



The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

JANUARY 9, 2025

CALENDAR

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
- Kindergarten retreat

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
- Buddy Program
- PK Ministry Project Collection - "By the Pair" begins

January 14

- Re-enrollment for existing 1st-7th graders in FACTS
- Science Fair
- First Grade Class Mass, 8:45, Church - Parents are invited to attend and sit with their 1st grader.
- Report Cards Online
- 4H Club Meeting, Mr. Millet's classroom
- Chess Club, Room 15

January 15

- Re-enrollment for existing 1st-7th graders in FACTS
- Kindness Club Meeting - Library, 7:20am
- Science Fair viewing - Parents are welcomed
- 6th grade Confession

January 16

- Re-enrollment for existing 1st-7th graders in FACTS
- PK attend Mass
- Piety Awards following Mass
- Lego Robotics

January 17

- ****LAST DAY**** Re-enrollment for existing 1st-7th graders in FACTS
- No School for PK & K students
- Screenings for prospective PK & K students. Existing PK students do not need to screen.
- Spirit Shirts with uniform bottoms

January 20

- No School for MBS Students - Martin Luther King Jr Day

January 21

- 5th Grade Religion Fair
- Fourth Grade Class Mass, 8:45, Church - Parents are invited to attend and sit with their 4th grader.
- 2nd Grade Field Trip



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.
- 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.

Upcoming Charges on FACTS account

- Due to accounting, all fees will no longer be dispersed over 11 months with tuition, but will be withdrawn at Enrollment.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.
- *Please reference Mrs. Gioe's email that was sent on Friday, December 13 about the deadline for these fees.*
- 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

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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

Students in grades 1-5 are invited to build new projects each week using critical thinking and engineering skills. 2025 Lego Robotics will be on Thursdays, January 16-February 20, 3-4pm. The cost is \$135. Click [here](#).

Academic Awards

We will no longer recognize Academic Awards (Honor Roll) each nine weeks at Mass on Awards Days. Students will receive a certificate that will be sent home and their names will be published in the newsletter. At the end of the year, we will acknowledge yearly Honor Roll with the Academic Medals in May. Piety Awards will still be recognized each nine weeks.

Upcoming No School Days

- **Monday, January 20** - no school; MLK Holiday
- **Friday, January 31** - Middle School students attend school; PK-5th graders do not attend. (Prof Development)
- **Monday, February 3** - PK-5th graders attend school; Middle School students do not attend. (Prof Development)
- **March 3-7** - no school; Mardi Gras break
- **Friday, March 21** - PK-5th graders attend school; Middle School students do not attend. (Conferences)
- **Monday, March 24** - Middle School students attend school; PK-5th graders do not attend. (Conferences)
- **April 18-25** - no school; Easter break

Benefits of Down Time

“Downtime, Not Distraction: The Value of Boredom”

The earlier we introduce screens the more it affects the child’s brain development and the more likely they will have trouble managing their addition to screens and technology later in life. To read the article, click [here](#).

PALS Luncheon - help needed

It's time to prepare for PALS, which is Thursday, January 30! This is our annual luncheon in honor of all the church and school faculty and staff. This year's theme will be "Breakfast at MBS". In order to make this event a success, we need help from you! Please take some time to look at the Signup Genius links. The first one is a request for donations. The second is a request for volunteers. If you are Child Protection certified and able to watch a few classrooms, please consider signing up. Last year we barely had enough volunteers to cover all of the classes. Allowing the teachers to have a relaxed lunch period is part of what makes this event so special. Any help you can offer is appreciated!

