



The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

JANUARY 30, 2025

CALENDAR

January 30

- Mass, 8:15am, dress uniforms required
- Neighbors Way, Jill Peno Awards
- Thursday Lego Robotics, St. Ursula

January 31

- Catholic Schools Week - dress in your favorite MBS colors or MBS attire
- Middle school boys basketball game vs EBRSO
- PK - 5th grades do not attend school. Middle School attends school (Professional Development)
- Father/Daughter Dance "In My Daddy's Girl Era"

February 3

- Middle School students do not attend school. PK-5th grade attend school (Professional Development)
- 4th Grade Class Mass, 8:45. Parents are invited to attend Mass and sit with their children.
- 4th Grade Grey Boys Basketball Game
- 6th Grade Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball Game
- 7th Grade Basketball Game

February 4

- Progress Reports online
- 6th Grade Class Mass, 8:45. Parents are invited to attend Mass and sit with their children.
- Tuesday Lego Robotics - Art Room
- Last day to get Gala tickets at early bird price of \$75/each. Afterwards, they go to \$95/each.

February 5

- 5th & 6th grade confessions - St. Ursula
- Pelibots - St. Ursula

February 6

- Mass, 8:15, dress uniforms required.
- Thursday Lego Robotics - St. Ursula
- 3rd Grade Basketball
- 6th Grade Junior Varsity Basketball

February 7

- Math Club, Grades 6-8, Room 13; Grades 4-5, Room 53
- Adoration with Mercedarian Sisters, Grades K-3
- Mercedarian Sisters visit 4&5 classrooms
- 4th Grade Maroon Basketball
- 5th Grade Maroon & Gray Basketball

February 11

- Class Group Pictures and Club Pictures - dress uniform required
- 4H Meeting - Mr. Millet's room
- Tuesday Lego Robotics
- Chess Club - Room 15

February 12

- Kindness Club - donuts will be served
- Praise & Worship
- 4th & 8th Grade Confession
- Pelibots - St. Ursula

Gala tickets

Our 4th Annual Forward in Faith Gala will be on February 15. Tickets are on sale now at the early bird price of \$75/each. Tickets are sold as general admission and tables will only be assigned to those who have purchased sponsorship opportunities. All other tables will be first come first served. Ticket prices will go up by \$20 each on February 5th and will remain that price until the event, so get your tickets early! Click [here](#) to purchase your ticket.

Ticket sales will close on February 12th.

You will have the opportunity to bid on silent and live auction items, enjoy food and drinks, and dance the night away with members of the Most Blessed Sacrament Family.



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

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*Forward
in faith
Gala*

2. 15. 25
Country Club of Louisiana

WWW.MBSAUCTION.COM



**WE NEED:
SPONSORS
AUCTION ITEMS**

Instabuy Items (Instantly buy)

You are invited to purchase two items now on the Auction site.

Click [here](#) to purchase.

1.) **Free Dress for a Week** - What MBS student doesn't love a free dress day? We love them so much that you will get a week's worth of free dress, excluding Mass day when Dress Uniform is required. Families can purchase a Free Dress Pass for their Pelicans. \$25 gets your family of pelicans free dress. The week of free dress is April 28-May 2. All Free Dress rules from the handbook apply. REMINDER-1 PASS IS GOOD FOR ALL OF YOUR MBS CHILDREN!

2. **Name the Gym** - Do you want the MBS Gym named after you, your family, your business, or even something creative? Purchase a raffle ticket for \$5 for a chance to win bragging rights and naming rights for the 2025-26 school year. Name of the gym must receive final approval by Mrs. Gioe.



**INSTABUY ITEMS ARE
LIVE!**

*Free Dress
Family Pass*

**NAME
the
Gym**

PURCHASE 1 PASS TO GET A WEEK
OF FREE DRESS FOR YOUR
PELICAN!

1 PASS IS GOOD FOR ALL OF YOUR
CHILDREN. THE WEEK WILL BE
ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE.

INSTABUY SALES CLOSE ON 2/16/25

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CHS Cheer Clinic

The Catholic High School Cheerleaders will be hosting cheerleader clinics on Sunday, March 9 and Sunday, March 16 from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm. The clinics are open to all girls in first through fifth grades. The cost to attend a clinic is \$30 per girl and includes a t-shirt and snack. Please register at mychs.catholichigh.org/cheer/clinic or you may contact Jennifer Thibodeaux or Carey Lauret at chscheer@catholichigh.org. The registration deadline is February 6, 2025.

Stuffed Animals

As you are cleaning out your closets, save those stuffed animals for the Prize Booth at the MBS Parish Fair. We use them each year and welcome the new donations. Have some already? Bring to the School Office.

Lost & Found

Students are coming to school wearing sweatshirts and then removing them in the middle of the day as the temperature increases. Please be sure that all sweatshirts are labeled. Those items left in the Lost & Found are donated after going unclaimed for a month.

Math Tournament

So proud of Breelynn and Priscilla who competed at the Catholic High Math Tournament. They won Honorable Mention in the Pre-Algebra team competition Thanks Mrs. Kennedy for being there to support these girls and helping them succeed!!



