



The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

FEBRUARY 6, 2025

CALENDAR

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
- Middle School Ministry Night

February 11

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

February 12

- Kindness Club - donuts will not be served
- Praise & Worship - donuts will be served
- 4th & 8th Grade Confession
- Pelibots - St. Ursula
- Last Day to buy Gala tickets
- 6th Grade Varsity & 7th Grade Basketball games

February 13

- Mass, 8:15, dress uniforms required
- Kindness Club Field Trip
- Thursday Lego Robotics

February 14

- Wear Valentine's Day shirts with uniform bottoms
- Math Club field trip
- PK Field trip

February 15

- MBS Gala at the Country Club of Louisiana

February 17

- 6th Grade Varsity & 7th Grade Basketball games
- 3rd Grade Field Trip

February 18

- 3rd Grade Class Mass, 8:45. Parents are invited to attend and sit with their children.
- Tuesday Lego Robotics, Art Room

February 19

- Pelibots, St. Ursula
- Eco Club, Room 53

Gala tickets

Our 4th Annual Forward in Faith Gala will be on February 15. Tickets are on sale now at the price of \$95/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. Click [here](#) to purchase your ticket.

Ticket sales will close on February 12th.

The dress code is cocktail attire and live music is provided by AM/FM.

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!



Silent Auction Items

The online bidding platform for silent auction items will open on *Saturday, February 8* and close the night of the Gala. We have over two hundred items to bid on.

Items also include

- Principal for a Day
- Secretary for a Day
- Reserved 2025 Graduation pew and much more.

To view these available items, click [here](#) on Saturday.

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.

Middle School Ministry Night



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@mbsbr.org

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will take place on Monday and Tuesday, February 24 & 25. Help is needed. Please click [here](#) to volunteer for setup or sales. Parents are also invited to attend the Book Fair Sales Days. The class schedule for attending the Book Fair is [here](#).

Talking with your Children about Sex and Contraception

An invitation for young adults, parents, and grandparents....Join us for a free presentation with useful information to navigate these conversations through the lens of our faith. February 13, 6:30-8pm at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Parish Activity Center in Zachary. Click [here](#) for more information.

Congratulations, Arden Ehlers

Congratulations to Arden Ehlers who is a recipient of the SJA Mother Award.

This award is named in honor of St. Joseph's Academy's first principal, Mother Alice Biguenet. She came to SJA in 1926 and taught until 1930, when she was named principal. (Prior to that, the Superior directed the school as well as the convent and orphanage.) Mother Alice was the builder of the Broussard Street campus. Award winners will be chosen because they exemplify the SJA motto of Sanctity, Joy and Action.

The Mother Alice Award provides \$3,000 toward freshman-year tuition for five incoming 9th grade students.



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.

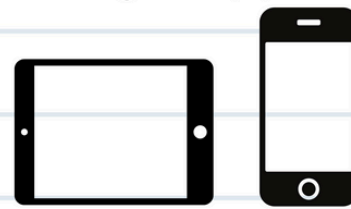
HOW DOES MY CHILD ACCESS CLASSLINK?

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

SCHOOL OF IDENTITY

2-DAY WEEKEND SCHOOL

FEB. 21-22, 2025

Cypress Springs Mercedarian Prayer Center
Chapel of Divine Providence | 17560 George O'Neal Rd
Baton Rouge, LA 70817
(225) 752-8480

Presenters



Come experience a two-day intensive to help you grow in your identity as a son or daughter of God! This training highlights some of the most transformational elements of the Encounter School of Ministry, "Identity and Transformation" quarter and is geared to renew your mind, increase your intimacy with the Father, and prepare you to minister out of your supernatural inheritance in Christ!

SESSIONS

Faithful to Catholic Teaching.

IDENTITY &
HEARING
GOD'S VOICE

RENEWAL OF
THE MIND

STUDENTS
OF THE
SUPERNATURAL

IDENTITY AS
TEMPLES OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE POWER
OF PEACE

BAPTISM OF
THE HOLY
SPIRIT

Drawing from the rich tradition of Catholic teaching and Sacred Scripture, our dynamic teachers, transformative content, and uplifting culture will prepare you to walk with Jesus under an open heaven!



Schedule:

*Each day begins with praise
and worship.*

Friday, February 21
5:30pm - 8:45pm

Saturday, February 22
8:45am - 10:30pm



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

Volleyball practices have started. We have a total of 8 teams. 2 team in each: 5th grade, 6th grade, 7th grade and 8th grade. CSAA games begin on March 10.

We are looking for 2 coaches: 6th grade JV and 8th grade JV. Please contact Tommy Krysan tkrysan@mbsbr.org if you or anyone you know is interested. Go Pelicans!

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

MBS Athletics

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MBS ATHLETICS