



# The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

NOVEMBER 7, 2024

## CALENDAR

### November 7

- Mass, 8:15, dress uniforms required
- Beta induction after Mass
- Applications accepted online, includes existing PK who want to apply for Kindergarten. Applications accepted until November 22.
- 4th Grade Retreat

### November 8

- World's Fair. The 6th grade students transform the gym into "Countries," where each grade travels to get information about each country.
- Mercedarian Sisters on campus for Adoration, 4-8 grades

### November 12

- Progress Reports online
- 7th Grade field trip - Cypress Springs (girls) & St. Joseph's Abby (boys)
- Kindergarten Class Mass, 8:45, parents are invited to sit with their children for Mass. Dress uniforms are not required.
- 4H Club Meeting - Mr. Millet's classroom
- Chess Club, room 15

### November 13

- Praise & Worship, 7:20am, no donuts
- 4th grade field trip - LASM
- Pelibots, St. Ursula
- Fall Athletic Banquet, Holy Family Hall

### November 14

- Mass, 8:15, dress uniforms required
- 5th grade field trip - LA Renaissance Festival

### November 15

- Math Club Meeting
- FUN RUN!
- Spirit Shirt or Fun Run Shirt Day with uniform or PE bottoms.

### November 17

- First Reconciliation Prep Meeting

### November 19

- PK Class Mass, 8:45, parents are invited to sit with their children for Mass. Dress uniforms are not required.
- 6A Grade BINGO with Old Jefferson Community Care

### November 20

- Pelibots, St. Ursula
- Eco Club, room 53 (Barrilleaux)

### November 21

- School Mass, 8:15, dress uniforms required
- PK attends Mass

### November 22

- Grandparents Day
- Early Dismissal, 11:15
- No afternoon care

### November 25-29

- Thanksgiving Holidays

# Apply or Enroll?

Grade in 24-25	MBS Grade in 25-26	Action Needed	Date
ELC or other day care	PK	1.) apply to PK in November	11/7-11/22
		2.) Screening with PK teacher	17-Jan
		3.) upon acceptance, enroll in PK in February	2/17-3/3
MBS PK	K	1.) apply to Kindergarten in November	11/7-11/30
		2.) upon acceptance, enroll in Kindergarten in February	2/17-3/3
non MBS PK school	K	1.) apply to K in November	11/7-11/22
		2.) Screening with K teacher	17-Jan
		3.) upon acceptance, enroll in K in February	2/17-3/3
non MBS K-7 school	1-8	1.) apply to grade in November	11/7-11/22
		2.) Screening scheduled	TBD
		3.) upon acceptance, enroll in grade in February	2/17-3/3
MBS K-7	1-8	Re-enroll in January	1/9-1/17

## If I have to complete an application, how do I do that?

Starting today, November 7, visit [mbsbr.org](https://mbsbr.org) and select “apply now.” The application system is different from the Facts Family Portal. Either use your login information from last year (if you applied) or create a new one.

## How do I enroll?

Students who apply in November will need to enroll upon acceptance. In your acceptance letter will be a link to complete enrollment. Enrollment is done in FACTS Family Portal. The Fee to enroll is \$375 until March 3. Thereafter, it is \$475.

## I have a 2025-26 1st- 8th grade student, what do I need to do?

Students who will be entering 1st Grade through 8th grade need to “Re-enroll in January.” Re-enrollment is done in Facts through the Family Portal. The fee is \$375 through January 17. Thereafter, it is \$475. More instructions will be sent next month.

## Applications 25-26

Applications for the 2025-26 school year will open Thursday, November 7 through November 22. All existing PK students who want to attend Kindergarten must complete the application. See email from Penne Leier sent on 10/30/24 or refer to the chart above.

# Vacation Bible School - Save the Date

VBS will be held on campus June 16-20, 2025. Registration will be in the Spring.

## 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 (\$325 minimum) 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](mailto:asmith@mbsbr.org) for more information or to sign up!



