



# The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

JANUARY 14, 2021

## DATES FOR YOUR PLANNER

January 15 - Pajama Day - Must Donate to Jill Peno Scholarship

January 18 - MLK Day - No School

January 19 - Grades 6-8 students do not attend; Professional Development Day

January 20 - PK-5 students do not attend; Professional Development Day, Kindness Club

January 21 - Dress Uniform; Mass Live-streamed; 6th Grade Retreat

Dear MBS Families,

It was great to see our students participating in Flag Football on Sunday, and I am anxiously anticipating Basketball. Special thanks to Mrs. Brouillette for the time and attention she has given Athletics over the last several weeks. I am impressed with the level of communication and organization she has put into her job as the MBS Athletic Director. I also want to thank all of you who have donated to the Athletic concession stand, your kindness and generosity humbles me. While not mandatory, it certainly helps our athletic program which has suffered due the effects of COVID-19. With such a positive start to our winter sports, we want to ensure that they continue. To do so will require your help.

- Sanitize hands upon entry to the gym or field.
- All spectators, athletes, and coaches, whether indoors or outdoors, need to mask and physically distance.
- To properly distance, family groups need to space themselves three to six feet when seated or standing.
- Only students who are actively in playing a sport can remove their masks.
- If athlete, coach or family member is feeling under the weather, do not attend.

Thank you for your continued cooperation! We are fortunate beyond measure that you call MBS your school home.

Blessings, Cheri Gioe, Principal

Check out the MBS Athletics [website](#).

Basketball schedules and signup genius links have been added.

You do not have to be involved in Athletics to help.

# 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)



# VOLUNTEER HOURS

Thank you to everyone who supports MBS with time, talent and treasure. We are grateful for your support. We understand that it has been difficult for families to obtain their mandatory 30 volunteer hours for this school year.

This year, we will offer some latitude. Families who can provide documentation of at least 10 service hours and fulfil all other in-parish requirements will continue to receive in-parish tuition rates for the 2021-2022 school year.

-Cheri Gioe

**Congrats to our Second Quarter  
Piety Award Recipients.**



## *principal*

Adapted from an email shared by Mrs. Celeste Rabalais, who took it from an internet post. The author is unknown.

It is hard to imagine our children as anything other than our sweet babies. It is our instinct as parents to want to protect them from anything that could ever be hard. However, trials and challenges build character and grit. Your child was born at exactly the right time. In Jeremiah 1:5, God said, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."

Don't feel sorry for or fear for your kids because the world they are growing up in is not what it used to be. God created them and called them for the exact moment in time that they're in. Their life wasn't a coincidence or an accident. Raise them up to know the power they walk in as children of God. Train them up in the authority of His Word. Teach them to walk in faith knowing that God is in control. Empower them to know they can change the world. Don't teach them to be fearful and disheartened by the state of the world, but hopeful that they can do something about it.

Every person in all of history has been placed in the time that they were in because of God's sovereign plan.

He knew Daniel could handle the lions den. He knew David could handle Goliath. He knew Esther could handle Haman. He knew Peter could handle persecution. And He knew Jesus could handle the cross.

Guess what? He knows that YOUR child can handle whatever challenge they face in their life. In fact, He created them specifically for it!

Don't be scared for your children, rather, be honored that God chose you to parent the generation that is facing the greatest challenges of our lifetime. Rise up to the challenge. Raise Daniels, Davids, Esthers and Peters! Raise children who know Christ's character & strive to live like Him.

God isn't scratching His head wondering what He's going to do with this mess of a world. He has an army that he's raising up to drive back the darkness and make Him known all over the earth. Don't let your fear steal the greatness God placed in them.



We are exploring the possibility of offering an after school strings program for students in grades 2/3 - 5. If you have an interest in this program for your child, please reach out to Mrs. Gioe at [cgioe@mbsbr.org](mailto:cgioe@mbsbr.org).



## KINDNESS CLUB:

Kindness Club Members can now order their club t-shirt! The t-shirt can be worn on meeting days and for scheduled club activities. The deadline to order is February 1. Click [here](#) to order: Kindness Club t-shirt order form.

## LOST & FOUND

- MBS Fleece: Quarter Zip & Full Zip, no name and no tag
- MBS Sweatshirt: no name, no tag
- LSU sweatshirt
- Black Tommy Copper face mask
- White winter beanie
- White water bottle
- Watermelon water bottle

*Send your child to the office to claim his/her item. Unclaimed items will be donated.*



# Amanda Quintero

Middle School Social Studies Teacher  
Third Year at MBS

## Education

St. Joseph's Academy

Louisiana State University

*Bachelor of Arts, History Secondary Education*

## Who is your favorite saint?

St. Therese of Lisieux

## Why did you say YES to MBS?

It was an opportunity to integrate my Catholic faith with my dedication to education.

## List three fun facts about yourself.

- I love all things DISNEY!
- My retirement plan is to be a Jungle Cruise Skipper.
- I love reading and baking.



In case you wanted a little help in dealing with tough news with your MBS student:

A Terrible Thing Happened:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qFgixM4nTg0>

This is a longer read-aloud of another story; its called Something Bad Happened:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=utXVEq03JQI>

It is more appropriate for upper elementary.

This one specifically addresses racism - Something Happened in Our Town:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcOhOFGcWm8&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcOhOFGcWm8&feature=emb_logo)

Very appropriate at this time - The Breaking News (start at 1:18):

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V-U3lF5Ei\\_E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V-U3lF5Ei_E)

Jenny is Scared: When Sad Things Happen in the World:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hfGw-NTkpBo>

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