



The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

NOVEMBER 14, 2024

CALENDAR

November 14

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

November 15

- Math Club Meeting
- FUN RUN!
- Pep Rally starts at 1:30 in Gym
- Spirit Shirt or Fun Run Shirt 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, 11:30
- No afternoon care

November 25-29

- Thanksgiving Holidays

December 1

- Advent begins

December 3

- 2nd grade retreat/Reconciliation

December 4

- Pelibots, St. Ursula

December 5

- St. Nicholas Mass, dress uniforms 8:15am
- PK attends Mass

December 7

- St. Nicholas Market, Gym & Holy Family Hall

December 9

- Immaculate Conception Mass, 8:15, dress uniforms

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 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.

Student of the Year

Last week we had the honor of interviewing four 5th Grade students: Gigi Albano, Sadie Martin, Preston Marino, and Lucas Gill and four 8th Grade students: Gracie Link, Ava Martin, Quinn Duvall, and Mason Juneau for MBS Student of the Year. The interviews served to reinforce what we already know: MBS has amazing students.

We learned that:

- Preston wants to know why Jesus died on the cross for us.
- Quinn would like to meet Albert Einstein.
- Gigi said service is important because it spreads love to others just like Jesus' death on the cross did.
- Sadie would ask Jesus "if we are made of atoms, what makes us smart and gives us feelings."
- Gracie thinks of service as a way of love that can change people.
- Ava's favorite saint is St. Francis of Assisi because he had the stigmata and asked to be in pain to lighten Jesus' suffering (since Jesus takes on so much for us).
- Lucas' favorite saint is Mary because she was with Jesus during challenging times and she reminds him of his mom. She is also easy to pray to.
- Mason said it is important to serve others so we can get to heaven. We serve others by living in Jesus' example.

As you can see, these eight students are just a fraction of the remarkable students we have at MBS, and I want to congratulate all of them for being nominated for MBS Student of the Year.

Unfortunately, we can only nominate one 5th Grader and one 8th Grader.

After much consideration and discussion, the MBS Student of the Year recipients are Gigi Albano – 5th Grade and Gracie Link – 8th Grade.

We look forward to assisting you on the journey to Diocesan Student of the Year.

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

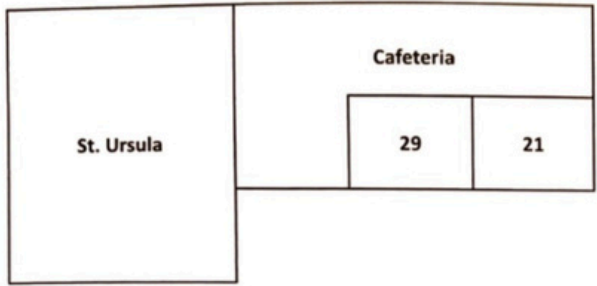
Group 3 - Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grade

- 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 11:30 If your student will eat, please let your teacher know.

Grandparents Day Map

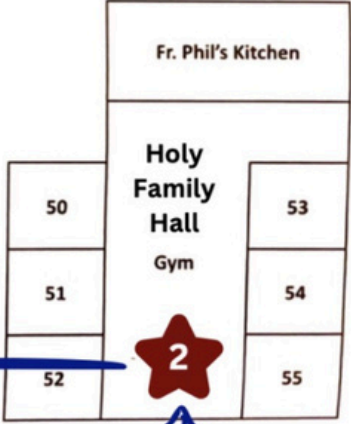
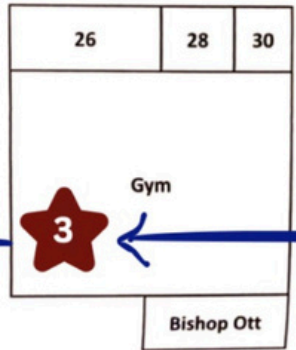
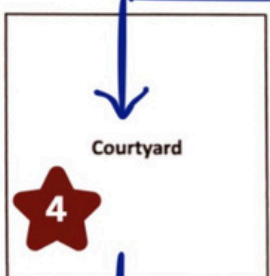
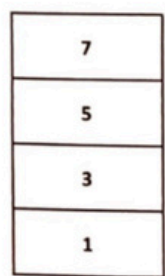
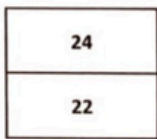
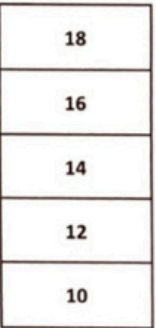
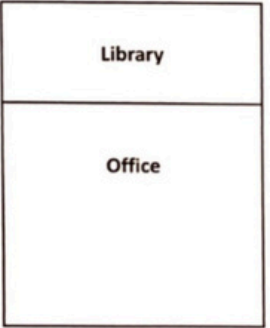
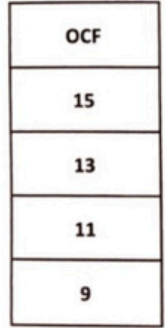


Key

- 1 – Millet (6A)
- 2 – Ross (PKA)
- 3 – Quintero (6B)
- 4 – Sulfsted (PKB)
- 5 – Berry (8A)
- 6 – Duvall (PKC)
- 7 – Harbin (8B)
- 8 – Castille (Spanish)
- 9 – Cochran (MS Rel)
- 10 – Chester (1A)
- 11 – Rogers (7A)
- 12 – Hebert (1B)
- 13 – Armanini (7B)
- 14 – A. Landry (1C)
- 15 – Duplantis (MS math)
- 16 – Jones (2A)
- 18 – Watts (2B)
- 21 – Schiebe (Music)

- 22 – Kyle (KA)
- 24 – Rinaudo (KB)
- 26 – Stevens (KC)
- 28 – Wilson (Computer)
- 29 – Schiebe (Music)
- 30 – Fontaine (Art)
- 50 – Virgets (4A)
- 51 – Biletnikoff (4B)
- 52 – Mongue (5A)
- 53 – Barrilleaux (5B)
- 54 – Boudreaux (3A)
- 55 – Louviere (3B)

- Office – Lee, Chiasson, Luke, DiBenedetto, Gioe, Douet, Howland, Leier, Schexnaydre, Smith, Patton
- Library – Miller, Spano
- St. Ursula – Medus, Muller
- OCF – Rabalais, R. Landry
- Gym – Rentz, Krysan



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.