# Fun Run 2024

Over the next two weeks, students gather pledges and earn prizes sponsored by [Dude Perfect](#). All students who donate \$50+ will be entered into a drawing. The winners of this drawing will receive \$250 towards a gift card.

We will have four drawings:

- PK-1,
- 2-3,
- 4-5,
- 6-8.

Consult your blue handout that will go home on Monday and Tuesday for instructions and more prizes.

Remember to upload a picture of your child in the Student Star Video. Share on social and email grandparents to gather pledges. Our funds raised will go toward updating our school library.

## Student of the Year

Congratulations to the following fifth and eighth grade students who were selected by faculty to represent MBS as Student of the Year. These students will be interviewed to determine who will go on to compete on the diocesan level.

### Fifth Grade

- Genevieve Albano
- Quinn Duvall
- Preston Marino
- Sadie Martin

### Eighth Grade

- Lucas Gill
- Mason Juneau
- Gracie Link
- Ava Martin

## Grandparents Day (11/22) Schedule

### **Group 1 - PK, Kindergarten, First Grade**

- 8:30-8:45 - Sign in and refreshments in Holy Family Hall
- 8:45-9:15 - Activity with your grandchild in the gym
- 9:15-9:30 - Sign out your grandchild and stop by the Photo Stations in the courtyard

### **Group 2 - Second, Third, and Fourth Grade**

- 9:15-9:30 - Sign in and refreshments in Holy Family Hall
- 9:30-10:00 - Activity with your grandchild in the gym
- 10:00-10:15 - Sign out your grandchild and stop by the Photo Stations in the courtyard

### **Group 3 - Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grade**

- 10:00-10:15 - Sign in and refreshments in Holy Family Hall
- 10:14-10:45 - Activity with your grandchild in the gym
- 10:45-11:00 - Sign out your grandchild and stop by the Photo Stations in the courtyard

The MBS Spirit Store will be open in the courtyard for purchase of MBS goodies.

Lunch for students will be Pizza , carrots , oranges ,cookie ,milk cost \$ 3.70 per student. It is early dismissal on the 22nd of November students will be dismissed at 11:15 If your student will eat, please let your teacher know.

# 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).



## Grandparents Day - Items to donate

### November Cafeteria Help







# MBS

*Most Blessed Sacrament*

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

TRUST IN THE  
LORD WITH  
ALL YOUR  
HEART AND

LEAN NOT  
ON YOUR  
OWN  
UNDERSTANDING.



PROVERBS 3:5

MBS does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin.

[mbsbr.org](http://mbsbr.org)



Updates from

# Home and School

Volunteer winner  
for the 1st 9 weeks

*Diana Amoroso*



Collectibles winner  
for the 1st 9 weeks

*Hayes Ferrer*

Enjoy your family movie  
night!



Thank you to all our volunteers!

This year each time you volunteer at a school event, your name is entered into a drawing where you can win some items from the spirit store!

## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

**Fun Run**  
November 15th

**Grandparents Day**  
November 22nd

**Teacher Shopping Days**  
December 6th, 13th



# 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](mailto:tkrysan@mbsbr.org)



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

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- Boys Basketball and Parish Sports Basketball practices starting soon! (Some have already started)
  - Schedules will be available in about 4 weeks from CSAA for Boys BKB, next week for Parish Sports.
  - Fall Sports Banquet scheduled: Wednesday, November 13 in Holy Family Hall. 6:30pm FMM is again our banquet sponsor!!
  - MBS Athletics is looking for coaches of the Track & Field team, Spring 2025. The team practices next door at Woodlawn HS Track facility. We are looking for 2 or 3 coaches. Last year's coach will be part of a transition period. If you or anyone you know is interested please email Tommy Krysan, [tkrysan@mbsbr.org](mailto:tkrysan@mbsbr.org)

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.

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**MBS ATHLETICS**