



# The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

NOVEMBER 21, 2024

## CALENDAR

### November 22

- Grandparents Day
- Early Dismissal, 11:30
- No afternoon care

### November 24

- Parish Thanksgiving Feast, Holy Family Hall, 1pm

### November 25-29

- Thanksgiving Holidays

### December 1

- Advent begins

### December 3

- 2nd grade retreat/Reconciliation

### December 4

- Pelibots, 3:15, 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

### December 10

- PK Field Trip - Manship Theatre
- 3rd grade class mass. 8:45am Parents are invited to attend and sit with their children.
- 4H Meeting
- Chess Club
- Band/Choir Concert, St. Ursula

### December 11

- Kindness Club, Library
- Praise & Worship, St. Ursula
- Pelibots, 3:15, St. Ursula
- Eco Club, 3:15, Room 53

### December 12

- No School Mass
- 5th grade class Mass/Retreat

### December 13

- Spirit Shirt Day

# 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

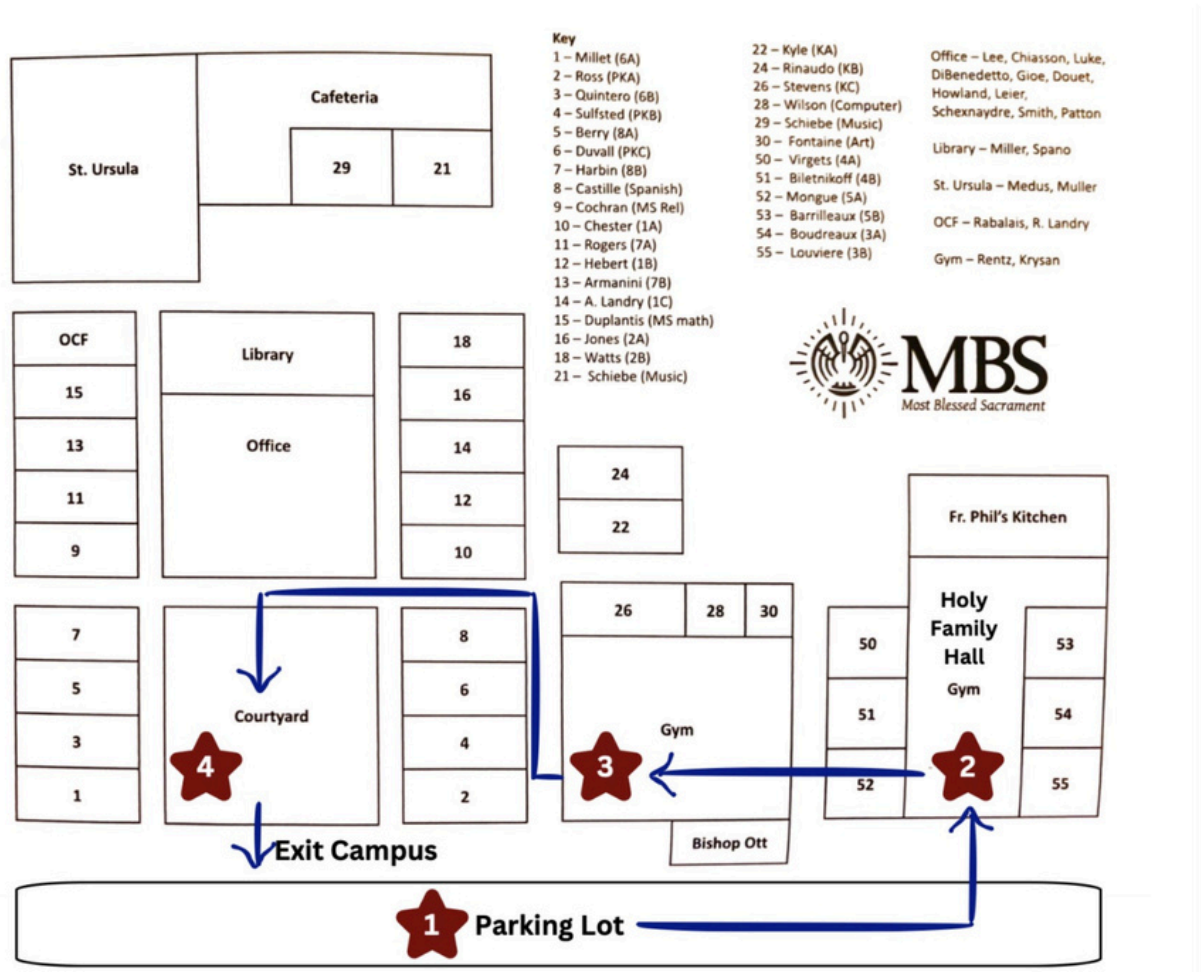
- 9:15-9:30 - Sign in and refreshments in Holy Family Hall
- 9:30-10:00 - Activity with your grandchild in the gym
- 10:00-10:15 - Sign out your grandchild and stop by the Photo Stations in the courtyard

