



# The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

DECEMBER 5, 2024

## CALENDAR

### December 5

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

### December 6

- Mercedarian Sisters, Adoration
- Teacher Shopping Day
- Middle School Ministry Night, 6pm, St. Ursula

### 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, 3:15, Mr. Millet's room
- Chess Club, 3:15
- Band/Choir Concert, 6pm, 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
- Home & School Cookie Fundraiser - Middle School Recess and 2nd Recess

### December 13

- Spirit Shirt Day with uniform bottoms
- Mercedarian Sisters on campus
- Teacher Shopping Day

### December 16

- DARE Graduation, 8:10am, St. Ursula

### December 17

- First Grade Field Trip, Knock Knock Museum
- Kindergarten Field Trip, Jones Creek Library

### December 20

- The Nativity
- Christmas shirts with uniform bottoms
- Early Dismissal, 11:30

# Upcoming Charges on FACTS account - published 9/19/24

- Due to accounting, all fees will no longer be dispersed over 11 months with tuition, but will be withdrawn at Enrollment.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.
- 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.** This fee is applied to families to staff a Baton Rouge Sherriff Office deputy on campus from 6am to 6pm while the students are present.
  - **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.

## Enrollment for 2025-2026 school year: January 9-17

### Existing Kindergarten - 7th grade Students

- All students (K-7) who will remain at MBS for the 2025-26 school year must “Re-enroll” through FACTS Family Portal.
- If your student will not return, please select “unenroll”
- Re-enrollment takes place January 9-17. This function will not be active until these dates.
- The fee is \$375. After the 17th, a \$100 late fee will be added. The enrollment fee is non-refundable.
- Tuition is not deducted in January.
- Have your FACTS login information. Reminder: District Code is MBS-LA.
  - Login to FACTS Family Portal
  - Click Apply/Enroll>Enrollment/Reenrollment
  - Begin the reenrollment process
- *Spirit Shirt sizes are communicated for the upcoming school year during Re-Enrollment.*

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### Existing PK Students

- PK students who applied to Kindergarten in November will be notified of acceptance on February 14.
- February 17-March 3, accepted students will be asked to “Enroll” in FACTS.
- Enrollment fee is \$375 and is non-refundable.



Join us  
**THIS SATURDAY**  
*St. Nicholas*  
*Christmas market*

**4pm - 8pm**  
 40+ Vendors - Food - Activities - Santa  
 MBS Gym & Holy Family Hall



*Come out and support the MBS  
 cheer, dance and pep squads!*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 10455**

serving up some yummy Gumbo, potato salad, and cookie- \$10 per plate



*The Party Artist Santa*

**5:00PM-6:30PM**

SELFIES WITH SANTA  
 COME MEET SANTA AND  
 GET A FREE PICTURE

KIDS MINI MARKET  
 KIDS CRAFTS  
 SELFIES WITH SANTA  
 SHOPPING  
 FOOD  
 FAMILY  
 FUN  
 COMMUNITY

# 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  
Glitterary Boutique  
My Belle Arti  
Finding Foxtale Clothing  
Sugar & Fable Patisserie & Crafts  
La Gift Girls  
La Luna Chocolates

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  
E's Crafts and Creations- Elizabeth Howland  
Macra-Mae Mae- Eloise Duvall  
Honeybees- Viguet Girls  
Preston Blair  
Adalyn Burrough  
Bayou Bracelets- Amelie Huff  
Lego Kits- Zachary Leblanc  
Sugar & Fable Jr.  
Griffin's Tackle Shop- Griffin Gosnell



*The Party Artist Santa*

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



## 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).

## Middle School Exam Schedule

### Tuesday, December 18th

- 7:20-7:55 - Homeroom and Assembly**
- 8:00-9:20 - Social Studies Exam**  
(8th Only, 6th/7th study hall)
- 9:25-9:45 - Brunch**
- 9:50-11:05 - Math Exam** (all students)
- 11:15 - Dismissal** (Car Rider Pro in homeroom)

### Wednesday, December 19th

- 7:20-7:55 Homeroom and Assembly**
- 8:00-9:20 Science Exam**  
(7th/8th students, 6th study hall)
- 9:25-9:45 Brunch**
- 9:50-11:05 - Literature Exam**  
(8th/6th students, 7th study hall)
- 11:15 - Dismissal** (Car Rider Pro in homeroom)


