



The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

FEBRUARY 13, 2025

CALENDAR

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
- 6th grade Junior Varsity basketball

February 20

- Mass, 8:15, dress uniforms required
- 4th Grade Restaurant - items are needed; please see volunteer section to help donate items for this Junior Achievement Event
- Beta Convention
- Book Fair Preview - no sales
- 6th grade Junior Varsity & Varsity basketball
- 7th grade basketball
- Thursday LEGO Robotics, St. Ursula

February 21

- Spirit Shirt Day with uniform bottoms
- 4th Grade Restaurant - Items are needed; please see volunteer section to help donate items for this Junior Achievement Event
- Beta Convention
- Book Fair Preview - no sales
- Sisters visit to 2nd, 3rd, and 6th for prayers and guidance

February 23

- Book Fair opens 9:00-1:30

February 24

- Book Fair open all day - see page 3 for class schedule

February 25

- Book Fair open all day - see page 3 for class schedule
- Chess Club

Everything you need to know about the Auction

FREE DRESS for your MBS kids!

This is when you can buy a week of free dress for all of your MBS students in one transaction. You will have to go to the online bidding platform, Qtego to register and purchase. Purchase must be done by Sunday, February 16, 8am. Click [here](#) to purchase this “Instabuy” item.

Silent Auction Items are online now!

You do not need to attend the Gala on Saturday, February 15 to bid on the silent auction items. They are live now and can be bid from any mobile device. Scan the QR code or click [here](#) to begin viewing and bidding today!

How do I bid on an item?

You must have a cell phone number and a credit card registered in the online bidding platform, Qtego. Nothing is charged to your credit card until you have won an item!

Win from your couch!

You do not need to attend the Gala to win any of the Silent Auction items. All items will be at the Gala for viewing, but you can bid on the items until the online bidding platform closes Saturday night at 10:30pm.

How do I know if I won?

Once the auction closes at 10:30pm, you will receive a message with a Green smiley face stating that you won an item. Red sad face means you were outbid at the last second.

When and where do I pick up my winning item?

All items will be brought to the Church Office on Monday, February 17. You can claim your item anytime they are open (8:00-3:30 Monday-Thursday; 8:00-12:00 Friday). Bring your green smiley face with you!



Book Fair

All things book fair can be found [here](#).

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](#).

2025-26 School Calendar

- August 7-8 - 1st Day of School - Staggered Start Days
- September 1 - Labor Day
- October 20 - Fall Break
- November 24-28 - Thanksgiving Break
- December 22 - January 2 - Christmas Break
- January 5 - Students Return to School
- January 19 - Martin Luther King Observance
- February 16 -20 - Mardi Gras Break
- April 3-10 - Easter Break
- May 21 - 1/2 Day of School
- May 22 - Report Card Day

FACTS 2024 Tax Statement

- Login to FACTS Family Portal
- Financial (Financial Home)
- View Details
- View Payment Summary
- Choose 2024
- Print button is located at top right.

Holiday Shirts/uniform bottoms

Students are invited to wear holiday shirts/colored shirts on the following days. Accessories are not allowed.

- **Friday, February 14** - Valentine's Day - red, white, or pink shirts are allowed with uniform bottoms.
- **Friday, February 28** - Mardi Gras - purple, green, or yellow shirts are allowed with uniform bottoms.
- **Monday, March 17** - St. Patrick's Day - green shirts are allowed with uniform bottoms.

Middle School "ARISE"

All 6-8th graders are invited to join MBS Middle School Ministry at ARISE Middle School Youth Rally, hosted by the Diocese of Baton Rouge. The rally is on Saturday, March 29 from 1:00-9:00 PM at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church. The cost to attend this event is \$40. Transportation to St. Alphonsus is NOT provided. To register, go to <https://forms.gle/UN93mcByfLwP2NU26> The deadline to register is February 21. After registering, permission forms and payment information will be emailed. If you have any questions, please email Mary Giroir at mgiroir@mbsbr.org.



MBS is Looking for those interested in becoming Home and School Executive Board Members for 2025-2026 school year.

If interested, contact Lauren Stelly, Home and School President at lwstelly@gmail.com



Position vacancies are Vice President and various committees



MBS IS SEEKING COUNCIL OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Nominations are now open for the 2025-2026 Council of Education. Self-nominations are welcome. We are seeking individuals who share a passion for MBS School and can commit to a three-year term.

SUBMIT NOMINATION INCLUDING NAME AND A BRIEF JUSTIFICATION TO BOARD CHAIR RACHEL CARROCCIO AT RACHEL.CARROCCIO@GMAIL.COM BY FEBRUARY 21, 2025.

TO LEARN MORE, VISIT [HTTPS://WWW.MBSBR.ORG/ABOUT/COUNCIL-OF-EDUCATION](https://www.mbsbr.org/about/council-of-education)

ARISE

DIOCESAN MIDDLE SCHOOL RALLY

OPEN TO
STUDENTS
6-8 GRADE



Saturday, March 29th
1-9pm
St. Alphonsus PAC



Join Us For:

- Keynotes by Teresa LaCour
- Worship with Ryan Foulon
- Mass with Bishop Duca
- Workshops
- Confession, Adoration and lots more!

\$40 per person

Register through
your parish **TODAY!**



**TRANSPORTATION TO ST.
ALPHONSUS NOT PROVIDED**



**SCAN HERE TO SIGN UP TO
ATTEND ARISE WITH MBS**

DIOCESAN PERMISSION FORMS ALONG WITH PAYMENT INFO WILL BE EMAILED

PAYMENT AND FORMS ARE DUE BY 2/21

QUESTIONS? CONTACT MARY GIROIR AT MGIROIR@MBSBR.ORG

MOTHER SETON AWARD

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.

Nominations were accepted and submitted to the Home and School Executive Board. A committee, composed of the President, a Co-Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer met to review the nominations. What was clear is that we have many amazing, faithful, and dedicated volunteers who are passionate about our MBS community. After reviewing the nominations we are happy to announce that the 2025 MBS Mother Seton recipient is Angela Warren.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ANGELA WARREN

Angela Warren is a wife and mother to her 2 kids, Carson and 8th grader, Bella Rose. She is a bright light to the MBS community and embodies the true spirit of a Mother Seton Award recipient. She has dedicated countless hours to MBS over the years, always putting the students and community first and always with a smile. She has served on various Home and School committees, the latest as Co-Vice President. She is also a member of Martha's Ministry, has participated on the parish fair committee, and has been Girl Scout Troop Co-Leader. Our school is truly a better place because of her. Words cannot adequately express appreciation for the time and talents she has shared with the students, faculty and families of Most Blessed Sacrament Church and School.

Thank you to those who submitted nomination forms!



ADORATION COMMUNITY THEOLOGY SERVICE

**MEN'S
RETREAT**
MARCH 20-23, 2025

REGISTER:



<https://forms.gle/2YfthbLm1AgBGhGXER>

**WOMEN'S
RETREAT**
APRIL 3-6, 2025

REGISTER:



<https://forms.gle/LVHAGJB1XyHuWDsJB>

ROSARYVILLE RETREAT CENTER
PONCHATOULA, LA



REGISTRATION IS OPEN TO
ADULTS 21 & OVER
COST IS \$325
SPACE IS LIMITED
TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED

- Men's March 20-23, 2025 Retreat. Click [here](#).
- Women's April 3-6, 2025 Retreat. Click [here](#).

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.



“Restaurant” A donations

“Restaurant” B donations

Book Fair Help

February 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



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.

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