



The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

FEBRUARY 20, 2025

CALENDAR

February 20

- Mass, 8:15, dress uniforms required
- 4th Grade Restaurant
- 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. (Handbook p 44 states that MBS sweatpants are allowed on spirit shirt days)
- 4th Grade Restaurant
- 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 8:00-2:30 - see page 2 for class schedule

February 25

- Book Fair open 8:00 - 2:30 - see page2 for class schedule
- Chess Club

February 26

- Book Fair open 8:00 - noon - students with money or eWallet may shop at recess or with teacher permission.
- 3rd and 5th grade confession
- Pelibots, St. Ursula
- 6th Grade JV and Varsity and 7th Grade Basketball games

February 27

- School Mass, 8:15, dress uniforms required
- Altar Servers Training after Mass
- Thursday LEGO Robotics, St. Ursula

February 28

- Mardi Gras Shirts with uniform bottoms. Accessories ARE ALLOWED.
- Kindergarten Mardi Gras Parade, 2:00-2:30

March 3-7

- Mardi Gras Break, no school

March 10

- Students return to school.

March 11

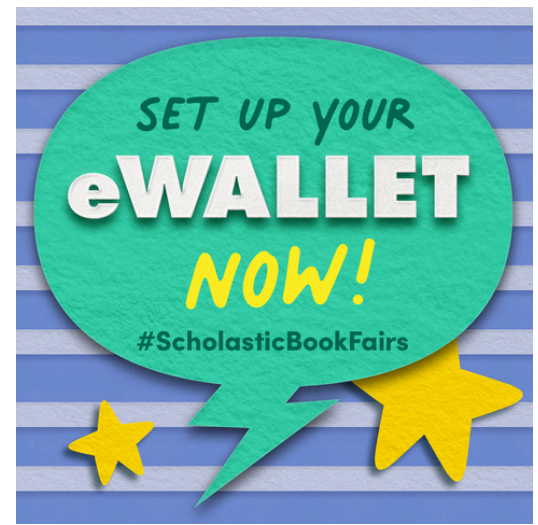
- 7th grade Food Bank Tour
- 1st grade field trip
- 4H Meeting, Mr. Millet's classroom
- Chess Club

Book Fair

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

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

To set up your child's eWallet, Click [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.

Pelican Proud of you...

Please join me in congratulating Most Blessed Sacrament Athletic Director, Tommy Krysan for being inducted into the 29th Class of the St. Bernard Sports Hall of Fame.

The St. Bernard Sports Hall of Fame recognizes the achievements of exceptional athletes and sports figures from our community and their mission is to honor their contributions and inspire the next generation of athletes.

“The 2024 induction class into the St. Bernard Sports Hall of Fame includes legendary names.

Volleyball legends, Haley Smith Lopez and Rebekah Bonnafee, and Lifelong Sports Announcer Tommy Krysan. This year's lineup for the Hall of Fame proves to be a reflection of our honorees' hard work and dedication to athletics.

“These three newest inductees have made careers out of winning and achieving at the highest level and have left a legacy that will live on forever within St. Bernard Parish.” said President Melissa Barbay Gayé when asked about our newest members of the Hall of Fame.”

Congratulations Tommy, we are Pelican Proud of You and grateful that you are part of the MBS community.

Greater BR Food Bank Drive

Please help the 7th grade with their ministry project, the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank Drive. We are asking students to bring in items according to their grade levels. Thank you for your generosity. The GBRFB will also accept monetary donations made payable to "Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank"

Grade	Food Item
Pre-K	Rice
Kindergarten	Pasta
1 st	Peanut Butter
2 nd	Canned Fruit/Fruit Cups
3 rd	Plastic Jars or Can Spaghetti Sauce Canned Ravioli, Spaghetti O's...
4 th	Tuna Fish
5 th	Canned Soup
6 th	Canned Vegetables
7 th	Jelly
8 th	Dried Beans
Faculty / Staff	Flour, Sugar, Oil

Mardi Gras Krewe of Pups

Dress up your pups for a Mardi Gras parade, bring them through carpool, and roll down your windows! We will be handing out treats to your pets during morning carpool. Treats include pup cups with whipped cream and mini milk bone.

Auction Free Dress Pass

If you purchased a week of Free Dress from the Auction, it will go home with a child next week. The one pass is good for all of your MBS students.

Marcus Thornton Basketball Camp

Boys and Girls, grades 2-8 are invited to take place in this summer camp. Click [here](#) for more information.

Book Club for Kids

Second & Third Graders are invited to a monthly Book Club in the Library. First meeting is March 12 at 3:15. A list of future club dates will be distributed at the first meeting. To register to join, click [here](#).

Men's ACTS Retreat

There are still spaces for Men to go on the ACTS Retreat. Please click [here](#) to register.





ADORATION COMMUNITY THEOLOGY SERVICE

MEN'S RETREAT

MARCH 20-23, 2025



REGISTER:
<https://forms.ele/2Yyhblm1Ag8GhGXE8>

**ROSARYVILLE RETREAT CENTER
PONCHATOLA, LA**



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

MBS Men's Club



Pelican Classic **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Monday March 17, 2025

**-Santa Maria Golf Club
\$25,000 hole-in-one giveaway**

Golf Cart Raffle Link



SCAN ME

We will raffle off a \$8,250 golf cart!

Only a handful of teams remain available. Please register today!

[Birdease.com/pelicanclassic](https://birdease.com/pelicanclassic)

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



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



Track & Field Registration is OPEN! Boys and Girls grade 4 thru 8!

Registration link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/Z5yU9jqe>

Deadline to register is Monday, February 24, 11:45pm

There will be a meeting next week and practice starts soon!

Marcus Thornton Basketball Camp! This Summer at MBS!

June 2-5 Boys, June 9-12 Girls ~ High Level Instruction, Marcus played 10 years in the NBA and was SEC Player of the Year while at LSU! Details coming soon!

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