

The Pelican Express Let Go...Let God

MAY 1, 2025

CALENDAR

May 1

- · School Mass, 8:15, dress uniforms
- · 2025-26 Extended Care Registration
- · Taste Fair Setup
- · Dance Tryouts

May 2

- · Spirit Shirt Day with uniform bottoms
- · Math Club Meeting
- · Taste Fair
- Father/Daughter Dance

Mau 3

· Battle for the Paddle

Mau 4

· First Eucharist for Second Graders

May 5-9

· Teacher Appreciation Week

May 5

· Student Council Elections after Assembly, parents are invited to watch

Mau 6

- 8^{th} Grade Last Day for AR Tests
- · 6B Field Trip to Old Jefferson Community Center
- · Band/Choir Concert, St. Ursula, 6pm

May 7

- 8th Grade AR Free Dress & Reward
- · Kindness Club Meeting, Library
- · Praise & Worship, St. Ursula, donuts will be served
- · Pelibots, St. Ursula
- · Spring Sports Recognition, Holy Family Hall

May 8

- · School Mass, May Crowning, 8:15, dress uniforms required
- · PK attends Mass
- · Volleyball games at home

Mau 9

- 8th Grade Exams
- · Sisters on campus

May 10

· MBS Jazz Band performs at CC's Coffee House, 10am

Parents' Role in Campus Safety

- Respect practice drills like a true crisis event, and please teach your children to do the same. All of the above applies during a drill, as well.
- Keep all contact and emergency information in FACTS current/correct.
 - All correspondences to families are generated using FACTS. If the information is not current/correct, you
 will not receive notifications.
- Familiarize yourself with MBS crisis codes so you can discuss them with your children. Remind them that
 during a crisis situation they need to listen to their teachers.
 - Secure (Code Blue) "Get inside. Lock outside doors" there is a potentially dangerous situation off campus but in the area
 - Lockdown (Code Red) "Locks, lights, out of sight" there is a threat on campus
 - Evacuate (Code Green) (a location may be specified) students and staff are being moved off of campus for a variety of reasons
 - Shelter (Code Orange) Hazard and safety strategy i.e., tornado, chemical spill, etc.
- · Crisis Notifications
 - In the event of a crisis, the priority of the School Resource Officer and MBS Faculty and Staff, is to
 ensure the safety of students. Once the students are deemed safe, a message will be sent to MBS
 families. The message will not contain any detailed information because, again, our focus is on ensuring
 the safety of the students.
 - Once notified, DO NOT call the office for more information. The phone lines need to remain open for emergency services. Calls from emergency services, only, will be answered.
 - Once notified, DO NOT text your child's teachers or any staff members for information. Their focus is on ensuring the safety of the students.
 - DO NOT come up to the school. Should there be a crisis event we need to leave the parking lot open for emergency services. In addition, you will not be allowed on campus.
- In the event of a crisis no one will be allowed on campus or allowed to leave campus.
- Refrain from social media during the crisis event. Real time information may be inaccurate.
- Official notifications will be sent out, when feasible, during a crisis.
- Once the crisis event has ended, families will be notified.

May Crowning

"Oh Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today."

Throughout history, Catholics have honored the Blessed Virgin Mary during the month of May. A statue of Mary is placed in a dedicated area surrounded by flowers to symbolize her significance in our faith. The "May Crowning" is a visual display/reflection of her queenship as the mother of Jesus and a mother to all.

Students are asked to bring a flower for Mary on <u>Thursday, May 8, 2025</u>. Parent volunteers will take the flowers at the doors of the church. As a tradition, an eighth-grade student will crown Mary during Mass. The second graders, dressed in their First Communion attire, will process to the altar, and adorn Mary with flowers as well.

The second graders DO NOT need to bring flowers for Mary. Those will be provided.

Extended Care 2025-26

Extended Care Registration for the 2025-26 school year is now open. Please visit the <u>link</u> to register. Last day to register is Thursday, May 22.

Used Uniform Sale

The Used Uniform Sale will be held on July 17. More information on how to buy/sell will be in the June newsletter. All unlabeled/unclaimed Lost & Found items will be placed in the Used Uniform sale.

Boys Uniform Bottoms - NEW policy

New next school year, we are adding the option for the boys to wear navy Performance Shorts/Pants (Dryfit). The boys will have the option to wear the typical uniform bottoms or these new ones. Both of our uniform vendors, Inkas and School Time will carry these bottoms.