Donation Signup:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4FACAB2CA1F85-54189335-pals#/>

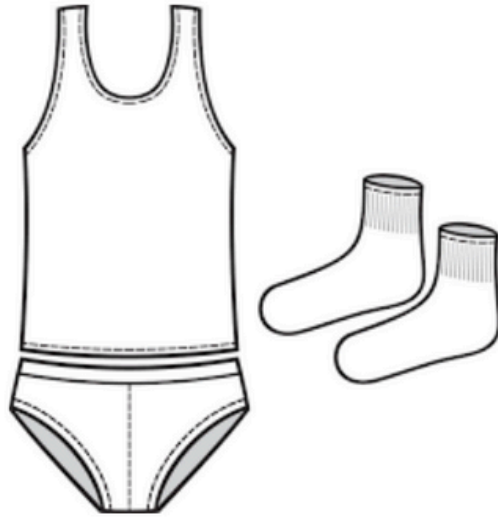
Volunteer Signup:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4FACAB2CA1F85-54189055-pals>

Remember, donations of items and time count toward your Time & Talent hours. Please consider helping us out!

Cafeteria Update

The Borden Milk Plant is experiencing technical difficulties which affects milk deliveries. Bordon hopes to correct the issue as soon as possible. While most Diocesan schools currently have milk, all schools are awaiting additional supplies. The milk on hand will be served and water and/or juice will be offered. Please note that there is a very limited supply of chocolate milk.



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 13th through
Tuesday, January 21st

Items needed are for ages:

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

THANK YOU

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

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Country Club of Louisiana

WWW.MBSAUCTION.COM



**WE NEED:
SPONSORS
AUCTION ITEMS**

Gave the
Date



**IN MY "DADDY'S GIRL" ERA
MBS SCHOOL
FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE**

January 31, 2025

6:00 PM






Holy Family Hall

*Featuring Juliette Luizza as Taylor Swift
More Details to Come*



Most Blessed Sacrament CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 1

<p>SAT JAN. 25</p>	<p>CELEBRATE OUR FAMILIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4:30 MASS WITH SCHOOL CHOIR• RECEPTION FOR ALL MBS SCHOOL FAMILIES IN OUR LADY OF EUCHARIST HALL AFTER MASS 
<p>MON. JAN. 27</p>	<p>CELEBRATE OUR TEACHERS & STAFF</p> <p>DRESS LIKE YOUR FAVORITE TEACHER OR STAFF MEMBER</p> 
<p>TUES. JAN. 28</p>	<p>CELEBRATE OUR STUDENTS: OUR STUDENTS SHINE BRIGHTLY!</p> <p>WEAR YOUR NEON COLORS</p> 
<p>WED. JAN. 29</p>	<p>CELEBRATE OUR COUNTRY</p> <p>WEAR RED, WHITE, AND BLUE</p> 
<p>THURS. JAN. 30</p>	<p>CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST & SERVICE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SERVICE AWARDS• NEIGHBORS WAY AWARDS• JILL PENO AWARD• MASS: DRESS UNIFORM REQUIRED• PRE K-5 OFFICER AND K9 PRESENTATION 
<p>FRI. JAN. 31</p>	<p>CELEBRATE OUR SCHOOL & COMMUNITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DRESS IN YOUR FAVORITE MBS COLORS OR MBS ATTIRE• MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL GAME VS. EBRSO• CONCESSIONS OPEN <p>MBS</p> 

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.



January Cafeteria Help

PALS 2025 - donations

PALS 2025 - volunteers



SAVE THE DATE

Join us on January 22nd at
the Our Lady of Mercy
Parish Activity Center for
our 2nd annual REACH
Gumbo fundraiser! More
information coming soon!



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Love
Gumbo
→

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 on Mondays (repeat post on Tuesday).

Volleyball Registration is OPEN! Girls 5 th thru 8 th Grade.

Registration link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/PcX6IAcA>

Evaluations will Be Sat, Jan 18 10a-11a, Mon Jan 20 5:30p-6:30p, Players MUST attend one of the sessions! All players will be assigned to a team!

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Parish Sports Tee Ball Registration is OPEN!! Girls & Boys PreK, K, 1st , 2nd

Registration link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/e58rr160>

**Looking for “Louie” ~ we are looking for 7th or 8th grade students, girls and boys, who want to be “Louie” and wear the mascot uniform at HOME sports events in the spring. If interested, please contact Tommy Krysan: [tkrysan@mbsbr.org](mailto:tkrysan@mbsbr.org)**

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**