



The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

OCTOBER 1, 2020

DATES FOR YOUR PLANNER

October 1 - Dress Uniform/Pet Blessings

October 4 - Holly Wilder's (Middle School Math) Birthday

October 5 - Last day to test for Accelerated Reading (AR) / Praise & Worship (3rd-5th) Zoom

October 6 - First Reconciliation Parents Meeting

October 7 - St. Anthony Bake Sale / AR Free Dress (for qualifying students)

October 8 - St. Anthony Bake Sale / Dress Uniforms

October 9 - Spirit Shirt Day / End of 1st 9 weeks /
Haley Smith's (Bookkeeper) Birthday

October 12-13 - carpool only - no buses.

Community Kindness CARD MAKING MINISTRY

The MBS First Graders want to spread kindness to those
in the community who may need it.

Cards can be for many things - get well, cheering up,
sympathy, etc. Our students enjoy spreading love and
kindness through their creative card making!

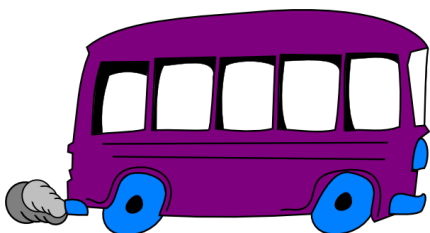
If you know someone who would enjoy receiving cards,
please fill out the Google Form below.



[Card Request Form](#)

Have you checked
out our [website](#)
lately?

Thank you to Kasey
Gary, MBS alumna
and parent, for
taking pictures and
to Ashley Landry,
Admissions &
Advancement, for
updating the
information.



**Say Good-bye to the Purple
Bus. All riders of Purple Bus
will now be on the **BROWN**
bus.**

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

- Should anyone (not just students) in your family have fever, cough, congestion, headache, sneezing, loss of taste/smell, or any other COVID symptom, please keep EVERYONE home and contact Nurse Frances at FAvery@mbsbr.org.
- If you or a family member has been exposed to or diagnosed with COVID, keep everyone home and contact Nurse Frances at FAvery@mbsbr.org
- If you or anyone in your family has been tested for COVID and are awaiting results, keep everyone home and contact Nurse Frances at FAvery@mbsbr.org
- Nurse Frances will walk you through what needs to be done. If that means your student(s) must quarantine, we will allow them to participate in Virtual Learning for the specified time.

For Covid Guidelines,
[CLICK HERE](#)

OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION



According to the Safe Environment Policy mandated by the Diocese of Baton Rouge, all parish and school ministry volunteers/chaperones must complete a mandatory background check and child protection training. Please note that MBS School child protection requirements are not the same as MBS Parish.

Therefore, if you are compliant for the Parish, you are not automatically compliant for the School, and vice versa. It is important to remember the paperwork is time-sensitive. If you began the process and did not complete all the steps in a timely manner, you may have to resubmit the paperwork.

Child Protection credentials allow the holder of these credentials the opportunity to chaperone/volunteer at MBS School. All credentialed adults must abide by the sign-up and confirmation process for each event. Please be aware that many files have been closed due to inactivity, and/or files not being updated.

Please contact Mrs. Landry at 225-753-5526 or email childprotection@mbsbr.org for assistance with child protection credentials.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Did you know that on the Middle School site, you can find contact info, syllabus dates, & google classroom tips!?

Click [here](#)

and save this resource to your phone.



Screenagers, a documentary about raising kids in a screen-filled world, will be viewable October 13-14.

This event is sponsored by MBS Home and School Association. From the [website](#)

Screenagers is "an award-winning film that probes into the vulnerable corners of family life and depicts messy struggles over social media, video games and academics. The film offers solutions on how we can help our kids navigate the digital world."

Parent streaming - Oct. 13
(runtime: about 67 minutes)

Student viewing (grades 5-8) - during the school day on Oct. 14
(student-version runtime: about 47 minutes)

Times are TBD.

There will be a brief discussion after the film.