School Supplies 2025-26

MBS is excited to announce a new school supply partnership with 1st Day School Supplies - a Catholic owned and operated company, that has been highly recommended by several, local Catholic schools. We believe that 1st Day School Supplies will provide high quality, affordable products and offer stellar customer service.

You can now begin purchasing supplies for the 2025-2026 school year. We know it seems early, but before you know it, summer will be here. Why not ensure that your child starts the school year with the exact supplies your teacher requested, and give your child the confidence they need to conquer next year! Get them today before it's too late!

A few notes about school supplies:

- 1. PK, K, and 1st Grade Supplies are included in the yearly grade level fee. Kits are purchased for every child enrolled in these grades. You DO NOT need to order.
- 2. The cost of kits in grades 2nd 3rd include an up-charge for supplies that are ordered in bulk for the grade levels.
- 3. If your child is participating in Band, Choir, or both next year, they will need to purchase a Band Kit, Choir Kit, or both kits.
- 4. Firm deadline for ordering school supplies is **June 15**, **2025**.

CLICK HERE TO ORDER!

Music Performances

- Please join the MBS Concert Choir, the MBS Concert Band, and the MBS Jazz Band for their annual Spring Concert! The concert will be Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 6 p.m. in St. Ursula Hall. The MBS Jazz band will also be featuring former students in the brass section. Free admission!
- Come support the MBS Concert Choir and the MBS Jazz Band on Saturday, May 10th at 10 a.m. at the CC's community Coffee House on Siegen (6971 Siegen Ln). The students will be performing all their songs from our concert for the community.

Time to Order a Yearbook!

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The 2024-25 yearbook is ready to be ordered. If you would like to order one, please click on this <u>link</u>. The cost is \$40. If you have any questions, please email <code>yearbook@mbsbr.org</code>

8th Grade Photos and Videos

Please turn in baby pictures for the graduation breakfast - due May 2nd. Email them to MBSclassof2025@yahoo.com For more information, refer to the email sent from Angela Warren on Friday, April 25.

2025 Summer STEM Camp

This camp will involve LEGO Robotics and other STEM activities for 1st-5th grade students

When: June 9 - 13 Where: MBS School Classroom: TBD

Time: 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Instructor: Mr. Rodney Wilson

Cost: \$135

Registration information will be in next newsletter.

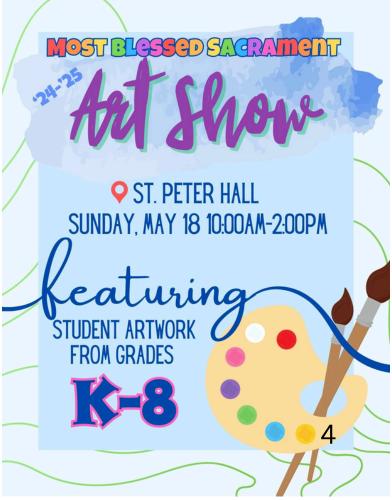
School Bus Transportation 25-26

If you would like to use the school buses for the 2025-26 school year, you must complete the following <u>form</u> no later than May 30. EBR Parish School System operates the buses and this is the only way to communicate with them.

Lunch Funds

All late lunch accounts must be paid in full before the last day of school. Report cards will be withheld until lunch accounts are up to date.









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SAVE 15% in May
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Our girls plaid items are made with our unique **UPSCALE** growth features that lets the garment grow with your child.

FREE Alterations

April 21st—26th, 2025
Inka's Uniforms only (new or used)
Limit 10 Items per customer



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OUR BIGGEST

15% OFF EVERY PURCHASE IN MAY IN-STORE AND ONLINE

In addition to our sales, we are giving out School Time Bucks in May and June!

We're giving out \$5 in School Time Bucks for each \$100 spent in-store and online, and you will get **DOUBLE** School Time Bucks on all purchases over \$100 in May.



Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School

15%

Save on your entire purchase in-store and online during your school's sale days!

Monday, June 16 & Tuesday, June 17, 2025

Use code PELICAN1 to get FREE SHIPPING and 15% off online.

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Can't shop during our sale in May or your school's special sale days?

You can still save 10% on everything in-store and online in June!

Returns and exchanges are allowed even when logos are on your items. We also offer layaway in the summer!

You can take advantage of our sale pricing in May and June even if you out your items on layaway.

School Uniforms • Backpacks • Nap Mats • Accessories

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Monday Warm Up

Breakfast in the teachers lounge provided by The Dough House

Tuesday Concession Treats

Bring your teacher a \$5 gift card to treat them from their favorites list!



