



# The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

DECEMBER 10, 2020

## DATES FOR YOUR PLANNER

- December 11 - Spirit Shirt Day with uniform bottoms or MBS sweatpants
- December 14 - Last day to test for AR
- December 15 - MS Review day for exams
- December 16 - AR Free Dress Day / Praise & Worship in St. Ursula / FACTS down
- December 14-17 - STAR Reading Test (Grades 3-5)
- December 17 - Dress Uniforms / Mass at 8:15
- December 18 - End of 2nd 9 weeks / Lessons & Carols / Early Dismissal at 11:30

**UPDATED**  
**12/4/20**

### Christmas:

- **December 18** - Lessons & Carols live-streamed from Church. Early Dismissal at 11:30. **NO BUSES. NO AFTER CARE.**
- **December 21- January 1** - Christmas holidays.
- **January 4** - Students return to school. **NO BUSES!**

### *Middle School Exam Schedule*

#### **Wednesday, December 16th, 2020**

- 7:20-7:55 - Homeroom and Assembly
- 8:00-9:20 - Math Exam
- 9:25-9:45 - Brunch
- 9:50-11:05 - Literature Exam
- 11:15 - Dismissal (Car Rider Pro in homeroom)

- ***Students need to bring their own calculators for the Math Exam, as Chromebooks will not be allowed.***

#### **Thursday, December 17th, 2020**

- 7:20-7:55 Homeroom and Assembly
- 8:00-9:20 Science Exam
- 9:25-9:45 Brunch
- 9:50-11:05 - English Exam
- 11:15 - Dismissal (Car Rider Pro in homeroom)

#### **Friday, December 18th, 2020**

- 7:20-7:55 - Homeroom and Assembly
- 8:00-9:20 - Social Studies Exam
- 9:25-9:45 - Brunch
- 9:50-11:05 - Religion Exam
- 11:15 - Dismissal (Car Rider Pro in homeroom)

## VOLUNTEER



Click [here](#) for an opportunity to help decorate the church during the day or night. Multiple time slots are set up for your convenience.

Click [here](#) for an opportunity to donate items for teacher lounge snacks and covid supplies. This certainly helps them feel the love of our parents on some of their crazy/busy days.

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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 [childprotection@mbsbr.org](mailto:childprotection@mbsbr.org)



# Get into the Christmas Spirit!

**The week of December 14, students are invited to show off their Christmas spirit:**

- **Monday, December 14** - wear Christmas socks with your uniform
- **Tuesday, December 15** - wear Christmas accessories with your uniform
- **Wednesday, December 16** - AR Free Dress for Qualifying Students in grades 3-8 & Christmas accessories with uniforms for everyone.
- **Thursday, December 17** - Dress Uniforms as usual
- **Friday, December 18** - Christmas-themed FREE DRESS

***Please refer to the Handbook, page 41 for Free Dress Guidelines:***

***Free Dress***

- Shirt with sleeves; no cut outs of any kind (arms, midriff, back etc.); no offensive pictures, advertising or slogans.
- Properly fitting long jeans (no ripped/frayed jeans), pants, or MBS sweatpants may be worn by either boys or girls. Girls may wear Capri cut pants (mid-calf length), uniform skirt/skort, uniform shorts, or PE shorts. Boys may wear uniform shorts/pants or PE shorts.
- Shorts no shorter than three inches above the knee may be worn as well as uniform or PE shorts. Leggings and legging-style pants are not permitted.
- Any style tennis shoes with any style sock may be worn. Boots, sandals, flip-flops, and Crocs are not permitted.
- In cold weather, any color sweatshirt, jacket/coat may be worn.

## Christmas Mass

**Everyone needs a reservation to attend Christmas mass due to social distancing guidelines.**

**All families will have assigned pews and those reservations will be posted on the Church website on Monday.**

**Note: the 4:00 mass will be streamed for those who are still accepting the Bishop's dispensation.**



## Greetings from Baton Rouge...

2020---What a year indeed!

This is a fervent wish to banish it Godspeed.

As we begin another year anew,  
Perhaps there is a more thoughtful point of view.

It has been interesting, frustrating, and a bit scary,  
ALL, however, have had misgivings to carry.

Think, if you will, of more positive times that await,  
Let them extinguish tired thoughts of  
futility, anxiety, and hate.

Look forward, please, and consider this equation:

Forbearance + hope + patience =

A kinder and healthier nation.

Wishing you a blessed 2021.

~Anonymous



TICKETS  
ON SALE  
NOW

**Michael McDowell's Christmas Spectacular is on Friday, December 18 at 6:30. Click [here](#) to buy your ticket today. All tickets are general admission.**

The MBS Church Office will no longer be mailing the weekly bulletin to your home address. We will continue to post on our website on Thursdays. You can also click [here](#) to subscribe to receive the bulletin directly in your email inbox. Search by State, Find MBS, then follow the directions of the form fill on the screen. Note that it takes a few weeks to go into effect.



***FACTS will be down from 7am on December 16 until Report Card Day on January 7.***

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NINETEEN YEARS AT MBS



## Education

St. Charles Catholic High School

Louisiana State University

*Bachelor of Science: Elementary Education, 1-8*

Who is your favorite saint?

St. Monica

Why did you say YES to MBS?

We were parishioners and I chose the school for my children to attend due to the strong Catholicity and the family-friendly atmosphere among the faculty and staff. We've been in the parish now for 26 years.

List three fun facts about yourself.

- I taught Glen Dorsey who went on to play for the NFL.
- I brought the tradition of the Spirit Shirts to MBS.
- I attended 40 LSU baseball games in one season while at LSU.



## LOST & FOUND

Outwear info:

- MBS Sweatshirt - no tag/no name
- Full Zipper Fleece with "ECK" size YS
- Full Zipper Fleece - name faded, size YXS
- MBS Sweatshirt - name faded, size YM

***Please send your child to come get his/her item in the office.***

***Unclaimed items will be donated next week.***

