

Pre-K Information

**Most Blessed
Sacrament**



Meet the Teachers



Mrs. Codi
PKA Teacher



Mrs. Shannon
PKB Teacher



Mrs. Lindsey
PKC Teacher



Academics

Math, ELA, Social Science, & Science

Scholastic's Pre-K "On My Way" is a purposeful and fun PreK curriculum that provides developmentally appropriate instruction for PreK students, including cross-curricular activities, focus on socio-emotional development, and preparation for the high standards of kindergarten.

Religion

Faith-focused activities, age-appropriate Scripture-based and theme-related stories, poems, chants, finger plays, and movement activities; Prayer experiences to foster and nurture children's prayer life
Special celebrations to engage children in prayer and rituals for holy days and holidays.



Handwriting

Handwriting Without Tears Get Set for School® helps young learners gain the skills and experiences they need for lifelong learning success. Our hands-on curriculum focuses on the three core learning areas—readiness & writing, language & literacy, and numbers & math. We get preschoolers singing, dancing, coloring, building, and exploring on a joyous journey to school.


Classroom Management

Classroom Rules:

1. Follow directions quickly.
2. Keep your hands to yourself.
3. Make smart choices.
4. Wait your turn to speak.
5. Be kind to others, be kind to yourself, be kind to your school.
6. Be safe, be honest.

- Discipline means to impact 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 through out 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 the privilege of a toy or activity time for that day.
- Each month a calendar will be placed and remain in the daily communication folder. A comment or note will be added if your child had a hard time following the rules that given day or if that had great behavior that we want to highlight.
- Students who make good choices throughout the week will have the opportunity to pick an item from our classroom treasure chest on Friday.

August at a Glance:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

Behavior Notes:

Date:	Behavior Notes:	Parent Comments or Initials:

School Bags

We recommend getting a school bag large enough to fit 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.



Water Bottles

- We encourage all student to bring a spill-proof water bottle to use through out the day.
- Spill-proof means it should have a straw or valve and will 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.
- We also ask that you do not put ice in water bottles, unless bottle is sweat-proof/stainless steel. Water only please.
- Our campus has refilling water stations when refills are needed.



Lunch

- 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 a meal from the cafeteria.
- 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!



Girls Uniforms

- Smock Dress with under bloomer. **Smock dress must be worn on picture day and the days that pre-k attends mass.**
- Short-sleeve, flat jersey knit, banded shirts (pique knit not acceptable) are required when worn with shorts.
- 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.
- Cotton or nylon navy or white footed or footless tights may be worn. Socks must be worn with tights and skin must not be visible between the tight and shoe. Leggings are not acceptable.
- Hair ribbons and accessories must be navy blue, white, red, maroon, gray, black or a combination of these colors or the uniform plaid.
- No nail polish.
- Wearing expensive jewelry to school is discouraged. Any jewelry worn to school should be limited to one ring, one watch, one pair of button-style or small hoop (1cm in diameter or less) earrings, one religious bracelet and/or one religious necklace. Chokers, smart watches and dangling or hoop earrings are not allowed
- Girls may now wear navy school pants with flat knit shirt.
- ****Girls jumpers can no longer be worn in Pre-k or Kindergarten****



Boys Uniforms

- Official white flat jersey knit (pique knit not acceptable); long or short sleeve with MBS logo.
- Pre-K pants and shorts are elastic waist. Belts are not required.
- **Dress uniform must be worn on picture day and days that pre-k attends mass.** Official white oxford button down shirt with school logo and must be worn tucked in with official navy-blue long uniform pants. 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. Military type haircuts are acceptable. Hair with stripes, bowl cut, design of any shape, shaved sides (very short is acceptable), pointed necklines, dyed (colored), hi-lighted etc. are considered unacceptable. Since fad hairstyles change rapidly, this policy statement includes fads of today and of the future. The administration will determine the acceptability of any questionable haircut. 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.
- Wearing expensive jewelry to school is discouraged. Watches, one religious necklace and one religious bracelet may be worn. Chokers and Smart watches are not allowed. No other jewelry is allowed.



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 type are allowed.

Shoes and Socks

- For PK and K we kindly ask that all shoes are **Velcro** or have “no-tie” elastic laces.
- Traditional athletic shoes must be worn. No neon colors, high tops, quarter tops cleats, turf/deck shoes, sandals/mules, wheeled, lighted, character or non-shoe logos are allowed. Shoes should not cause any distraction to student learning and will be at the discretion of the MBS administration. The main questions we have received regarding shoes has been in reference to neon colors. When in doubt, check it out or purchase another option.
- Solid white, mid-calf crew socks or MBS monogrammed ankle socks are acceptable. Socks must be visible at all times.



