

# Kindergarten Handbook Information

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## Girls Uniforms (K)

- Smock Dress with under bloomer (school plaid or navy).
- Short-sleeve, flat jersey knit, banded shirts (pique knit is not acceptable) are required when worn with shorts. Official navy uniform pants.
- Smocked Dress is the dress uniform and must be worn on Picture day, Mass days (Thursdays) and other designated days with MBS monogrammed crew socks.

Only a solid white t-shirt or white or nude undergarments may be worn under the official school shirt. There are to be no logos or print of any kind on the t-shirt/undergarments.

- Navy or white cotton or nylon footed or footless tights may be worn with the official school smocked dress or shorts on cool days. Socks must be worn with tights and skin must not be visible between the tight and shoe. No leggings.
- Hair ribbons and accessories must be navy, white, red, maroon, gray, black or a combination of these colors or the uniform plaid.
- No nail polish, colored Chapstick or lip gloss





# Boys Uniforms

- Official white flat jersey knit (pique knit not acceptable); long or short sleeve with MBS logo.
- Pants and shorts are button or elastic waist Belts are not required.
- Dress uniform must be worn on Mass days (every Thursday) and special days designated by the school administration. Official white oxford button down shirt with school logo and must be worn tucked in with official navy blue long uniform pants. MBS monogrammed socks must be worn. All other uniform guidelines must be followed.
- Hair must be of a conservative length and thickness in the front, back, top, and sides at all times. The appropriate length of hair for boys should not touch the shirt collar. Hair should be neatly cut over the ears and when combed forward must not touch eyebrows. No extreme hair styles are allowed, for example: stripes, bowl cut, design of any shape, shaved sides, pointed necklines, dyed (colored), hi-lighted etc.
- When a haircut notice is given, students will have the remaining weekdays and the weekend to get a haircut, or the student may face disciplinary consequences.



# Shoes and Socks

- Traditional athletic shoes with Velcro or Ties.
- No high tops, quarter tops, cleats, turf/deck shoes, sandals/mules, wheeled, lights character or non-shoe logos are allowed. Allowed shoes should not cause any distractions to student learning and will be at the discretion of the MBS administration.
- Solid white, over the ankle socks or MBS monogrammed ankle socks are acceptable. Socks must be visible at all times.
- MBS monogrammed socks must be worn on mass days.





# School Bag

We recommend getting a school bag large enough to hold a binder along with a lunch box. Preferably a school bag with an outside water bottle holder.

“Preschool” size bags tend to be a little too small to hold extra items that are towed back and forth from school.



Grades PK – 5 may not have rolling back packs

**Yes**  
**height is 17”**

**No**

**No**

# Outerwear



The following are the only acceptable outerwear options:

- Solid navy blue, full-zip or half-zip fleece jacket with the official school logo
- Solid navy blue, full-zip windbreaker with the official school logo
- Solid navy blue sweater with the official school logo
- Official MBS navy sweatshirt.

**Overcoats** – An overcoat is a heavy outerwear jacket or coat that is heavily lined or padded. Overcoats may only be worn to school on days when the morning temperature is under 50 degrees. Overcoats worn to and from school and out on the playground may be of any color. No blue jean, denim, or camouflage jackets of any



# Free Dress & Spirit Shirt Days

## Free Dress

- Shirt with sleeves; no cut outs of any kind (arms, midriff, back etc.); no offensive or political 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 3 inches above the knee and uniform shorts are permitted.
- **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. Layering school jackets are encouraged.

## Spirit Shirt Days

- Pre-k & K's designated spirit shirt color is periwinkle blue.
- Girls may wear Class Spirit Shirt with approved uniform bottoms or over their smock dress/jumper.
- Boys may wear Class Spirit Shirt with approved uniform bottoms.
- Regulation school shoes and socks must be worn.
- In cold weather, regulation sweatshirt, jacket/coat must be worn.
- Spirit Shirts may also be worn with official MBS sweatpants.

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## **Activity Shirt Day**

On these days, students may wear current year parish sports shirt or maroon “Welcome to the Nest” shirt.



