



# The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

## CALENDAR

### September 19

- School Mass, 8:15, St Vincent de Paul speaker
- Robotics, 3:15, St. Ursula
- Girls Basketball games, MBS

### September 20

- Spirit Shirts with uniform bottoms
- Mercedarian Sisters visit PK, K, 1
- Math Club Meeting, gr6-8 rm13/gr4-5, rm53
- Volleyball field trip - LSU

### September 21

- Cross Country Meet - Brusly

### September 22

- 5/6 Grade Football

### September 23

- SVDP Collection begins, see page 4
- Girls Basketball home games
- Weekend Ride Bracelets go on sale. Click [here](#) to purchase.

### September 24

- 5th grade class mass, parents are invited to attend and sit with their students
- Tuesday Lego Robotics, Art Room

### September 25

- Pelibots, St. Ursula
- 6th grade girls basketball

### September 26

- School Mass, 8:15 - next week dress uniform will be required going forward.
- 3rd grade retreat
- Lego Robotics, St. Ursula
- 5th grade girls basketball

### September 27

- Conference Day - PK-5; *No School for PK-5*; Middle School attends school
- Swim Meet at Crawfish Aquatics

### September 30

- Conference Day - Middle School; *No School for MS*; PK-5 attends school

# Upcoming Charges on FACTS account

- Due to accounting, all fees will no longer be dispersed over 11 months with tuition, but will be withdrawn at Enrollment. Enrollment takes place in January of each year. As a reminder, there is no tuition deducted in January.
- **Security Fee** is applied to families to staff a Baton Rouge sheriff Office deputy on campus from 6am to 6pm while the students are present. Custom Security 24/7 cameras to monitor the campus is also included in the fee. This fee will be drafted in October and November for the 2024-25 school year. \$137.50 will be deducted in October; \$137.50 will be deducted in November as an “incidental fee.”
- Effective January 2025, all 2025-2026 fees will be due at enrollment. In January, the following 25-26 fees will be drafted:
  - **Enrollment fee \$375.** After the enrollment deadline, the enrollment fee increases to \$475 per student for returning students.
  - **Technology fee of \$275** . This fee is assessed to students to cover all technology, which not only applies to the cost of student chrome books, but also to online textbooks licenses, subscriptions to ClassLink and all its components.
  - **Security fee of \$275.** see above for explanation of this fee.
  - **Facts fee of \$55.** A Facts payment plan must be set up during enrollment process.
  - **Capital Maintenance Fee of \$400** per family if applicable. This fee is assessed to families who are not identified offertory givers of MBS Church, those who are registered at another church parish, and/or those who are non-Catholic.
- The PK - First Grade Fee and the 8th Grade Class Fee will be drafted with the first tuition payment for the 2025-2026 school year, which will be in June of 2025.

## Conference Days

As needed conferences are scheduled with parents of students in grades PK-8th grade. If a child’s teacher does not request a conference, and the parent would like to meet, a conference may be requested. Students do not attend school on their scheduled conference day.

Please take note of the no school days.

On Friday, September 27, PK-5 grade will have parent/teacher conferences, so those students will not attend school. Middle School students will attend on this day.

On Monday, September 30, Middle School will have parent/teacher conferences, so those students will not attend school. Students PK-5 grade will attend on this day.

## St. Jude Walk/Run Volunteers

The Baton Rouge St. Jude Walk/Run will take place on October 5 and is in need of volunteers. Volunteers can sign up by going to the walk website and selecting volunteer. Click [here](#) to sign up.

# 2024 Parish Fair - Help Needed

Want to help with the Parish Fair? There are many opportunities to donate items or your time.

- To sign up to help the weekend of the fair, click [here](#).

If you want to sign up to donate wine or cash donations for the Wine Pull or Bourbon Raffle, you can do so during carpool on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 8 & 9. Donations will also be accepted at church after all Masses on Saturday and Sunday, October 5 & 6.

