



The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

OCTOBER 24, 2024

CALENDAR

October 25

- Math Club Meeting, 7am (Gr6-8, Rm 13; gr4-5, Rm. 53)
- Mercedarian Sisters on Campus
- MBS Swim Meet, Crawfish Aquatics, 4pm
- Middle School Dance, 7-9, Holy Family Hall

October 27

- MBS Football games

October 28

- MBS Girls Basketball games

October 30

- Wear Red Day (Red Ribbon Week) with uniform bottoms. Only bows and socks may be worn as accessories.
- Pelibots, St. Ursula

October 31

- Wear Halloween Shirts with uniform bottoms. Only bows and socks may be worn as accessories.
- Kindergarten Fall Fest
- No Mass

November 1

- All Saints Day - 8:15 Mass, Dress uniforms
- PK attends Mass
- Middle School Ministry Night, Holy Family Hall, 6-7:30pm, all MS invited

November 3

- MBS Football games

November 4

- Professional Development; Grades PK-5 attend school; Middle School does not
- Fun Run registration - see blue handout that went home today.

November 5

- Professional Development; Grades PK-5 do not attend school; Middle School attends school
- Fun Run registration - see blue handout that went home today.
- No Buses

November 6

- Kindness Club, 7:20
- Open House - ongoing tours until noon...Invite all prospective families to have a personalized tour with a parent and a Student Ambassador. There is no set schedule, come at your convenience.
- Pelibots, St. Ursula

November 7

- Applications accepted online, includes existing PK who want to apply for Kindergarten.

November 1 - Saints & Souls Mass

Our annual celebration to remember the Feasts of All Saints & All Souls will take place on **Friday, November 1, 2024, with Mass at 8:15 am**. During Mass, we would like to highlight the Communion of Saints by inviting students to dress in simple costumes as their patron or favorite Saint of the Church.

Instructions and Permission Slips may be found here:

[Grades PK-5](#)

[Grades 6-8](#)

They will walk in the opening procession, as the Litany of Saints is sung.

If you have any questions concerning our All-Saints Procession, please call Celeste Rabalais at the Office of Christian Formation, 751-5867.

Book of Life

On Wednesday, November 1st, we will continue the tradition of remembering our loved ones in a special way, in celebrating the Feast of All Saints and All Souls.

Our Book of Life will be displayed during School Mass. This book has been a special tradition here at MBS School and contains all the names of our deceased relatives and friends submitted over the last sixteen years. If you have lost a loved one since November 2023, fill in following [form](#), and we will add it to the Book of Life for this year.

In order to have the Book of Life ready for Mass, we will need to have ALL names submitted by Monday, October 28. Have your child return the form to their homeroom teacher, and it will be forwarded to the office. The Book of Life contains all of the names previously submitted over the years. Please do not send names that already have been placed into the Book of Life.

If you have any questions, please call the Office of Christian Formation at 751-5867.

Outwear

Please label your child's outerwear. The Office is receiving several items that are not labeled. Unclaimed items are sold in the Used Uniform Sale in the Summer.

Grandparents Day

Grandparent Day Invitations are being sent home today October 24, with your youngest child enrolled at Most Blessed Sacrament School. The envelope contains four invitations for you to distribute to grandparents. If you need more, please email Vonnie at vchiasson@mbsbr.org.

Applications 2025-2026

Applications for the 2025-26 school year will open Thursday, November 7 through November 22. All existing PK students who want to apply to Kindergarten must complete the application.

Tuition Rates

The deadline for Identified Offertory Giver (IOG) is December 15. Those donations must be made through weekly use of MBS church envelopes, automatic church deductions, or online giving through the church website. Church members who meet the IOG requirement will receive the in-parish tuition. Donations will be verified by December 15 unless otherwise authorized by the Pastor/Principal. Any offerings thereafter will count towards the following year.

St. Nicholas Christmas Market

Save the date for the 2024 St. Nicholas Market on December 7th from 4pm-8pm. Bring the family for Santa pictures, shopping, kids crafts, food, and fun!

This season, we're excited to introduce a Mini Market just for kid entrepreneurs! It's the perfect opportunity for young vendors to showcase their talents and sell their goods in a fun, festive atmosphere. Whether it's handmade crafts, sweet treats, or other small businesses, we'd love to have them join us! Spots are limited, so sign up today and let your kidpreneur shine this holiday season!

Vendor Registration- <https://forms.gle/jkWC4QT2o4MfdyPy9>

St. Nicholas Kids Mini Market

Young Crafters & Entrepreneurs

SIGN UP TODAY!

We're excited to introduce the Kids Mini Market to our St. Nicholas Event. This is a special section just for young crafters and entrepreneurs!