# Transportation

- Carpool begins at 7:20 am. No one is to be on campus before 7:20 am.
- An adult must sign in children arriving at school after 7:45 am before they can be admitted to class. Church gate will be closed at 7:45 am.
- FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL STUDENTS PLEASE NOTE: Students who are picked up by parents must be picked up in the carpool line ONLY. Parents may not walk to pick up their child during carpool time.
- Entering carpool line, stay RIGHT of church only. Left side will be blocked for church. Make sure your carpool tag is easily visible and remains visible until your child/children have entered your vehicle.
- NO CELL PHONE USE
- The driver IS NOT to get out of the vehicle at any time when line is in motion. The carpool passengers will only be able to be loaded into the vehicle from the **passenger** side of the vehicle.



# Transportation

- Two official MBS hang-tags with your child's carpool number boldly printed on it must be prominently displayed during carpool. Please let your child's homeroom teacher know if additional hang-tags are needed. Additional hang-tags are \$10 each. If an official MBS hang-tag is not displayed, you will be asked to park and report to the school office.
- Afternoon carpool begins at 2:50 pm.
- Carpool students must be picked up by 3:10pm. If a student is not picked up by 3:10pm, he/she will be sent to extended care. The parent must pay a \$10.00 charge when the child is picked up from extended care. If this becomes a chronic occurrence, then the student must be enrolled in the Extended Care Program.
- See the handbook for additional information about bus and carpool information.





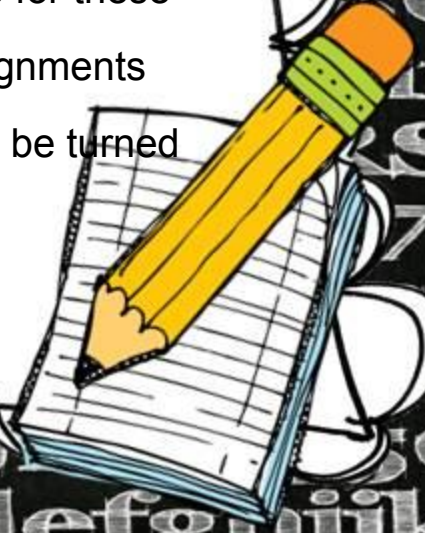
# Sick/Illness

- Children with communicable diseases should remain at home for the usual period that those diseases are contagious. Children with fever over 100 degrees, diarrhea, and/or vomiting should remain home until they have been **symptom free without medication for 24 hours.**
- Students should NEVER have medications in their possession on the school grounds. This includes Tylenol, vitamins, cough drops, chapstick or any other medicine. The school has the right to take any such medication away from the child and contact the parent. Please contact nurse regarding any medications your student may need.



# Absences/Tardies

- When a student is absent from school a parent is asked to e-mail the school office at [mbsabsent@mbsbr.org](mailto:mbsabsent@mbsbr.org) or call the school office before 9 am to verify the absence.
- Students are considered tardy once assembly begins at 7:45 am.
- Students arriving once assembly begins will be issued a tardy slip regardless of the carpool situation - this will begin the first day of school
- Unexcused Absences
  - Family vacations or non-school related travel such as competitive sports count as unexcused absences.
  - Teachers are not required to prepare special plans in advance for these absences.
  - Students must return from these absences with all of their assignments completed and prepared for any missed tests.
  - Assignments or projects due during unexcused absences must be turned in before the absence to avoid a grade deduction.





# Lunch

- MySchool Bucks App - Cafeteria fees are pre-paid into a MySchool Bucks account. When students choose a cafeteria served meal, their account is debited. Accounts are debited for seconds and extras. Accounts should remain current.
- A menu calendar will be posted on the school website each month. You may decide daily if you would like to pack your child's lunch or eat from the café.
- If you choose to send a packed lunch for your child, please send items they can easily open and practice at home. I found this great post on Facebook from a new Kindergarten mom! >>

PSA for all soon-to-be kindergarten mamas... Practice eating "school lunch" with your kiddo. Make sure they can open everything you send with them. Talk about not eating off of the table in the lunchroom!!! Set a timer for 15 minutes and talk about how they may not finish eating and that's ok. (This was HARD for little man.) Practice packing everything back up and talk about what is trash and what should come back home in their lunch box. Kindergarten lunch is a big adjustment and your child's teacher will be super appreciative if you have prepared them for the experience!



