

# The Pelican Express

July 2025

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# MBS

Most Blessed Sacrament

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School serves our Church, its families, and the community by nurturing Gospel values, academic excellence, and a lifetime of prayer and service.

## School Hours August - May

7:20 - Morning Carpool, office opens  
7:45 - School Assembly, Gym  
2:50 - Afternoon Carpool  
3:30 - Office Closes

## School Calendar

The school calendar is an active, live site. Click [here](#) for a full calendar.

## Social Media



## Attendance Reminders

- When a student is absent due to illness, parents are asked to verify the absence by either emailing the school office at [MBSabsent@mbsbr.org](mailto:MBSabsent@mbsbr.org) or calling the school office before 9:00am.
- Students who arrive at school after 7:45am must be walked into the school office by a guardian who will sign the student in. The student will be given a tardy slip to admit to class.
- Students who check out of school due to illness cannot return to school until they have been fever-free without medication for 24 hours. Children with a fever at school must be picked up immediately.
- Early check-out procedures are similar. Parent/guardian must report to the school office who will sign the student out. The latest time to check out a student is 2:15pm.

## Handbook Reminder (updated weekly)

### Immunizations

Health Records State law requires that a copy of Student Health Form and Immunizations be given to the school prior to the start of school. No child will be admitted without acceptable evidence of all required immunizations. Immunization records must be current. Parents who choose to opt out of immunizations must complete the appropriate forms that can be obtained from the school nurse. In the event of an outbreak, students who have opted out will be asked to stay at home until the outbreak subsides.

## Important Links

- [My School Bucks](#)
- [ClassLink](#)
- [Student Health](#)
- [Academic Support](#)
- [Tuition Policy](#)

## Time & Talent Opportunities

- See page 7-8 to show interest in this year's activities.
- Click [here](#) to sign up to help sort school supplies in July.
- Join the MBS Fair Committee. Inquiries: [mbsparishfair.com](mailto:mbsparishfair.com)
- Click [here](#) to sign up to donate items for Teacher Inservice

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During the summer, the Pelican Express is published once in June and once in July. Once school begins, the weekly Pelican Express is published on Thursdays. The editions are posted on the website under "News."

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### July 15 & 16

Used Uniform Drop off - Bishop Ott Center, next to gym. These days are designated for those who want to sell the uniforms. See page 3

### July 17

Used Uniform Sale, Bishop Ott Center, next to gym. See page 3

### July 31

#### 6th Graders Orientation (Students Only), 8-12:45

- Report to St. Ursula for Welcome, go through Front Gate at Courtyard
- All 6th graders must attend; wear your school uniform. This meeting is for students only.
- There is no makeup session for this Orientation.

#### New Family Orientation, 9-11

- All families new to MBS must attend.
- Agenda includes an introduction to Administration, Carpool, Absentee Procedures, and more!
- Report to St. Ursula. There is no makeup session for this Orientation.

### August 1

- Professional Development for Teachers - office closed

### August 4

- Professional Development/In-service for Teachers - office closed

### August 5

- Professional Development/In-service for Teachers - office closed
- Meet & Greet, 3:30-5pm - All families are invited to come to campus, enjoy a frozen treat, & meet your teacher. Those students who purchased school supplies on their own must bring the supplies to the classroom during Meet & Greet.

### August 6

- Faculty Retreat off campus; office closed

### August 7 & 8

- **PK & K Parent Meetings & Student Assessments** - information was mailed this week. Please scan the QR code on your letter to sign up for your meeting.
- **Staggered First Day of School For Grades 1-8.** Half of the students will attend on the 7th; the other half will attend on the 8th. To get your child's date, click [here](#).
- Buses will run on August 7 & 8
- Regular Office Hours Resume, 7:15-3:30

### August 11

- First Day of School for ALL students in Grades 1-8.

### August 11&12

- **Staggered First Day of School for PK & K.** Half of the students will attend on the 11th; the other half will attend on the 12th. The details will be mailed over the summer. Parents are allowed to walk their students to their classroom on this day.

### August 13

- First Day of School for ALL students in PK & K. All students utilize Carpool or Bus. Please do not walk your child to the classroom/gate. This halts carpool progress and creates unsafe situations.

### August 14

- Back to School Night for Parents only

### August 15

- First School Mass, 8:15 - Assumption of Mary - Dress Uniforms not required until October 1.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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### Carpool Tags

**Existing Students:** Please continue to keep your carpool tags each year. We will utilize them year over year. If you need to order an extra one, please click [here](#). Complete the form and bring to the office.

**New Students:** You will receive two during the New Family Orientation. If you need to order more than that, please complete the form above.

### Summer Reading Requirements

All students going into Kindergarten through 8th grade must complete summer reading by the first day of school. Upon returning to school, students must be prepared to participate in graded activities that pertain to their grade level's summer reading book. Click [here](#) for more information.

### Staggered Start Days

We will have a staggered start for the first day of school. Half of the grade will attend on August 7; the other half will attend on August 8. For a list of when your child will attend, click [here](#). It is posted on our website under "Latest News." We are still working on Homeroom & Class Lists. They will be finalized and posted for Meet & Greet in August.

### Meet & Greet

All students are invited to come to the Meet & Greet on Tuesday, August 5, 3:30-5pm. Students will have the opportunity to meet their teachers and see who is in their homeroom class. Snowballs will be served. If you bought school supplies on your own, please bring them to Meet & Greet.

