



# The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

AUGUST 29, 2024

## CALENDAR

### August 29

- School Mass, 8:15 - See modified uniform policy in handbook
- Altar Server training - new date than originally communicated

### September 2

- Labor Day - no school

### September 4

- Pelibots, 3:15, St. Ursula

### September 5

- School Mass, 8:15 - See modified uniform policy in handbook
- Robotics, 3:15, St. Ursula
- Men's Club Whole Hog BBQ, see page 4

### September 6

- Student Appreciation: donuts at assembly
- Middle School Youth Ministry Night, Holy Family Hall (new school building), 6:00-7:30

### September 9

- Buddy Program

### September 10

- Progress Reports for first 9 weeks. Nothing is emailed to parents. Teachers are locked out of FACTS so that you can see your child's progress through yesterday.

### September 11

- Praise & Worship for 4th-5th grade students, 7:20, St. Ursula. Donuts are not served.

### September 12

- School Mass, 8:15
- Eighth Grade Retreat
- Robotics, 3:15, St. Ursula
- Flamingo Night
- Last day to purchase fair t-shirt. Click [here](#) for link.

### September 20

- Spirit Shirts with uniform bottoms

# Class Mass

This year we will once again offer each grade the opportunity to attend an extra daily Mass. You are invited to attend this mass and sit with your child. This year, you will not be able to sit anywhere in the church. We are asking that you please sit with your child in the pew that they are seated in. This allows the teachers to keep an eye on all the students. The students will be sitting in the back pews.

When Mass is over, the parishioners stay to recite a Novena. The students will not be staying for the Novena so quietly exit with your child out the back door. They will find their teacher and line up to return to school. Any family member(s) are welcome!

## **CLASS MASSES @ 8:45 AM**

- September 17th: 7th grade
- September 24th: 5th grade
- October 15th: 1st grade
- October 22nd: 2nd grade
- November 19th: Pre K
- November 12th: K
- December 10th: 3rd grade
- January 7th: 8th grade
- January 21st: 4th grade
- February 4th: 6th grade

# Flamingo Night

On Thursday, September 12, we will have our annual FLAMINGO NIGHT. This evening, the 8th grade class PELICANS play volleyball against the faculty FLAMINGOS. Doors will open at 6:00. The game begins at 6:30. Cash donations are accepted at the gate for entry. The donations support MBS Cares, the faculty support group for when a faculty member goes through a life-changing event. Concessions will be sold. Pizza will be available. Students will not have any tests the following day.

# Chess Club

Students in 5th-8th grade are invited to be a part of the MBS Chess Club. They meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month after school until 4pm, starting September 10. The meeting room is Classroom 15. Questions? Email Moderator Sujad Ehlers at [suesu325@aol.com](mailto:suesu325@aol.com)

# 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.

# From the Principal

A note about digital citizenship - Social media can be a helpful tool. Most classes at MBS have a GroupMe or Facebook Page associated with their classes. These are not official forms of MBS communication. There are times when the information shared on these platforms is incorrect. As a member of our Catholic, Christian community we are requesting that our families model positive digital citizenship for the students by posting truthful, positive, and helpful messages. Social media groups, though maybe a private group, the messages are public and permanent and the group "chatter" often gets back to MBS Faculty and Staff. At times the "chatter" is hurtful and even harmful to not only the MBS Faculty and Staff but also the MBS community. Please remember that these people work tirelessly for your children and for you. At Back to School Night I mentioned that as the MBS community we are all keepers of our school mission and vision and we all share our message with the greater community, at large.

What do you want MBS' message to be?

## Check-in & Check-out

As soon as you are buzzed into the gate, please report directly to the office.

- Parents who are checking in students are to walk their student to the office to sign them in, and the student receives a "Tardy Slip" or an "Admit to Class" slip. Students may walk independently to their classrooms.
- Parents who are checking out students are to remain in the office until students arrive in the office.
- Students may not be checked out after 2:15pm

## Visiting Campus

All visitors/volunteers/parents must sign in at the office and obtain a visitor's pass. Faculty and Staff are not allowed to receive visitors without a pass from the office. This includes school parents. Visitors on campus between the hours of 7:45am and 2:15 pm are asked to park in the parking lot and check in at the office first. Volunteers must refrain from taking photographs of students other than their own children while on campus.

## Materials Brought to School

Only eyeglasses, lunchboxes, outerwear, and spill-proof water bottles will be accepted for distribution to students once they are on campus. Late assignments and projects will not be accepted. PE Uniforms will not be accepted.

## Math Club/MathCounts

MathCounts is a national math program where the focus is on mathematical problem solving. Students will complete an in-depth exploration of various math topics that will allow students to collaborate on hands-on and interactive math activities, play games, and develop a love for math. Aside from meeting Friday mornings at 7, the students will have the opportunity to participate in a math tournament at St. Joseph's in the spring and Catholic High in the Fall. Participation in competitions is not a requirement to be in math club. The club is for 4-8th graders, and the cost is \$25 to cover a shirt and supplies. Click [here](#) for more information and to pay through FACTS.