Muddy Fun Run

The Fun Run Course will be extra muddy this year from the rain we received yesterday. Please send your child in shoes they don't mind getting dirty. You can also send an extra pair of socks and shoes for them to change into after their time on the course is done. Please send a grocery sack to put dirty shoes in to bring home. They may also change into rain boots. Thank you!

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!



From the Principal

Last night I had the honor of addressing those families who attended the Fall MBS Athletic Banquet. I thought it fitting to share the message I shared with those in attendance with the entire school. Thank you all for being our “helpers.”

Have ever heard of a man by the name of Fred Rogers, beloved known to millions as Mister Rogers? When I was a little girl, there were not many television shows made for children but Mister Rogers had a show called Mister Rogers Neighborhood which was on television for 33 years, filming over 895 episodes. The last show aired in 2001, before many of you were born.

During his shows he sang, had a “wonderful world of make believe” which was about a kingdom filled with marionette puppets, and he interviewed ordinary people that we might meet in our communities: postmen, garbage men, grocers, children, people with disabilities, elderly people, artists, librarians, athletes, just to name a few. His shows focused on kindness, acceptance, inclusion, love of others and community.

Mister Rogers won an Emmy for his lifetime achievements in 1997. Mister Rogers and Mister Rogers Neighborhood are no longer with us but looking back at his life and his television show we have realized and appreciate the many life lessons he shared with everyone, not just children.

Mr. Rogers lived in Pittsburgh and was a huge Steelers fan. Oftentimes he showcased players and their sportsmanship and hard work on his show. In one episode he interviewed the Steeler players taking a ballet class to help increase their flexibility and core strength. The player's appearances always helped Mr. Rogers to illustrate a life lesson.

One of Mister Rogers' famous quotes is “Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.” One expert on Mr. Rogers said that quote resonated with him in terms of youth sports. I'd like to share some of his reasons why.

- Children need to know that even when adults make plans, sometimes they don't turn out as they hoped? What a great lesson to model for children - We can only control so much, whether practicing hard before the first game only to show up to the game at the wrong time or a coach making a game plan that fails. It takes vulnerability and self-awareness to accept failure and learn from it.
- When you are a parent you have a new chance for growth. Mr. Rogers said that “the biggest mistake parents make when raising their children is to forget their own childhood. That's why when you are a parent you have a new chance to grow.” Our adult experiences in youth sports often serve as an opportunity for growth and a chance to help our children grow.
- As adults we have ownership and responsibility. As kids we may have paid more attention to the snacks after the game than the win. We cared about catching a fly ball or making a successful pass. We defined our weekends by how much FUN we had playing a sport. Children pick up their mindset from their coaches and parents - for example we had decisive victory vs. we smoked them or we had narrow loss vs. we tanked. Athletes in youth sports learn to cheer for their teammates even after missing a goal or losing a game. On the other hand they can also pick up poor sportsmanship if we are not careful. Remember to keep it fun and kind outside of the wins and losses and that children in youth sport grow every time they step on a field or court.

In closing, remember coaches and parents are a powerful influence in developing the mindset of your children and their experiences in youth sports. Your children are watching you and learning so much from you, spoken and unspoken.

Athletes remember it is your job to learn the fundamentals of the games you play, what it means to be a teammate, how to work hard for something you want, and most of all to have fun and grow into a well rounded person!

As Mister Rogers said “Look for the helpers.” I want to thank everyone here tonight who helps to make MBS Athletics possible for our student athletes.

One last thing, I want to recognize Renee McKay. Renee has been coaching cross country and track for MBS for 11 years and has decided to hand over these sports to a new leader, who I am sure will need her guidance. Renee, thank you for your selfless service to MBS. Your joyful presence, love of children, and expertise will be missed!!

HIGH SCHOOL *Beloved Retreat*

with the



*Mercedarian Sisters of the
Blessed Sacrament*

Join us for a weekend of prayer,
talks, fellowship, and fun!

FOR 9TH-12TH GRADE GIRLS

February 7 - 9, 2025

Drop-off Feb. 7th at 6pm,

Pick-up Feb. 9th after 11am Mass with Families

**Camp Abbey Retreat Center
77002 KC Camp Road
Covington, LA 70435**

Cost: \$100, Scholarships Available

Register at:



<https://forms.gle/hJ4m5mA7wpkSAA8V6>

For more info:

lindseyEbennett@gmail.com



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.



Grandparents Day - Items to donate

November Cafeteria Help

Faculty Meeting Donations



YOU'RE INVITED

Re-Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary



All are invited to bear witness to the Re-Consecration of our school to the pierced hearts of Jesus and Mary. Immediately following our Corpus Christi Mass at 8:15



Thursday, November 21



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).

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- Boys Basketball and Parish Sports Basketball practices have started.
 - Schedules will be available in about 3 weeks from CSAA for Boys BKB, next week for Parish Sports.
 - Picture night is Tuesday, December 3 in the MBS Gym. 3/4 grade flag football, boys basketball, parish sports basketball. Details coming soon!

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

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MBS ATHLETICS