FAIR**

OCTOBER 18-20

15615 JEFFERSON HWY
BATON ROUGE

FREE ADMISSION

FRIDAY 7 - 10

SATURDAY 7 - 10

SUNDAY 12 - 3

**LAUREN LEE
BAND**

**THE CHASE
TYLER BAND**

PHAT HAT



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.



August Cafeteria Help

September Cafeteria Help



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 Toups/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

January 31st

Michelle Leerkes
michelle.leerkes@gmail.com

DATE CHANGE!!

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

FIRST NINE WEEKS GIVE BACK NIGHT

**BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
THURSDAY, 8/15/2024**



FIVE GUYS® COMMUNITY EVENT



**JOIN
US!**

Thursday, August 15, 2024 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM
at the **VILLAGE MARKET FIVE GUYS**
14640 Village Market Street

FIVE GUYS will donate 15% of your purchase to
MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL
Please identify yourself as part of Most Blessed Sacramento School.

**THIS IS A CLASS COMPETITION! THE CLASS
WITH THE HIGHEST PARTICIPATION WILL GET
A CLASS TREAT!**

**SAVE YOUR RECEIPT AND SEND IT TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR
CHILD THE NEXT DAY - DON'T FORGET TO WRITE YOUR KIDS
NAME(S) AND HOMEROOM(S)!**



Let's Talk Tech: From the IT Office!



MBS

Google Workspace for Education



WHAT IS GOOGLE FOR EDUCATION?

Google for education is a suite of tools that can help increase opportunities for critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity, all while supporting the learning objectives. MBS is proud to be a Google for Education School!

WHAT APPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR MY CHILD?

Your child has access to Google Drive, Docs, Slides, Sheets, Classroom and others.

CAN WE LOGIN FROM HOME?

Students can access Google Classroom from anywhere, including an iPad, when they download the Google apps or Classlink.

WHAT IS MY CHILD'S GOOGLE ACCOUNT?

All teachers and students use the Google Platform, so all they have to do is log into Google!

Pre-k - 5th grade

Username: firstlast@mbsbr.org

Example: John Smith (johnsmith@mbsbr.org)

Password: mbs12345

6th-8th grade

Username: firstlast@mbsbr.org

Example: John Smith (johnsmith@mbsbr.org)

Password: Student has set their own password

All student apps are **EASILY** accessible through ClassLink. See the next page for details!

For more details or tech help email mbsit@mbsbr.org



MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

launchpad.classlink.com/mbsbr



FOR PARENTS: WHAT IS CLASSLINK?

Classlink is an easy way to access all of the learning applications that your child uses at school. Students access all of their applications with a single username and password. Classlink makes it easier for students to log on so that they have more time to learn and teachers have more time to teach.

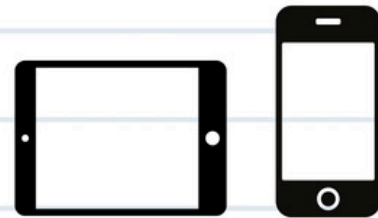
HOW DOES MY CHILD ACCESS CLASSLINK?

1. Go to the MBS website and scroll over academics and click Classlink or visit launchpad.classlink.com/mbsbr
2. Log in with your MBS Google Account Credentials.
3. Access your applications like IXL, Google apps, and textbooks.



DESKTOP

- 1 Go to launchpad.classlink.com/mbsbr
- 2 Enter the student login username and password
- 3 Enter the student login username and password



MOBILE

- 1 Download the app on the Apple store or Google play.
- 2 Search for and choose your school district (first time only)
- 3 Enter the student login username and password

For more details or tech help email mbsit@mbsbr.org

MBS Parish News

All 6th-8th graders are welcome!



Sign Up!

Most Blessed Sacrament

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Ministry Night

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.


PIZZA . GAMES . FUN

Sign up at <https://forms.gle/sLq4ry6JzfnxXfU09>

Holy Family Hall
(the new multipurpose building next to the gym)



An Evening of Reflection with



MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH **September 12th**

6:00 PM **HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS**
7:00 PM **PRESENTATION BY IMMACULÉE ILIBAGIZA**

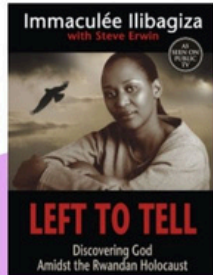
Immaculée survived the 1994 Rwandan genocide by hiding in a 3ft. x 4ft. bathroom for 91 days with seven other women. Her tragedy transformed her into a strong woman dedicated to peace and reconciliation. Her autobiography, *Left to Tell*, has sold more than two million copies and is in the process of becoming a major motion picture.