- To help collect after Mass on October 5/6, click [here](#).
- To donate a bottle of wine or money for us to buy a bottle, click [here](#).
- To donate \$10 for the MBS Bourbon Raffle, click [here](#).

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## Spring 2025 Washington, D.C. and Williamsburg

Open to all middle  
school students!

Price increase goes  
into effect October 1!

Limited spots available  
Enroll now to secure your spot!

Use the QR code to view trip  
details, pricing options, and  
contact information.

Scan the QR code  
to enroll now!



# Celebrating Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

MBS will celebrate The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Thursday, October 3rd. We will take this opportunity to acknowledge the importance of pets in the lives of our families. To show our love for our pets, we will have a 'pet blessing' after our school liturgy.

While it would be exciting to bring our pets to school, live pets will not be allowed at school for the blessing. Instead, we invite you to send an UNFRAMED photo or photocopy of your family pet/pets for Father to bless after Mass. NO PHOTOS LARGER THAN 8X10, please. Students may bring the photos to school between September 30th – October 3rd.

## Honoring Our Lady of the Rosary & Respect for Life

The liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th. The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. We encourage MBS families to pray the Rosary together, not just during the month of October, but throughout the year.

As a school community, we too will pray the Rosary. We invite our families to join us for our annual Living Rosary on Wednesday, October 9th at 8:15 am in MBS church. MBS is grateful to Ms. Britt Cochran and our 7th Graders for leading this beautiful prayer for our school community.

The Church also dedicates the month of October to Respect for Life. As Catholics, we believe in the sacredness of ALL LIFE... from conception to natural death. Let us pray that everyone will come to support the dignity and sanctity of all human life.



# MBS SUPPORTS ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

At Most Blessed Sacrament, we have a tradition of helping our communities' needs through grade level service projects throughout the year. Each year our third, fourth, and fifth graders' collections support the ministries of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Once again, this year, we are combining our three collections into one HUGE two-week drive.

St. Vincent de Paul has always been able to depend on the generous people of MBS to help them serve the community.

**When:** Monday, September 23rd - Monday, October 7th

**Where:** MBS School

**What:**

- 3rd and 4th graders will be collecting toiletry items for the Men's, Women's, and Children's shelters.
- WE need Baby Items such as: diapers, wipes, shampoo, lotion, bottles, pacifiers, etc.
- We need Men & Women Items such as: shampoo/conditioner, shaving cream, razors/lotion, toothbrush/toothpaste, deodorant, soap, personal care items.
- 5th graders will be collecting your gently used clothing. Items needed are socks, shoes, shirts, shorts, pants, sweaters, scarves, dresses, jackets, and coats!!

## **CLEAN OUT THOSE CLOSETS!**

If your donation is too large for your child to carry to school through bus or carpool, you may drop items off to St. Ursula on any day during the drive from 7:30am-2:30pm.

On behalf of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students, we thank you for your generosity.

*Jesus, I Trust in You*  
*Proverbs 3:5-6*

# What do you love about MBS...

Great activity options like art, K-pals, and others. - Brooke Berry

how friendly everyone on campus is.  
-Brant Wright

I love the students and faculty. Everyone makes me feel like family. Many of the teachers & families have been here since I was in Kindergarten, making me feel safe and comfortable -Arden Ehlers

I love the wide variety of activities and sports we have here.  
-Carter Fuller

Wide variety of sports, enrichments, and clubs that satisfy every student's likings.  
-Gracie Link

I love how many things we have to offer, like our enrichment activities, extra-curriculars, and sports. I also love that we have a dyslexia lab and a SCOOP program to accommodate kids who might be struggling. -Emme Guedry

The small environment helps the students feel known at school. All the teachers know you, and you know them. The same thing applies with peers. There is not one person in my grade that I do not know. Knowing everyone gives you a sense of comfort.  
-Elodie Weidman

The good relationships we have with friends, teachers, and staff. Our school is a very tight-knit group where everyone knows everyone.  
-Anna Lacombe