# Water Bottles

- We encourage all students to bring a spill-proof water bottle to use throughout the day.

- Spill-proof means it should have a straw or valve and w not spill when tipped over even when opened. Please no open spout.

- Water bottles are kept in cubbies and can be used during center time, snack time, and when we return from outside recess.

- Camelbak, Contigo, Thermos, Pottery Barn make perfect size kids water bottles that are spill-proof! You can find these products at Target, Walmart, Amazon, etc.

We also ask that you do not put ice in water bottles, unless bottles is sweat-proof/stainless steel.





# Snack/Peanut Policy



- The Most Blessed Sacrament cafeteria will not serve items with peanuts or peanut products. Students with identified nut allergies will be seated separately from students who bring bag lunches from home. Students with identified nut allergies will not be given any food items brought to school by other students, purchased or homemade. Students with nut allergies will be asked to provide a supply of nut-free snacks for consumption on these days.
- All students with severe and/or life threatening allergies (including nut allergies) must provide medication and completed medical forms including the approved Emergency Care Plan. Parents are to schedule a meeting with the office staff, administration and the child's teachers within the first two weeks of each school year to discuss procedures.

# Birthdays/Invitations

- Invitations will be given out at school when the entire class is invited, all boys in one class are invited or all girls in one class are invited.
- Parents **must check with the child's teacher one week prior** before sending treats for a child's birthday. Any leftover treats will not be sent home with students.
- Your child's birthday treat **MUST** be one of the following (store bought) items:
  - Donuts/Donut Holes
  - Brownies
  - Rice Krispy Treats
  - Cookies (2 per student max)
  - Fruit
  - Fruit Snacks
  - Popsicles
  - Ice Cream Cups
  - Mini Ice Cream Sandwiches
  - Cupcakes
  - Individual chip bags



## **\*\*All snacks sent must be of the same flavor\*\***

Please do not send beverages, toys, balloons, goodie bags or party favors to school as a birthday treat. Any items sent to school that are not on the Birthday Treat List will be returned to you at the end of the day.



# Rest Time

- Sleeping mats will be sent home at the end of each week to be washed. Please send back to school on Monday morning.
- Rest time will be 30 minutes long in Kindergarten.
- No extra blankets, pillows or sleeping toys will be allowed.
- If your child tends to have accidents during nap time, please let your teacher know.



# Restroom/ Extra Clothing

- The class as a whole will go to the restroom multiple times a day. Please help your child become independent in the bathroom. If your son has not yet used a urinal, please help him to understand how to use one. Please try to have your child wipe on his/her own at home. Teachers are not allowed to help student clean up. Also, if they have a B.M. in their clothes, please know that we have to contact a family member to come change them.
- Students need a change of clothes to leave at school at all times. Play clothes are acceptable. Please send underwear/panties, socks, t-shirt, shorts, and long pants. We need clothes labeled in a ziplock bag with your child's name written on the bag. **If your child goes home in the extra clothes, please send a replacement the next day labeled in a ziplock bag. Don't forget underwear/panties/socks.**





# Classroom Management

## Classroom Rules:

1. When the teacher is talking, we are listening.
2. We keep our hands to ourselves.
3. We use walking feet.
4. We take care of our things.
5. We use kind words.
6. We try our best.

- Discipline means to impart knowledge and skills. It is a way of teaching children how to become aware of their actions. It helps the child fit into the classroom happily and effectively. We use positive reinforcement throughout the day to teach our class to make smart choices and learn how to follow school and classroom rules.
- Students are taught and expected to follow classroom rules throughout the day. If a rule is broken, time is taken to further teach and reinforce better choices. Consequences are given if a child continues to make poor choices after being spoken to. Some consequences may include taking a break or time away from an activity, redirecting, or losing a privilege of a toy or activity time for that day.
- Each week students will receive an "Ask Me About" page that will remain in their FISH binder. In efforts to focus on daily learning activities, this will give you a conversation starter when asking about your child's day at school. A sticker or smiley face will be given if your child's behavior was on track. A comment or note will be added if your child had a hard time following the rules that given day.
- Students who make good choices throughout the week will have the opportunity to pick an item from our classroom treasure chest on Friday.