## 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.



# 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 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 January 9 - January 17. Thereafter, it is \$475.

More instructions will be sent next month.

# 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 CHRISTMAS MARKET

## Vendor List

Love, Petunia LLC  
Knotted & Linked  
Gigi's Custom Confections  
TRIBE 225  
Sorella Crafts & Gifts  
Leigh Hayes Designs  
Hearths of Fire Bread  
Love Designs  
Jewelry by Joan  
Original PVC Sculptures  
Magnolia 23 Boutique  
Finding Foxtale  
Scentsy Independent Consultant  
Beetween Boutique  
The Knitty Gritty  
Fleur de Lis  
Victoria's Memories  
SugarHoneyLemony Fresh  
Squeezed Lemonade  
Bread of Life Gifts  
Handcrafted  
Linked with Love- Permanent  
Jewelry  
Nola Rouge  
Glitterary Boutique  
My Belle Arti  
Nola Rouge Boutique  
Finding Foxtale Clothing

A Carlock Creation  
Turquoise Lily Jewelry  
Myrtle Lane  
The Home Leaf  
Beloved Grace by Rashel  
Magnolia Sweets and Treats  
MBS Home and School  
Hangin' with Meg  
Tara Button  
CrushCrochet Co.  
Rene Bakes  
MBS Bread of Life Gifts

### Kids Market

Hannah's Creations  
Logan's Sports Cards  
E's Crafts and Creations- Elizabeth Howland  
Macra-Mae Mae- Eloise Duvall  
Honeybees- Viguet Girls  
Preston Blair  
Adalyn Burrough  
Amelie Hufft  
Lego Kits- Zachary Leblanc



*The Party Artist Santa*

**MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL - 12/7/24 - 4P-8P**

# High School Applications deadline

Friday, November 22 is the deadline to our Baton Rouge area Catholic high schools. All students are encouraged to meet this deadline so they may participate in the Placement Test on December 7. If you are an LA Scholars Program, ACE or Arete scholarships, you will have to reapply for those programs AND apply for admission to the school of choice.



# Parish Thanksgiving Celebration

On Sunday, November 24th, we will have the Christ the King Eucharistic Procession after 11:30 Mass. The procession will end at School Gym where we will have our Annual Parish Thanksgiving Celebration. Parents who wish to earn service hours may bring a dessert for the feast. Please bring the dessert to the gym on Sunday at 1:00pm

# Middle School Sweatpants

Middle School students (grades 6-8) are invited to participate in a Student Council fundraiser. Bring \$5 to school the first week of December and give to your homeroom teacher. Then, you may wear sweatpants to school December 10-20. Leggings or PJ pants are not allowed. Only sweatpants or joggers are allowed. Questions? Email Mrs. Keli Berry at [KBerry@mbsbr.org](mailto:KBerry@mbsbr.org).

# December Menu

The lunch menu for December has been updated on our website. Click [here](#) to visit.