## 4H

We will offer 4H Club again this year for students in 3-8 grades. The club meets on the second Tuesday of each month after school until 4pm. In addition to meeting at school, there are several off-campus activities scheduled for the year. For more information, email Micheal Albano at [TheATrain1591@gmail.com](mailto:TheATrain1591@gmail.com)

There are still spots left for this year's trip to

## **Washington, D.C. and Williamsburg**

April 2025 (Easter Break)

Information meeting:

**Thursday, August 29**

**School Library**

**6:00 PM**

RSVP for more info:

<https://rsvp.efexploreamerica.com/rxf4sf8little>



FYI - We do **NOT** have plans for another trip in the next few years.



5-day trip  
led by  
Ms.  
Douet



Open to ALL middle school students.

## **MBS MEN'S CLUB'S NORTH CAROLINA STYLE**

# **WHOLE HOG BBQ**

**ALL MEN OF MBS ARE INVITED**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

**6:00 PM - FELLOWSHIP**

**7:00 PM - MEETING BEGINS**

**@ The MBS Holy Family Hall**





# 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.

## OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION

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.

### Update Your Volunteer File

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](mailto:childprotection@mbsbr.org).



## September Cafeteria Help



# 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**

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

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

**SEARCHING FOR MORE?**

**CATHOLIC 101**  
**BEGINS**  
**SEPTEMBER 11TH**

**NEW FORMAT!**      **NEW TOPICS!**



**WEDNESDAYS**  
**AT 6:45 PM**

**COME**  
**ENRICH**  
**YOUR**  
**FAITH!**

SCAN FOR SCHEDULE



MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

## ACTS WOMEN'S RETREAT

ROSARYVILLE RETREAT CENTER  
PONCHATOULA, LA

**OCTOBER 10-13, 2024**

REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 24, 2024  
OPEN TO WOMEN 21 & OVER  
SPACE IS LIMITED  
COST IS \$325  
TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED

REGISTER:



<https://forms.gle/R6dSx46NDPCZEpVY9>



ADORATION COMMUNITY THEOLOGY SERVICE



# FAIR T-SHIRTS

MISSION 2024:  
MBS FAIR



- Sales Begin August 24
- Sales End September 12
- Shirts \$20
- Order Shirts for the Whole Family!

**Collecting lightly used stuffed animals for fair games.**

**Contact 225.505.7273 for collection information**



BORN  
TO RUN  
BATON ROUGE

5K & 1/2-MILE  
RUN/WALK FUN RUN

*Presented By:*

THE  
Parable  
FOUNDATION



**Join Team:**



## Most Blessed Sacrament

Support women in need!  
**Saturday, November 16, 2024**

Scan here to register:



[womansnewlife.com/borntorun](https://womansnewlife.com/borntorun)



# CARNIVAL RIDES

WEEKEND BRACELET \$60

Pre-Order Online ONLY

SESSION TIME BRACELET \$25

FRI 6-10	SAT 12-4	SAT 6-10	SUN 12-4
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Good for One Time Listed Only

Purchase at the Fair

Individual Ride Tickets are also Available for Purchase at the Fair

# SIGN-UPS & PURCHASES

Fair T-Shirt Orders ..... Aug 24 - Sep 12

Family Tent Sales ..... Sep 17

Ride Bracelets ..... Sep 23 - Oct 11

Volunteer Sign-Up ..... Sep 23

Bake Sweets Sign-Up ..... Anytime

# FAIR SCHEDULE

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

6:00 Fair Opens

7:00 LAUREN LEE BAND

10:00 Fair Closes

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

10:00 Fair Opens

10:00 Student Performances

2:00 Bingo Under the Tent

5:30 Tent-Or-Treat

7:00 THE CHASE TYLER BAND

8:00 Game Booths Close

10:00 Fair Closes

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

9:45 Mass in Church

10:45 Fair Opens (after mass)

12:00 PHAT HAT

4:00 Fair Ends



## MISSION 2024: MBS FAIR



LAUREN LEE  
BAND

THE CHASE  
TYLER BAND

*Phat Hat*

# FOOD COURT

## EVERY DAY

French Fries

Nachos

Cheese Sticks

Boudin Balls

Hot Dog

Corn Dog

Hamburger

Jambalaya

Pastalaya

Gumbo

## SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Onion Mums

BBQ Chicken-on-a-Stick

Fried Chicken-on-a-Stick

Shrimp Stew

Pulled Pork Sandwich

Pulled Pork Nachos

FRI SPECIAL Fried Fish

SAT SPECIAL Sauce Piquant

RIDES

GAMES

FOOD

BINGO

LIVE BANDS

SWEET SHOPPE

WINE PULL

BASKET RAFFLES

# 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.

Pelican Power information is coming soon!

Parish Sports Flag Football Registration is OPEN, PreK thru 2 nd Grade Boys & Girls!

Parish Sports Flag Football Deadline is TONIGHT (Aug 29) 11:45pm

Parish Flag Football - Use this link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/hfD16z0M>

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Tennis Registration is OPEN, 5th grade thru 8th grade Boys & Girls!

Tennis Deadline is Thursday, September 5, 11:45pm

Tennis - Use this link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/hfD16z0M>

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Carpool Line and Gym sign information coming soon!! (Email [tkrysan@mbsbr.org](mailto: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.

Go Pelicans!

Tommy Krysan, Athletic Director

MBS Athletics

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**MBS ATHLETICS**