### Thursday, December 20th


- 7:20-7:55 - Homeroom and Assembly**
- 8:00-9:20 - Religion Exam**  
(7th/8th students, 6th study hall)
- 9:25-9:45 - Brunch**
- 9:50-11:05 - English Exam** (all students)
- 11:15 - Dismissal** (Car Rider Pro in homeroom)

# 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

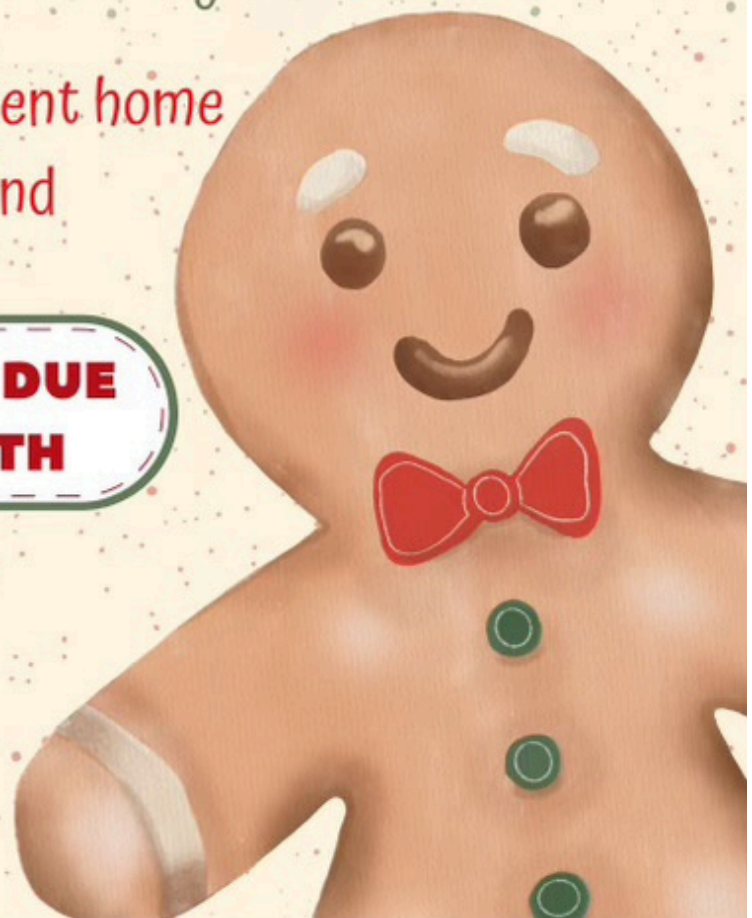
 2 choices: Chocolate chip with red and  
green m&ms or christmas sugar cookie

 Order forms will be sent home  
Monday, December 2nd

**ORDER FORMS DUE  
DECEMBER 6TH**

**GREAT  
AMERICAN**

*cookies*



# Great American Cookie Sale at MBS Grades PK- 8

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Room: \_\_\_\_\_

- Christmas M&M Chocolate Chip Cookie
- Christmas Sugar Cookie

Cookies are \$4 each.

Return this order form with CASH only to school by December 6th.  
No late orders will be accepted.

**Two cookie maximum**

## Scholarship Pajama Day

Student Council is collecting \$2 per student on Monday, January 6. Those students who bring \$2 are able to wear Pajamas to school. This money goes towards the Jill Peno Memorial Scholarship and the Home and School Angel Scholarship, both honor MBS students whom we have lost before their 8th grade graduation. No slippers or flip flops. Students must wear athletic shoes.

## 2024 Advent Poster

Thank you to 4th grader Melody Muller whose artwork was selected to represent Advent this season at MBS.



# 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).



## December Cafeteria Help





# 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) on Mondays.

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- Boys Basketball and Parish Sports Basketball games are underway.
  - December Schedule is available on school website CSAA for Boys BKB. Jan/Feb
  - schedule is expected to be released by CSAA next week.
  - Parish Sports Basketball Schedule. Link here:

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**