We are looking for more young vendors to exhibit their creativity. Mini vendor spaces are FREE. Email Ally Smith at asmith@mbsbr.org for more information or to sign up!



Envision your Library

The Fun Run is next month! This year, we will be using the money raised to help update our library. What would you like to see in your child's library? Do you have an idea to share...

Email Penne at PLeier@mbsbr.org
Communication about the Fun Run will go home on November 4 & 5.



Middle School Ministry Night

All Middle School students (6-8th graders) are invited to attend for pizza, games, and fun at the MBS Middle School Ministry night.

Click [here](#) to sign up.

A colorful graphic for MBS Middle School Ministry Night. The background is purple and orange. At the top, it says "MBS Middle School Ministry" in a stylized font. Below that is a QR code with an arrow pointing to it and the text "SIGN UP HERE!". To the left of the QR code are three purple buttons with white text: "PIZZA!", "GAMES!", and "FUN!". Below the QR code is the URL "HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/WMCASNIMWCEZ7PPQ". At the bottom, it says "11-1-24" in large numbers, and "6:00-7:30 P.M. HOLY FAMILY HALL" in a blue banner.



Dear Parents:

October 28-November 1 is Red Ribbon Week. During Red Ribbon Week, we participate in a national campaign focusing on positive, healthy choices to remain drug-free. October is also National Bullying Prevention Month. Red Ribbon Week will include lessons and messages to promote kindness and prevent bullying.

Our theme this year is "Say **BOO** to bad choices!" The week will be filled with activities and treats, however, stickers, pencils, and lollipops don't change behavior. It takes a real partnership between school and family to increase awareness and reinforce positive decisions. Here are some ways you as parents can help keep your children safe and drug-free:

1. Talk to your children about your rules and expectations – often, not just one time.
2. Take advantage of when you encounter ads, shows, songs, and other media that can help you introduce the topics of drug use and bullying in a natural, unforced way.
3. Model safe, healthy choices and kind, respectful behavior.
4. Supervise, supervise, supervise!
5. Spend screen-free time with your family, particularly around the dinner table. Research shows that quality family meal time correlates with healthier, positive life choices and overall success.

We look forward to a great Red Ribbon Week! As the week progresses, ask your children about our healthy choices activities, such as the poster contest, student presentations, and any other surprises along the way! To incorporate the bullying prevention theme, middle schoolers will be reading picture books about friendship and kindness to grades PK-4 throughout the week, as well.

We will also have one "dress up" day. On **Wednesday, October 30th**, MBS will participate in **Wear Red Day**. Your children can wear red shirts, red socks, and other red accessories, with their uniform bottoms.

Thank you for your role in prevention for your children, for our community, and for our future! Let's say "BOO" to bad choices for safe, kind, and drug-free kids!

Blessings,

Michelle DiBenedetto, LCSW
School Counselor



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.



November Cafeteria Help



October Cafeteria Help



Volunteers Needed for Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist

The Most Blessed Sacrament
Office of Christian Formation

is seeking volunteers to act as small group leaders for our
Sacramental Preparation Programs.

Volunteers will be trained and will be needed on
six Sundays from 8:45am - 11:00am to facilitate small faith
sharing groups that invite families to the Community of
Most Blessed Sacrament.

Interested? Need More Information?
Contact Ivy Lewis at ilewis@mbsbr.org.

Volunteers will receive service hours which satisfy their
annual commitment to the school.



A Catholic school community where students belong,
feel loved, and have a future
filled with promise & possibilities.

Open House

November 6, 8am-12pm

Applications Accepted

November 7-22



mbsbr.org

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.

MBS Athletics has launched “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>

Please direct questions to: Tommy Krysan, tkrysan@mbsbr.org



We have started posting a “weekly” athletics schedule on the school Facebook page. It will be posted approximately 12 noon (repeat post on Tuesday).

Parish Sports Basketball (PreK thru 2 nd grade) registration is OPEN! Register: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/zOPEjfH2>.

Boys & Girls, PreK thru 2nd grade! If you or anyone you know is interested in coaching please email Monica Southard msouthard@mbsbr.org Coaches must be Child Protection Certified. We can get you through that process.

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. Banquet details are coming soon. FMM is again our banquet sponsor!

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

PLEASE JOIN ST. MICHAEL
FOR
TRUNK OR TREAT

17521 MONITOR AVENUE
BATON ROUGE, LA 70817



**OCT.
28**

TRICK OR TREATING IN THE
PARKING LOT (12 & UNDER)

6:30 PM – 8 PM

COME DRESSED IN
COSTUME

6:30 PM – 8 PM



**OCT.
28**



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28**

FUN GAMES & TOYS

6:30 PM – 8 PM



FOR MORE INFO, VISIT
@SMHSBETA ON INSTAGRAM

