

The Pelican Express

OCTOBER 29, 2020

DATES FOR YOUR PLANNER

October 29 - Dress Uniforms - Mass Live Streamed

- October 30 3rd & 4th Entergy Presentation at school
- November 3 No Buses/Carpool Only
- November 5 Dress Uniforms Mass Live Streamed
- November 6 6th Grade World Fair Day



Small group tours are offered on Mondays and Wednesdays through November. Invite a friend to sign up for a tour on our <u>Admissions</u> page of our website.

New Student & Sibling Application November 11-30 This date includes CURRENT PRE-K Students. Pre-K Students currently enrolled in *MBS PK or ELC PK* must apply during this timeframe. New students who are siblings of current MBS students

must apply during this timeframe.

Questions? Email Ashley Landry at ALandry@mbsbr.org

Lucas Millet

Middle School Science & Social Studies FIVE YEARS AT MBS

Education

Louisiana State University Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education

What is your favorite MBS tradition/event?

Flamingo Night (hopefully we can have it in the Spring) & Living Wax Museum

What are your hobbies?

Doing anything outside, reading, and playing with my kids.

Who is your favorite saint? St. Anthony

List three fun facts about yourself

- I have a 2nd degree Black Belt in Taekwondo.
- I received a college scholarship for bowling.
- My favorite color is brown.





LOST & FOUND

- Batman lunch box
- Black lunch box
- plaid headband
- red scrunchie
- black face mask
- camo face mask
- red zipper bag
- purple water bottle
- camo water bottle
- silver water bottle
- square tupperware container
- YS Half Zipper fleece
- YL Half Zipper fleece
- AL ? Full Zipper fleece no size
- YS Sweatshirt
- YL Sweatshirt
- YL Sweatshirt
- AS? Sweatshirt no size

Please claim your items by calling the office at 225.751.0273. Unclaimed items will be donated



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 <u>HERE</u>



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 Baton Rouge Diocesan child protection training.

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.

For assistance with child protection credentials, please contact Mrs. R Landry at 225-753-5526 or <u>childprotection@mbsbr.org</u>



We are learning what fun we can have despite COVID just as you are! On Friday, October 23, we held our first Virtual Pep Rally. All students remained in their classroom and participated in games while watching the cheerleaders and dance team demonstrate the games on Microsoft Teams. Here are some pictures from that fun afternoon!







7th graders trying to keep balloons in the air using a folder or a book. If it hits the ground, you lose a point!



Teachers had to wear pantyhose on their heads. One leg of the hose had a tennis ball in it. Teachers had to knock over cups with the ball -WITHOUT HANDS!



Fourth Graders were getting ready for their balloon game too!



PreKinders tried their basketball talent at throwing a wadded up piece of paper in a bucket. What class can score the most points?





GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE

After our Middle School students watched the documentary of "Screenagers," here are some of the talking points they had with our Guidance Counselor.

What's one important thing you learned?

- Screens lower your attention span.
- Devices can hook you in without you even realizing it.
- Screens cause damage to my brain cells.

Do you post comments online or in text that you would not normally say in person?

- Yes, because people who don't have my number don't know me so I would say things in person.
- No, because that makes me look like a different person in real life
- Yes, because I feel a lot better behind a screen than when talking with someone.
- No I do not because I feel it is easier to talk in person.

How do you keep from being distracted by your device when it's time to do homework?

- My mom makes me keep my device upstairs while I do my homework downstairs.
- I have an app called "Safe Family."
- I do not get my phone until my homework is done.
- I don't do anything, and every time it goes off, it disctracts me.

<u>How much time per day do you spend</u> <u>on social media?</u>

- 39% less than an hour
- 31% 1-2 hours
- 16% 2-3 hours
- 13% more than 3 hours

How much time per day do you spend playing video games?

- 43.7% less than an hour
- 21% 1-2 hours
- 19.3% 2-3 hours
- 16% more than 3 hours

Do you think violence in video games increases aggression in players?

- 40.3% definitely
- 39.5% maybe a little
- 20.2% not at all

<u>What do you think about the way the adults in</u> <u>your life use their screen time ?</u>

- 38.7% they have a healthy balance
- 49.6% I wish they would use their screen less
- 11.8% All I see is the top of their heads. They are addicted!

NOTES FROM OUR CAFETERIA STAFF...

GOOD NEWS: NOW THROUGH THE END OF MAY, ALL STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH. THE AFTERSCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM (SUPPER) WILL CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED AS NORMAL; THIS IS ALSO FREE TO ALL STUDENTS.

Athletics

Please check your inbox for an exciting email from our Athletic Director, Tiffany Brouillette.



NOVEMBER LUNCH MENU

Reminder: One of the Parent's Commitments to the School and Church is to support the Stewardship program of the church. To receive Catholic In-Parish tuition for the 2021-2022 school year, your annual financial support of the parish in the minimum amount of \$325.00 is due by December 31, 2020.

During some of the conferences this month, I heard parents and teachers concerned for students who "shut down" and/or "are not motivated." This article may help:

<u>5 Research-Based Approaches to Help Children</u> <u>When They Want to Quit</u>

By Julie Slivka, Ph.D. 23 Jul

CORNER

Tomorrow (10/30) students may wear Halloween tops and accessories with uniform bottoms – scary attire is not allowed.

FALL BACK: Remember to Turn your clocks BACK an hour on Saturday (10/31) night. We wouldn't want you to miss mass Sunday morning! But if you do, it will be available on the church website or YouTube!



I have always been intrigued by the Amish. Having never met an Amish person or visited an Amish community, they appear to be hardworking, peaceful, forgiving and neighborly. Because of my intrigue, I find myself watching any television show or movie and reading anything I can that is about the Amish. While the term Amish denotes a group of people, it also denotes a faith and a way of life.

Now, more than ever, we need each another and I think we could rise-up in support of each other by looking to our Amish brothers and sisters. Below is just a glimpse into why I am intrigued by the hardworking, loving Amish communities.

"Last week, a young Amish man was killed in a mill accident in New Wilmington, PA. He left behind his wife, and five children under the age of 13, with one baby yet to be born. I asked my Amish friend what would happen to the family. "How will they financially make it, since the Amish do not carry insurance?" She answered, "The church will take care of them." The church, in an Old World Order Amish group, is the entire community. "We are the church! We will all pitch in and help her until her sons are grown and can financially support her. If everybody gives a little, she will have a lot "

Today, I stopped by my friend's and she asked me what the weather is supposed to be like on Saturday. I said it was going to be cool, but dry. My friend said "Good, because at least ten teams of men are going to our neighbor's house to plow her fields, winterize her home and barn, get her a winters supply of coal (to heat her home) and wood (for her to cook with). The women are all going to cook and bake to help feed the men, who are taking care of her farm, and bring food for her to have enough all winter. I'm glad the weather will be nice for them."

This is community. This is Church. When there is a need, it is taken care of. Not by a few, but by all. Not only is this the way of the Amish, but the way of life for Catholic Communities as well. With the recent hurricanes, floods, Covid cases, disharmony amongst communities, political unrest etc., that 2020 has brought us, we have answered the call to be the Church for others. Our faith is in action. Please visit the MBS Facebook Page to see a message from Our Lady Queen of Heaven in Lake Charles, where we were the Church for them.

We all need each other. Lord help us continue to be a strong and faithful community and an example of what Church is to others. Let our eyes see the needs. Let our ears hear the cries. Let our hands pitch in to do the dirty work as we serve our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

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