Free Dress & Spirit Shirt Days

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 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.

Spirit Shirt Days

- Girls may wear Class Spirit Shirt with approved uniform bottoms or over their smock dress.
- 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.

Child Protection & Safe Environment Requirements

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 Scared 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.

Volunteers include but are not limited to all who assist in the cafeteria, library, field trips chaperones, class activities, coaches, school events etc. Volunteers include but are not limited to all who help in the cafeteria, library, nurse's office, field trip chaperones, art, music/choir, drama, computer, classroom coordinators, coaches, Home and School members, retreats and Athletic Boards. It is required that this process be completed, and credentials received prior to volunteering. Please contact the Office of Child Protection to obtain a volunteer packet



Transportation

- No one is to be on campus before 7:20am.
- An adult must sign in children arriving at school after 7:50am before they can be admitted to class. Church gate will be closed at 7:50am.
- 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.
- 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.
- Two official MBS hangtags 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 hangtags are needed. Additional hangtags are \$10 each. If an official MBS hangtag is not displayed, you will be asked to park and report to the school office.
- 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.
- BUS: East Baton Rouge Parish School Transportation at 225-226-3784.



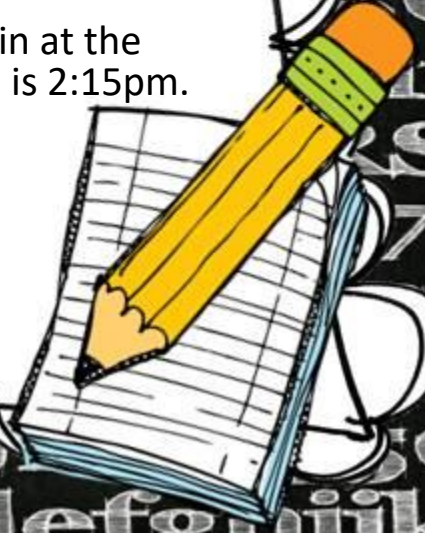
Sick/Illness

- Children with communicable diseases should remain at home for the usual period that those diseases are contagious. Children with fever over 100 degrees should remain home until they have been **fever free & 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, or any other medicine. The school has the right to take any such medication away from the child and contact the parent.



Absences/Tardies

- When a student is absent from school a parent is asked to e-mail the school office at mbsabsent@mbsbr.org or call the school office before 9 am to verify the absence.
- Unexcused Absences can be granted in two ways.
 - 1.) If a student is absent for one day a parent must call in before 9:00am or email mbsabsent@mbsbr.org notifying the school of the absence.
 - 2.) If a student is absent for two or more days, a doctor's excuse must be submitted to the school office within three days of the last day students are not in school. Excuses submitted after three days of the student's return will not be accepted.
- If a student arrives at school after 7:50am, a parent must sign them in at the school office. The latest time to check out a student in the afternoon is 2:15pm.
- Eight tardies are equivalent to one unexcused absence.





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.

Restroom/ Extra Clothing

- We have a bathroom located in our classroom. Although, we also go multiple times a day as a whole class to the outside bathrooms. 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 must contact a family member to come change them.
- Students always need a change of clothes to leave at school. Play clothes are acceptable. Please send underwear/panties, socks, t-shirt, shorts, and long pants. We need clothes labeled in a zip lock 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 zip lock bag. Don't forget underwear/panties.**



Rest Time

- Rest time will be 60-75 minutes long in PK.
- Sleeping mats will be sent home at the end of each week to be washed. Please send back to school on Monday morning.
- Blankets are attached to sleep mats that have been provided. No extra blankets or sleeping toys will be allowed.
- If your child tends to have accidents during nap time, please let your teacher know.



Birthdays/Invitations

- Please plan with the teacher for your child's birthday at least one week ahead of time.
- Suggested Treats: brownies, cookies, donuts, donut holes, rice crispy treats, ice cream cups, ice cream cones, popsicles, fruit cups. Please send the **same flavor** of chosen snack.
- Please do not send beverages, toys, balloons, goodie bags or party favors to school as a birthday treat.
- 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.





Communication

Our PK team cannot wait to meet all of you! If you have any urgent questions before our meetings regarding pre-k, please feel free to email your teacher. If there are any school questions, please call the office during summer hours at 225-751-0273 (8AM – 12PM; M-TH).

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