St. Anthony Bake Sale during recess 10/7 & 10/8

All items are \$.25. Donations of cash or checks (made payable to St. Anthony Home) will also be accepted.

Send money labeled in Ziploc or envelope with your student.

If you do not wish for your student to purchase anything, please email your child's homeroom teacher.

OCTOBER LUNCH MENU



WWW.MBSBR.ORG



Take a child.

Now remove them from their school campus, hardworking and compassionate teachers, and joy-inducing friends. Now have them stay home and socially distanced from most others for six months. Have them do 2.5 months of spontaneous online instruction via platforms they've never used.

Throw in approximately three months of a pandemic-plagued summer. Have them return to learning, either masked and in-person or unmasked and home, and tell them this is unfortunately their "new normal."

Now give them a test. Give them a plethora of educational assessments while their heads are still spinning from the fact that their lives have been turned upside down. For those e-learning from home, have them test over zoom, at their makeshift work area in their house, while sitting in their bedroom or at their dining room table, while having internet connectivity issues, while their younger sibling tries to distract them, while their older sibling sits near them also testing, as the dog barks, the doorbell rings, and they attempt to "keep it together."

Now take that score and remember that truly, it means nothing. Something, I guess, but in the scheme of things, nothing. It's not the be-all-end-all. It's one piece of the puzzle. It's just a tool. Your child is not a test score. Your child is surely not their test score DURING A PANDEMIC.

With school starting for so very many across the country, and beginning of the year assessments being taken, graded, and those grades being sent home over the next few weeks, this is just a little reminder to parents that what forever matters more than any test score your child receives — now or in the future — is your human(s) feeling loved, safe, provided for, and backed. The learning will follow, but the love should lead.

Your child's test score is NO indication of how much you love them, how hard they are working, or how hard you have been working alongside and with them. But that end-of-the-day smile on your kid's face, the one that they can still muster up amidst a topsy-turvy world, that IS a very good indication that your kiddo and you are doing just fine.

(via Jthree.me)

CORNER

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Praise & Worship is open to
3rd, 4th and 5th grade
students. First meeting is via
ZOOM on October 5 at 5:30pm.

More info to come.

Pic RETAKES



**NO
BUSES**

Monday, October 12
&
Tuesday, October 13

**NO
BUSES**

**SCHOOL
MODE**

OFF

If you would like Barberito to retake your child's school picture, follow these steps:

- Mark your calendar for October 21.
- Dress your child in Dress Uniform for this date.
- Send the "bad" picture package to school on this date.
- If something comes up and your child cannot make the October 21 date, then contact Wendy Lee at WLee@mbsbr.org to make other arrangements.

October 16 - PK-5 Do Not Attend; Parent/Teacher Conferences* for PK-5 Parents.

Conferences will be via ZOOM.

October 19 - Fall Break - Everyone stays home.

October 20 - 6-8 Do Not Attend; Parent/Teacher Conferences* for 6-8 Parents.

Conferences will be via ZOOM.

**Teachers will let you know if a conference is needed. If you wish to have a conference, please email your teacher.*

Becca Muller

SCOOP Coordinator & 8th Grade English
FIRST YEAR AT MBS



Education

Bachelor of Science, Education
Louisiana State University

Patron Saint

St. Teresa

I said yes to MBS because....

I am excited to be in a family-friendly environment with a focus on Jesus.

List three fun facts about yourself

I love to laugh, read magazines and spend time with my family.



MBS MEN'S CLUB GAME DAY MEALS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
PRE-ORDER ONLY

BABY BACK RIBS

\$20

A Full Slab of 4-hour smoked Baby Back Ribs.

SMOKED PORK ROAST

\$25

An 8-pound Pork Roast, injected with Cajun seasoning and smoked for over 6 hours.

SHRIMP STEW

\$30

1-gallon of Shrimp Stew with Louisiana shrimp, packaged in a boil-in bag. Served cold, take home and heat. Rice not included.