I love how safe the campus is. I also love how everyone wants to know you. I came from a public school with a lot of kids. We have a smaller community and the school is involved with you. -Peyton Waldrep

**From our student ambassadors**

# 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).



**Wine Collection after Mass**

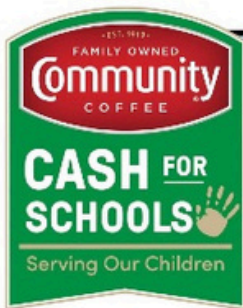
**Parish Fair Sweet Booth  
Donations**

**September Cafeteria Help**



**Bourbon Raffle**

**Fair Wine Pull**



# COLLECTIBLES

Questions? Contact **Tricia Hollis**, Pelican Partners Committee Chair (triciaghollis@hotmail.com)

## DETAILS

Collectibles is a fundraising opportunity for the school!

This year we will be collecting **Community Coffee labels!**

## WINNERS

Winners will be announced at each **9 weeks awards Mass!**

## HOW TO TURN THEM IN

Labels are to be turned into school the **last week of each quarter** in a plastic bag with your child or children's name(s) on it. Buckets will be placed in the classroom during collection week!

## DEADLINES

- October 11th
- December 20th
- March 14th
- May 16th

\*\*Reminder will be sent out in the newsletter the week before each deadline!

## FAMILY PRIZES!

The winner will receive a family prize! Prizes can include a Celebrity Theaters Package for 4, Andy's, The Yard, Bowling, etc.





# Faculty Spotlight

**Ashley Youngblood**

**Art Aide**



Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6

## **Why did you say YES to MBS?**

My husband is an alum, and we both attend Mass at MBS. We love seeing our son attend PK here. I'm excited to be involved in the school now as a parent and as a faculty member.

## **What do you want our families to know about you?**

I'm so excited for this opportunity to get to know your children, help Mrs. Fontaine grow their knowledge of art, and have fun with art

## **Who is your favorite patron saint?**

St. Francis of Assisi

## **What is a fun fact about you?**

When we have a weekend off, we like to take our ATV to the spillway and enjoy a day of riding.



# Faculty Spotlight

**Elizabeth Branscum**

**Office of Child Protection**



**8 years in  
education**

So do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not be dismayed, for I am your  
God. I will strengthen you and help  
you; I will uphold you with my  
righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

## **Why did you say YES to MBS?**

I worked with Mrs. Gioe at Mercy and was thrilled when the position opened.

## **What do you want our families to now about you?**

I am from Baton Rouge and attended Our lady Of Mercy School and St. Joseph's Academy. After graduating college in Education from Northwestern State, I began teaching. I had the opportunity to stay home the last 10 years while my kids were young. I am excited to be back in a school environment and get to know the school and parish of MBS.

## **Who is your favorite patron saint?**

St. Therese - I have a love and devotion to her Novena.

## **What is a fun fact about you?**

I love tennis and played on my high school team.

# 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



WATCH GAMES  
AT THE FAIR

**BINGO**  
2:00 SATURDAY

**TENT-OR-TREAT**  
5:30 SATURDAY



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.

Few Spots are available...  
click here



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/R6dS  
x46NDPCZEpVY9](https://forms.gle/R6dSx46NDPCZEpVY9)



ADORATION COMMUNITY THEOLOGY SERVICE

MBS Athletics is launching PELICAN POWER!



Pelican Power will be an athletic department support TEAM of individuals, students, families 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. Go Pelicans! #PelicanPower

Use this link to join Pelican Power: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/J7JvUMr0>

click [here](#) for more information

We have a new mascot costume, look for “Louie the Pelican” at home sports events!  
Save the Date: Fall Sports Banquet scheduled: Wednesday, November 13

Fall Sports Schedules are available on our school website! Click “Athletics” tab!

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  
tkrysan@mbsbr.org



**MBS ATHLETICS**