Pelican Games

The Pelican Games Committee is looking for more members to help plan this fun-filled day of student games. If you are interested in getting more involved in the planning and implementation of Pelican Games, please reach out to Allison Davis. Her email address is ADavis@msbr.org

Middle School Ministry Night



Catholic Schools Week - Dress as your favorite teacher or student



Religion Fair



Churches:

- 1st place - Jaiden Aucoin - The Seville Cathedral
- 2nd Place - Felicity Abarca - Florence Cathedral
- 3rd place - Evie Viguier - St. Patrick's Cathedral
- 4th place - Beau Duplantis - Oura Cathedral
- 5th place - Gaby Otalora - Milan Cathedral

Saints:

- 1st place - Lucy Nizzo - St. Lucy
- 2nd place - Olivia Frank - St. Clare of Assisi
- 3rd place - Maggie Larriviere - St. Joan of Arc
- 4th place - Diana Avery - St. Francis Xavier

Sacraments:

- 1st place - Garrett Brouillette - Baptism

Consecrated Orders:

- 1st place - Molly Hand - Franciscans
- 2nd place - Quinn Duvall - Sisters of Life

Popes:

- 1st place - Cooper Foreman - Pope St. John Paul I
- 2nd place - Tie: Gigi Albano - Pope Leo XIII and Mary Commander - Pope Leo XIII
- 3rd place - Ryan Copsy - Pope St. John Paul VI
- 4th place - Tie: Preston Matto - Pope Benedict XV and James Kidd - Pope Francis

GRAND PRIZE WINNER: MOLLY HAND - FRANCISCANS



Let's Talk Tech: From the IT Office!



MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

launchpad.classlink.com/mbsbr



FOR PARENTS: WHAT IS CLASSLINK?

Classlink is an easy way to access all of the learning applications that your child uses at school. Students access all of their applications with a single username and password. Classlink makes it easier for students to log on so that they have more time to learn and teachers have more time to teach.

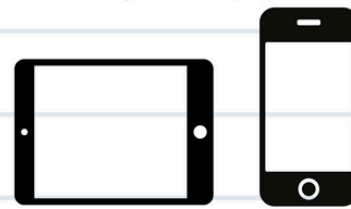
HOW DOES MY CHILD ACCESS CLASSLINK?

1. Go to the MBS website and scroll over academics and click Classlink or visit launchpad.classlink.com/mbsbr or download the app on your devices.
2. Log in with your MBS Google Account Credentials.
3. Access your applications like IXL, Google apps, and textbooks.



DESKTOP

- 1 Go to launchpad.classlink.com/mbsbr
- 2 Enter the student google login username and password



MOBILE

- 1 Download the app on the Apple store or Google play.
- 2 Search for and choose your school district (first time only)
- 3 Enter the student login username and password

For more details or tech help email Ally Smith- asmith@mbsbr.org

MOTHER SETON AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN

WHAT IS THE MOTHER SETON AWARD?

Every year the Diocese of Baton Rouge sponsors the Mother Seton Award Program. The Mother Seton Award honors an individual who exemplifies the qualities and service of Mother Elizabeth Anne Seton. Mother Seton was the founder of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul and a leader in Catholic education by establishing the first Catholic elementary school in the United States in Baltimore in 1808 as well as an orphanage in Philadelphia in 1814. Mother Seton became an exemplary role model and an inspiration to others who followed in her footsteps through her life as a wife, mother, widow, and member of a religious order. She was canonized in 1975 by Pope Paul VI.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Recognized as a volunteer, not an employee of the school.
- At least 3 years involvement within the local Home and School organization.
- Dependable, hard working, self-sacrificing, attuned to the needs of the children and the school.
- Enthusiastic, generous, supportive of the educators and the administration.
- Concerned and ready to go the extra mile for Catholic education.
- A model of living Gospel values.

KNOW SOMEONE DESERVING?

NOMINATION DEADLINE:

Use this QR code or link below to submit your nominee!



[Nomination Form](#)

Friday
January 31st

Questions - contact Lauren Stelly
lwstelly@gmail.com



ANIMAL SHELTER DONATION DRIVE: JAN. 31-FEB. 10

DONATION ITEMS (NEW OR GENTLY USED)

- PET CRATES AND KENNELS
- PET BEDS
- TOYS
- BLANKETS AND TOWELS
- LEASHES AND COLLARS
- UNEXPIRED PET FOOD, TREATS (INCLUDING PEANUT BUTTER), AND PRESCRIPTIONS
- SMALL ANIMAL HABITATS/ENCLOSURES
- CANNED GOOD CARDBOARD TRAYS (USED AS CAT LITTER BOXES)
- NEWSPAPER

Cleaning Products

- Paper Towels
- Clorox Wipes
- Dawn Dish Soap (blue)
- All Purpose Cleaner

Office Products

- Misc. office supplies (pens, staples, staplers, scissors, paper, tape, sharpies, etc.)

MORE INFO:

<https://www.caabr.org/donate>
(including Amazon and Chewy Wish List links)

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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.



February Cafeteria Help

Book Fair 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



We are looking for Track & Field Coaches! If you or anyone you know is interested have them contact Tommy Krysan tkrysan@mbsbr.org

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

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