PRE-ORDER ONLY

MUST ORDER BY OCT 18

PICK-UP AT MBS CHURCH
Oct 24th 10:00 - 12:00

**TO ORDER,
CALL OR EMAIL**

mbsmensclub@yahoo.com

Patrick Yarborough
(225) 205-4122

40 Days For Life - Baton Rouge

MBS Day - October 7th

Sign-up After Masses This Weekend

You are invited to participate in Baton Rouge's sixth 40 Days For Life campaign this fall from September 25 through November 3rd.

40 Days for Life is a worldwide pro-life campaign that consists of prayer and fasting and peaceful vigil for an end to abortion.

A peaceful and prayerful vigil will be held outside of Delta abortion facility located at 756 Colonial Drive in Baton Rouge between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm on each of the 40 days.

MBS Church has adopted Wednesday, October 7, 2020 from 7 am - 7 pm.

Please join us as a witness for LIFE in a peaceful, prayerful vigil at the Delta Clinic.

Bring your prayer groups, youth groups, etc.

If you cannot join us on our adopted day, please participate in the vigil on another day.

We ask you to commit to praying with your family daily during this campaign.

We as a church or parish family will be praying for an end to abortion as well. For those who cannot go to the Delta Clinic to give witness,

please support those who are with your prayers.

To get more information, or volunteer to sign up, please contact Tricia Parsons at 225-978-9644 or patriciaparsons.pp@gmail.com

YES. THIS IS AN
OPPORTUNITY FOR

Service
Hours

WHATCHA
SAY?

If you had \$100,000, how would you spend it?

We want to hear from your student! Send the answer to the above "Whatcha Say" question to Penne Leier at PLeier@mbsbr.org by 10/13 & we will publish answers in the newsletter.

FROM THE *principal...*

When I attended college, I chose to attend Mass at Christ the King (CTK) on LSU's campus. I loved the convenience of having a Church nearby and I would often go home to Morganza on Fridays and drive back to Baton Rouge on Sundays to attend 10pm Mass at CTK. One Sunday, during Mass announcements, CTK announced that they were offering a spiritual encounter called a guided retreat. I think they now "call them, "a busy person's retreat." Taking 18 hours and working a full-time job to pay for school put me in the category of "busy" and I signed up.

I was assigned to a spiritual advisor who I had to meet with one hour each evening for a week. Having never attended a guided retreat before I was very nervous. When I entered the CTK library, there was Sister Ann sitting at a table with a Bible in front of her. She told me the retreat would be an exercise in listening and then we prayed.

After Prayer, Sister Ann asked me, "What is on your heart", child. Try as I might I could not come up with anything. She dismissed me that evening telling me to open the Bible, blindly point to a verse, read the verse, and listen as God shared a personal story with me.

That night, I did as I was told. I returned the next evening with my verse and my message from God. I shared what I thought was a wonderful scripture. Sister Ann looked me in the eyes and said, "You were not listening, child." Go home and try again tonight.

Once again, I went home, opened my Bible, pointed to a verse, read it, and immediately a warm, safe, feeling spread over me. My verse was "Be still and know that I am God, Psalms 46:10." I truly felt as though God was with me calling me to settle myself. Calling me to listen for messages He shared with me. I returned to CTK the next day to share my experience with Sister Ann. She smiled and acknowledged that I had listened and challenged me to continue to focus on God's presence.

Since that day, Psalms 46:10 has the distinct honor of being my favorite scripture. I cannot begin to tell you how often I repeat the scripture to myself, over and over, again. It has calmed many anxieties, given me strength, helped me to accept hard things, work towards bettering myself, changed my outlook on life, given me the strength to love, and helped to truly listen to people, sometimes even when they are not saying a word.

This morning I was having coffee on my back patio. The cool fall air, breeze and sound of the birds were so peaceful. It reminded me of that retreat 35 years ago. I promised myself that I was going to take a "busy person's retreat" to re-center, examine what is on my heart, and listen to God speaking to me. This upcoming week, I challenge you to give up one hour and spend time listening to God. You will not need a spiritual advisor or a lot of time or resources. Just open your Bible and let your fingers do the walking, and your heart and mind do the listening.