# Planting Seeds of Hope

Rain Will Bring Flowers is excited to announce, in partnership with LSU Athletics, The Joe Burrow Foundation, Our Lady of the Lake Health and the LCLUB will be hosting the 2nd annual "Planting Seeds of Hope" event at the PMAC on February 12th, 2025 at 6:00pm.

Coming together to celebrate life through meaningful conversations about nurturing our mental health. With an ALL-STAR lineup, you will learn how active listening and asking for help can save the lives of your family, friends, and teammates and even strangers.

Last year's event was well received in the community!

<https://www.wafb.com/2024/01/30/hundreds-gather-discuss-suicide-mental-health-lsu-campus/>

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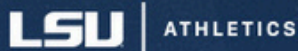


# PLANTING SEEDS OF HOPE

FEBRUARY 12, 2025

6:00 PM


PETE MARAVICH ASSEMBLY CENTER




# HOME AND SCHOOL FUNDRAISER!

We are partnering with Great American Cookie Company and selling cookies with a Christmas touch!

**LOUIE WILL DELIVER COOKIES ON  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH**

 \$4 per cookie and will receive  
at 2nd recess

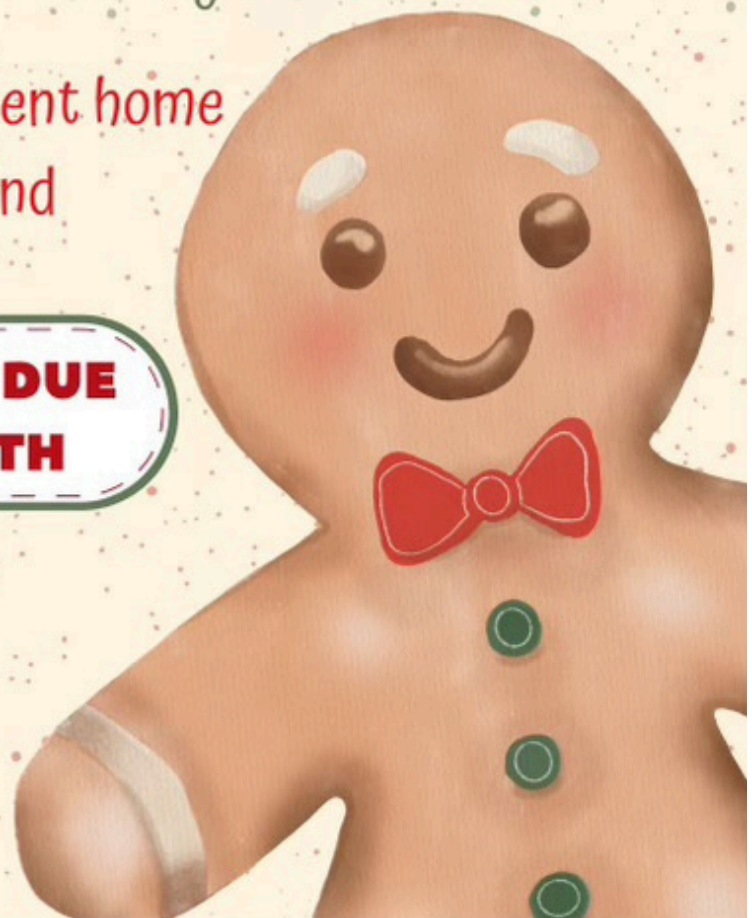
 2 choices: Chocolate chip with red and  
green m&ms or christmas sugar cookie

 Order forms will be sent home  
Monday, December 2nd

**ORDER FORMS DUE  
DECEMBER 6TH**

**GREAT  
AMERICAN**

*cookies*



# 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).



**November Cafeteria Help**

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# 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)



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

- Boys Basketball and Parish Sports Basketball practices have started.
- Schedules will be available in about 2 weeks from CSAA for Boys BKB
- Parish Sports Basketball is [here](#).
- 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**