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"The love of Christ impels us..." 2 Cor. 5:14
Caritas Christi urget nos

Book sales & signing to follow



MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT
ACTS MEN'S RETREAT
ROSARYVILLE RETREAT CENTER
PONCHATOULA, LA
SEPTEMBER 19-22, 2024

REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 3, 2024
OPEN TO MEN 21 & OVER
SPACE IS LIMITED
COST IS \$325
TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED

REGISTER:



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SAVE THE DATE

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Christmas MARKET

12/7/24

4PM-8PM

HOSTED BY THE MBS
CHEER & DANCE TEAMS

**MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
8033 BARINGER ROAD**

SANTA | VENDORS | FOOD | ACTIVITIES
NEW THIS YEAR | KIDS MINI MARKET ✨ ✨

EVENT WILL BE HELD IN THE GYM AND HOLY FAMILY HALL

VENDOR REGISTRATION -

[Click here](#)





**HOME & SCHOOL
RAFFLE**
@ BACK TO SCHOOL
NIGHT!

RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE SENT HOME THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL. **\$5 PER TICKET OR 4 FOR \$15**

ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN:

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE (FALL SEMESTER)

MBS FAIR PARKING SPOT

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE (SPRING SEMESTER)

FIRST IN CARPOOL

MBS FAIR TENT SPOT

NAME THE CONCESSION STAND

WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT!

AUGUST 15, 2024

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.



Everyone Needs Community

“Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.” – Hebrews 13:1-2

The Bible consistently advocates for the inclusion of the marginalized, the outcast, and those on the fringes of society, and Jesus’ ministry was marked by such acts of inclusion, like reaching out to those often overlooked or shunned. We believe in fostering a caring and inclusive environment for all students, and one of the ways we can achieve this is by encouraging our children to reach out to their peers who may feel lonely or isolated. Here are some tips and strategies for parents to help their children develop empathy and kindness towards others.

Why It's Important

- **Promotes Empathy:** Reaching out to lonely kids helps children develop empathy and understanding of others' feelings.
- **Builds a Positive School and Church Community:** Encouraging inclusivity and kindness creates a welcoming and supportive environment for everyone.
- **Improves Social Skills:** Interacting with different peers helps children enhance their social skills, make new friends, and increase your child's self-esteem and confidence.

How You Can Help

- 1) **Model Kindness and Empathy:** Show kindness in your daily interactions and discuss why it’s important. Share stories of times when you reached out to someone who was lonely and the positive impact it had.
- 2) **Talk About Feelings:** Have regular conversations with your child about their feelings and the feelings of others. Teach them to recognize signs that someone might be feeling lonely, such as sitting alone or looking sad.
- 3) **Encourage Inclusive Behavior:** Encourage your child to invite classmates who are alone to join in activities or games. Suggest they say hello, smile, or ask how someone is doing.
- 4) **Praise Positive Behavior:** Acknowledge and praise your child when they make an effort to include others and show kindness. Discuss how their actions made a positive difference for someone else.
- 5) **Get Involved in School/ Church Activities:** Encourage participation in group activities, clubs, or sports where they can interact with a variety of peers. Volunteer for school or church events to set an example of community involvement and support.
- 6) **Discuss Diversity:** Encourage them to befriend classmates from diverse backgrounds and experiences.

By encouraging your child to reach out to others, you are helping to create a more compassionate and connected school/ church community. Your guidance and support can make a significant impact on your child's social development and the well-being of their peers.

Pelican Power information is coming soon!

Tennis registration coming soon!

Parish Sports Flag Football registration coming soon!

Carpool Line and Gym sign information coming soon!! (Email tkrysan@mbsbr.org)

“Louie’s Landing” is now the name of the concession stand in the gym. We are revising the “menu” to better serve those who attend athletic events in the gym.

Save the Date: Fall Sports Banquet scheduled: Wednesday, November 13

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