Dad's on Duty available everyday! Let's give the teachers a break at morning carpool!

Batter than you!



Wednesday

7th Inning Stretch

Espresso Geaux Coffee truck providing coffee at Noon

Thursday
GAME DAY

Lunch provided by Serops Express Highland

Friday Tailgate Party

Staff crawfish boil and bbq after school provided by Just Wingin It!

Volunteerism - Time & Talent

- In order to volunteer on school or church campus, you must go through the Office of Child Protection to update your credentials.
- · Opportunities to volunteer and get service hours will be placed here in the newsletter.

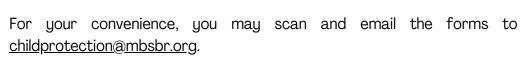
OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION

According to the Safe Environment Policy promulgated by the Diocese of Baton Rouge, all parish and school ministry volunteers/chaperones must complete a mandatory background check and child protection training. Child Protection credentials allow the holder of these credentials the opportunity to chaperone/volunteer.

All credentialed adults must abide by the sign-up and confirmation process for each event.

Update Your Volunteer File

Please note that the Code of Ethics and the Chaperone and Volunteer Requirements Agreement must be reviewed by all volunteers of MBS School annually as required by the Diocese of Baton Rouge. Please complete and submit the Code of Ethics Acknowledgement form, page 5, and the Agreement form to the MBS Office of Child Protection to update your file.





May Cafeteria Help



Time & Talent (Service Hours)

Parent's Commitment to Church and School

Enrollment and/or continued enrollment at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School requires a commitment to ALL of the following:

- <u>Prayer and Mass</u> Families must commit to daily prayer at home. Catholic families must attend weekly, Sunday, Mass on Holy Days of Obligation. Non-Catholic families must attend Sunday services at their home church.
- <u>Service</u> Twenty (20) hours of Time and Talent given to the school and/or Church each year. Hours must be completed between January 1 and December 31 to receive the in-parish tuition rate. These hours are reviewed each year.

Definition of an hour of Time and Talent: an actual hour of volunteer work or donation purchases of \$10

<u>Weekly Church Offering</u> – As an Identified Offertory Giver (IOG), a minimum amount of \$325.00 must be donated, yearly, to the Most Blessed Sacrament General Offertory or Building Fund to support the Church stewardship program. Church members who meet the IOG requirement will receive inparish tuition. Donations will be verified by December 15 unless otherwise authorized by the Pastor or Principal. Any offerings thereafter will count towards the next school year.

New Students Clause

Time and Talent hours are prorated for new students. However, new families must still meet the IOG requirement of \$325.00 to receive in-parish tuition.

Log your Service Hours into FACTS.

Go to Family > Family Home.
You will see "Service Hours" in
the middle of the screen. Click
"add" to add the hours. You
must type in a description.
Select "type a custom value,"
and then type your description.

Sending Items to School

Please label your items that you send to school from a SignUp Genius:

- Parent Name (signed up on the SUG)
- Name of item
- Title of Sign Up (ex: 5th Grade Auction Basket)

This helps us match your hours in FACTS.

- Marcus Thornton Basketball Camp! This Summer at MBS! June 2-5 Boys, June 9-12 Girls ~ High Level Instruction, Marcus played 10 years in the NBA and was SEC Player of the Year while at LSU! For registration link, please email: Tommy Krysan, tkrysan@mbsbr.org
- We are looking for LOUIE!!!!! Any 7th or 8th graders who want to be LOUIE and wear the mascot costume at home sports events, please email, Tommy Krysan, tkrysan@mbsbr.org
- HOME volleyball tonight! 5 th grade gray and 5 th grade maroon, starts 5:45 in MBS Gym.
- Save the Date: 8th Grade Volleyball Varsity Rose Ceremony Night is Monday May 5!
- Save the Date: Spring Awards Night, Wednesday May 7, Holy Family Hall!

Athletics can be an important part of a young person's life. It teaches discipline and self-pride while helping one realize the importance of cooperation. Athletics are a component of, and interact with, the spiritual, social, and academic components of the overall school program. MBS recognizes that support from the administration, faculty, staff, coaches, parents, and fans are necessary in providing a positive Catholic athletic experience for the student-athlete. Athletes, parents, and fans are a direct reflection of MBS and should adhere to the philosophy of the school by always acting in a dignified manner.

Go Pelicans! Tommy Krysan, Athletic Director MBS Athletics tkrysan@mbsbr.org

