



# The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

DECEMBER 12, 2024

## CALENDAR

### December 13

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

### December 16

- DARE Graduation, 8:10am, St. Ursula
- Last day for AR testing
- Candy Cane tree in the courtyard for students

### December 17

- First Grade Field Trip, Knock Knock Museum
- Kindergarten Field Trip, Jones Creek Library
- AR Free Dress to those students who achieved their AR points

### December 18-20

- Middle School Exams - early dismissal for those grades only

### December 20

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

### December 21-January 5

- Christmas holidays - no school.

### January 6

- Students return from the Christmas holidays
- Scholarship Pajama Day. Students who bring a minimum of \$2 to school on this day may wear PJ's to school.

### January 7

- Eighth Grade Class Mass, 8:45, Church - Parents are invited to attend and sit with their 8th grader.

### January 8

- Praise & Worship, 7:20am, St. Ursula
- Pelibots, 3:15, St. Ursula

### January 9

- Re-enrollment for existing 1st-7th graders begins (and ends on the 17th) - see next page
- Mass, 8:15, dress uniforms, Mass of Epiphany, King Cake Blessing
- PK attends Mass

### January 10

- Re-enrollment for existing 1st-7th graders in FACTS
- Math Club Meeting
- Mercedarian Sisters - Adoration, Grades 4-8

### January 13

- Re-enrollment for existing 1st-7th graders in FACTS
- Science Fair Set up
- PK Ministry Project Collection

## 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- Due to accounting, all fees will no longer be dispersed over 11 months with tuition, but will be withdrawn at Enrollment.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. At this time, the other fees as mentioned above will be charged also.

## Lego Robotics

We will begin with Lego Robotics after the new year. More information to come in next week’s newsletter.

# Middle School Exam Schedule

## Wednesday, 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)

## Thursday, 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)

## Friday, December 20th

7:20-7:55 - Homeroom and Assembly

8:00-9:20 - **Religion Exam**

(7th/8th students, 6th study hall)

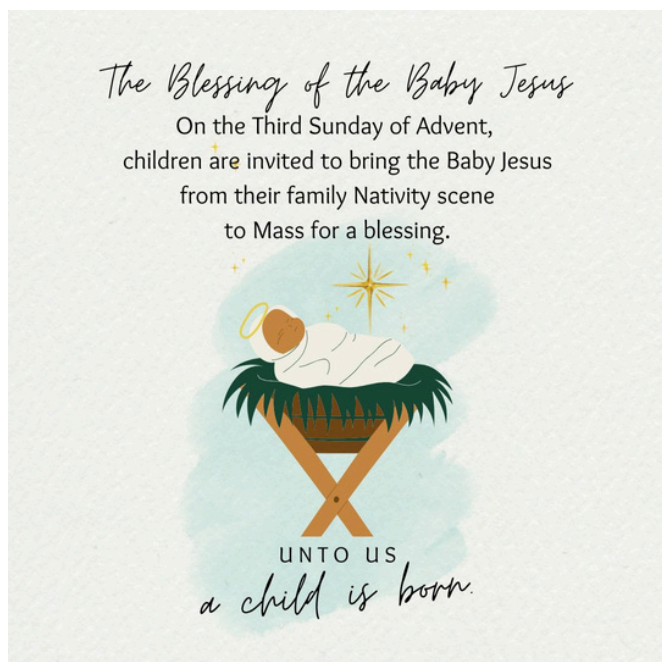
9:25-9:45 - Brunch

9:50-11:05 - **English Exam** (all students)

11:15 - Dismissal (Car Rider Pro in homeroom)

# Scholarship Pajama Day

Student Council is collecting \$2 per student on Monday, January 6. Those students who bring a minimum of \$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. Pajamas must be modest and appropriate. Students with inappropriate pajamas must call home for a uniform. Students must wear athletic shoes.



# winter uniform reminders



Only uniform outwear may be worn inside classrooms. Any overcoat may be worn outside.




Only blue cardigans or uniform sweatshirts may be worn. The maroon windbreaker is for 6-8 grade only.



Solid white turtleneck or white long-sleeve shirt under the jumper or shirt may be worn



Girls may wear solid white or navy tights under skirts or jumpers. Socks must still be worn.



MBS Sweatpants may only be worn on Spirit Shirt Days.

There are still spots left for this year's trip to

## **Washington, D.C. and Williamsburg**

April 2025 (Easter Break)

Final Enrollment Deadline:


### **January 3, 2025**

Enrollment Page: <https://www.efexploreamerica.com/tour-website/2702070RZ>

Email Ms. Douet with any questions: [adouet@mbsbr.org](mailto:adouet@mbsbr.org)



5-day trip led by Ms. Douet



FYI - We do **NOT** have plans for another trip in the next few years.



Open to **ALL** middle school students.



COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS BY THE PAIR  
Are you aware that undergarments are the most  
needed items at our local Children's Hospital?

**OUR PRE-KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS  
ARE SPONSORING A**

SOCKS, UNDIES, AND UNDERSHIRTS  
DRIVE TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL CHILDREN'S  
HOSPITAL

Collection runs from Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> through  
Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

Items needed are for ages:

**PREEMIE through 17 YEARS**  
**THEIR BIGGEST NEED IS FOR TEENAGE-SIZED**  
**UNDERGARMENTS.**

**THANK YOU**

# 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 on Mondays (repeat post on Tuesday).

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Boys Basketball and Parish Sports Basketball games are underway.  
CSAA Home Games this Saturday in the Gym!

9:00am MBS 4th Gray vs. Mercy

9:45am MBS 4th Maroon vs. St. Theresa

10:30am MBS 5th Gray vs. St. Theresa

11:15am MBS 5th Maroon vs. St. Theresa

Parish Sports BKB this Saturday in Holy Family Hall. Games start at 8:30am

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**