



# The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

JANUARY 21, 2021

## DATES FOR YOUR PLANNER

January 22 - 25 - Missions of Charity Collection  
January 28-29 - 4th Grade Restaurant Project  
January 28 - Dress Uniform / Mass Live-Streamed  
February 2 - Religion Fair / First Communion Parent Meeting  
February 3 - Sports Pictures  
February 4 - Dress Uniform / Mass Live-Streamed / Awards

*thank you*  
Thank you to everyone who re-enrolled for the 21-22 school year. We appreciate all of you and love having you as part of our MBS family.

Click [here](#) for instructions on how to print your Tax Summary through FACTS.

## TAX INFO



Sports Pics for Cheer, Dance, Volleyball & Boys Basketball will be on February 3. These athletes must bring their uniform to school. No one is allowed to call home for a uniform. Uniforms will not be distributed after school. Bring order forms directly to the photographer.

### 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.



# Troop 10092



In March of 2020, the current 6th Grade Girl Scouts didn't let social distancing get in the way of staying connected to their school and church community. When quarantine began, these Girl Scouts rose to the challenge and embarked on a journey of "Bringing Joy during Quarantine". They made and mailed over 300 cards to students, faculty, and staff to help celebrate birthdays and thank everyone for their continuing connection with the community. These cards provided joy, created memories, and showed that a small act of kindness can be a positive light in an unusual time. The Girl Scouts of Troop 10092 encourage everyone to take the time to write a note, say a kind word, and spread joy!



Beginning in Fall 2021, the Early Learning Center will expand its hours of operation. Classes will now begin in August. We will offer two options for class times. Our Current 9AM - 1PM and an extended program of 9AM - 3PM. We will also now offer an Early Drop Off (7:00 AM -9:00 AM) and a Late Pick Up (3:00 PM - 5:00PM). Finally we will include a 5 Day Option in both our 2 & 3 year old Classrooms.



This new model will allow families more flexibility in choosing additional hours and days while still maintaining our current educational program. A \$200 non-refundable Registration Fee and A Supply Fee of \$125 is assessed for all students. Both fees must accompany all registration forms. Families interested in utilizing the extended hours program (EDO/LPU) will be assessed a separate \$65/student Registration Fee for that program. This program will run in two semester blocks. Block 1 will run from August - December and Block 2 will run January - May. In December parents will be able to either opt out or opt in for the second semester block.

MBS ELC is excited to offer this new expanded plan while maintaining its exceptional educational program rooted in a faith-filled, and loving environment. Parents are urged to [email](#) the MBS-ELC as soon as possible to reserve your child's seat as space is limited.

Our 2nd Graders are leading us in providing a monetary gift for the Missionaries of Charity.

The Missionaries of Charity manages a homeless shelter, soup kitchen and the PSR program at St. Agnes Catholic Church located in downtown Baton Rouge.

We are requesting a \$2.00 donation from each student and we encourage families to allow their children to earn this money so it may be truly a gift from them.

The students' generosity is a beautiful act of love that will help the sisters to continue to serve God in serving the poor of our community.

We are extending this collection through **Wednesday, January 27th**. Please send in your donation in a labeled envelope or ziploc bag.

# 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)



# Ally Smith

Third Grade ELA/SS Teacher  
Second Year at MBS

## Education

St. Michael the Archangel  
Louisiana State University

*Bachelor in Mass Communications*

Northwestern State University

*Master in Education Technology Leadership*



## Why did you say YES to MBS?

As an MBS alum, it meant a lot to me to come back to the where my Catholic school experience began. MBS feels like home. I love the community and family feeling that I get when I am here. I am excited for my children and my students to receive the same faith-based education and experiences that have helped to mold me into the person I am today.

## List three fun facts about yourself.

- I am teaching 3rd grade in the same classroom I sat in in 3rd grade.
- I am a teacher author and sell and share my ideas and resources with others.
- I am creative and have a Facebook art page named after my two children.



## LOST & FOUND

- MBS Fleece: Quarter Zip & Full Zip, no name and no tag
- MBS Sweatshirt: no name, no tag - x2
- LSU sweatshirt
- Youth Medium windbreaker, no name
- White winter beanie
- White water bottle
- Blue contigo water bottle
- Silver aluminum water bottle

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



NOTE FROM THE...

*principal*

A new way of thinking about the prayer "The Lord is My Shepherd."

Taken from the Blog "Bedtime Stories." By Coach Mueller

The Lord is my Shepherd ----- that's a Relationship!

I shall not want ----- that's supply!

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures ----that's Rest!

He leadeth me beside the still waters -----that's Refreshment!

He restoreth my soul ----- that's Healing!

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness --that's Guidance!

For His name sake ----- that's Purpose!

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death--that's Testing!

I will fear no evil ----- that's Protection!

For Thou art with me ----- that's Faithfulness!

Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me -----that's Discipline!

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies-----that's Hope!

Thou anoints my head with oil -----that's Consecration!

My cup runneth over ----- that's Abundance!

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life----that's Blessing!

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord -----that's Security!

Forever ----- that's Eternity!

# Great Kindness Challenge

Next week, Jan. 25-29, is The Great Kindness Challenge (<https://thegreatkindnesschallenge.com/>)! This program encourages students to practice kindness and has become an international movement. Last year over 15 million students in 115 countries participated in promoting kindness in their schools and communities! Each day students will be challenged to complete random acts of kindness.

Check out the checklist ideas here:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1x2kaJuapl6R-5\\_1RxNaqS2xKhsah0EbX/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1x2kaJuapl6R-5_1RxNaqS2xKhsah0EbX/view?usp=sharing)

On Friday, we will celebrate our week with a Carpool Kindness Parade! However your student arrives to school, they will all be encouraged to either decorate their vehicle and/or make signs with positive messages to celebrate kindness. Join in the fun and spread kindness everywhere.



## Praise & Worship Meeting \* Grades 3-5 Tuesday, February 10 @ 7:20am

When placed in a positive state, mood, or emotion, the brain is up to 31% more efficient compared to a negative mood.

### GO! Moments (Processing Point)

#### G = Gratitude

What are you grateful for today? Yesterday?



#### O = Optimism

What are you looking forward to?