Name: _____ Week Of: _____	
Please initial and return to school each day.	
Monday	Ask me about <input type="checkbox"/> Initial: _____
Tuesday	Ask me about <input type="checkbox"/>
Wednesday	Ask me about <input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday	Ask me about <input type="checkbox"/>
Friday	Ask me about <input type="checkbox"/>

# Child Protection

The Diocese of Baton Rouge mandates that all faculty/staff and volunteers/chaperones must:

- Be fingerprinted and background checked by the Louisiana State Police Department (Please note that the background check report may take up to three weeks to be processed.)
- Complete the required *Safe and Sacred* online training and submit a training certificate
- Complete the Diocesan EAPPS form (Application for Employees or Volunteers)
- Read, initial and sign the Diocesan Code of Ethics
- Be approved and receive child protection credentials

**Child Protection credentials allow the holder of these credentials the Opportunity to volunteer at MBS Parish and School. All credentialed adults must abide by the sign-up and confirmation process for each event.**

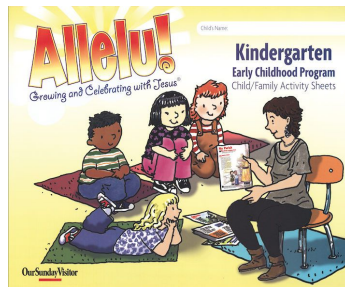
There are many opportunities for parents to help volunteer in our class and chaperone field trips. You must **FULLY** complete the child protection process to participate any events. I recommend doing so as soon as possible!





# Academics

**ELA**  
Engaging Readers



**Religion**  
Allelu! Series



**Math**  
Guiding Kinders

# Enrichment

**Weekly 40 minute classes include:**

**Spanish**

**Music**

**P.E.**

**Art**

**Library**

**Computer**





# Religion

- Weekly Mass – Thursday at 8:10am

\*Subject to change

- Daily Religious Instruction  
through curriculum called *Alellu!*



# Mass Days

Weekly school mass is an important part of your child's religious education. MBS strives to teach students reverent mass participation and respectful etiquette. Students are expected to follow the school mass expectations to enter/exit in silence and reverence; to not talk to others during mass; and to participate fully in the celebration of mass. Please be mindful of these expectations if you or a family member chooses to attend mass with your child and please refrain from sitting in the cry room. Students who are not following these expectations either sitting with their class or with an adult, will have a consequence once the class has returned to school campus following mass. Some consequences including: reflection time during recess, etc.





# Homework

## ELA HOMEWORK

We will have a Reading log/calendar page in the FISH binder for each month. Parents are encouraged at least **twice a week to read a story with their child**. Record the story on their reading log/calendar so we can keep track! On the homework page (found on Google Site) we will have a reading focus skill each week for you to focus on while reading the story with your child. Skills will reflect what we had learned in class.

## ELA & MATH HOMEWORK

Students are encouraged to practice their ELA and math skills on the iXL website. Each student will be given login information. We **recommend 20 minutes each week**. We will send home specific IXL codes weekly that coincide with the weekly skills.





# Technology

- Parents are asked to set a good example when accessing and using social media and may NOT use the Most Blessed Sacrament name in any form within the title of their social network page or website unless approved by MBS school.
- It is expected that any social media sites, such as Pelican Talk, that are related to MBS be inclusive of all MBS community members and used to share *useful* information rather than information that demoralizes members of the community.
- Sharing disgruntled thoughts via social media does not solve concerns but rather often insights unrest.
- Parents may not discuss MBS faculty or defame their name or character via social media. To do so could result in a family being asked to leave MBS School.







# Communication

Mrs. Kyle  
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Mrs. Rinaudo's email is  
prinaudo@mbsbr.org

Mrs. Stevens  
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Please feel free to email  
at anytime! Notes may  
also be sent to school in  
your child's FISH binder  
Correspondence Page .



We will also be using an app called Remind. Teachers send class reminders on  
this app. All parents will be added to the Remind app through FACTS.

Google Photos is used to share  
class pictures you will receive an  
invitation in your email.