### Used Uniform Sale

How to SELL:

- Each item should have a WHITE Envelope attached with a safety pin.
- On each envelope, write:
  - Your last name
  - The size of the item
  - The amount you are selling the item for.
- Drop off the items during the "Drop Off" Days and times.
- All unsold items and cash can be picked up immediately after the Sale; all unclaimed items will be donated.
- Questions? Jessica at 504.439.0024

How to BUY:

- Bring small \$1 and \$5 to the sale.
- Each item will have an envelope with a price.
- If you wish to purchase an item, you are to place CASH ONLY in its envelope.
- Remove the envelope and give to the Volunteer at the Sale.

A poster for a "used uniform SALE". The title "used uniform" is in a white cursive font, and "SALE" is in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The background is dark blue with white starburst patterns. Below the title is an illustration of two school uniforms: a white long-sleeved shirt with a red and white striped tie and a red and white plaid skirt, and a white short-sleeved shirt with a red and white striped tie and a red and white plaid skirt. To the right of the illustration, the "Drop off" times are listed: Tuesday, July 15th (8:00 am-5:30 pm) and Wednesday, July 16th (8:00 am-5:30 pm). Below that, the "Sale" time is listed: Thursday, July 17th (4:30 - 6:30 pm). At the bottom right, the location is given as "Bishop Ott - next to gym". At the very bottom, a note states: "All money collected & unsold items must be picked up at 7:15 on 7/17".

*used uniform*  
**SALE**

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4:30 - 6:30 pm

Bishop Ott - next to gym

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### Blessing of the Backpacks

All students are invited to bring your schoolbag/backpacks to Mass the weekend of August 2. The priest will bestow a special blessing on them for a good school year.

### Summer Office Hours

The summer office hours vary from the school year's. The office is open, Monday through Thursday, 9-1. It is closed on Friday.

### School Supplies

Families who did not buy the school supplies through the school must bring their purchased supplies on Meet & Greet. To get a list of your child's required supplies, visit the [website](#).

### Spirit Shirts

Students will receive one spirit shirt at the beginning of the school year. The size was chosen at enrollment in January, and the shirts have been ordered. We will have an opportunity to order additional spirit shirts in August.

### MBS Tithing - IOG

We are half-way to December. Please make sure to use your envelopes when tithing at weekly MBS Mass. These donations go towards your \$325 required annual contributions. See Tuition Policy on first page or the "Parents' Commitment to Church & School" on the next page.

### DryFit Shorts/Pants

As we update the Student Handbook over the summer, 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 & School Time, will stock these bottoms. Girls can wear the dry-fit pants also if they chose.

### 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.

### New Volunteer Credentialing for the 2025-2026 School Year

New Volunteer Applications for parents/guardians are being accepted now. Please email your volunteer request to [childprotection@mbsbr.org](mailto:childprotection@mbsbr.org) to get the process started.

### Update Your Volunteer File for 2025-2026

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.

For your convenience, you may scan and email the forms to [childprotection@mbsbr.org](mailto:childprotection@mbsbr.org).



## PARENTS' COMMITMENT TO CHURCH & SCHOOL

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

- **Prayer and Mass** – 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.
- **Service** – 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
- **Weekly Church Offering** – A minimum amount of \$325 will be donated to the Church to support the stewardship program as an Identified Offertory Giver (IOG). Those donations must be made through weekly use of MBS church envelopes, automatic church deductions, or online giving through the church website. Church members who meet the *IOG requirement will receive the in-parish tuition*. Donations will be verified by December 15 unless otherwise authorized by the Pastor/Principal. Any offerings thereafter will count towards the following year.

Families meeting these requirements will receive the in-parish tuition rate. Any families who have not met the stewardship commitment requirements will receive either the Catholic Out-of-Parish tuition or Non-Catholic rates.

### New Students

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.**



We hope the summer is going well!

Tackle Football Registration is OPEN! Boys, 3rd thru 8th grade! Returning and NEW players! We combine with St. Thomas More: 3rd /4th , 5th /6th , 7th /8th grade teams. We play in the CSAA. Deadline to register is Monday July 14, 11:59pm. Registration link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/JujrEe3t>

Flag Football Registration is OPEN! Boys, 3rd & 4th grade! Deadline to register is Monday July 14, 11:59pm. Registration link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/ZFMleGtS>

Girls Basketball Registration is OPEN!! Girls, 3rd thru 8th grade! Returning and NEW players! We play in the CSAA. Deadline to register is Monday July 14, 11:59pm. Registration link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/RlbSkKrB>

- Swim Team – Boys & Girls 5th thru 8th grade ~ Registration coming in August!
  - Tennis Team – Boys & Girls 5th thru 8th grade ~ Registration coming in August!
  - Cross Country – Boys & Girls 3rd thru 8th grade ~ Registration coming in August!
  - Parish Sports Flag Football, grades PreK thru 2nd , boys and girls coming in August!
- Sports Guides are on the school website, athletics tab!

All student-athletes must have a Physical Evaluation Form completed for the 2025-26 school year.

We will offer FREE exams, Tuesday August 5, 3:30pm in the MBS Gym!

Physical form is also on the school website, athletics tab!

Go Pelicans!

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

Go Pelicans!  
Tommy Krysan, Athletic Director  
MBS Athletics  
[tkrysan@mbsbr.org](mailto:tkrysan@mbsbr.org)



# CALLING VOLUNTEERS!

## HOME & SCHOOL EVENTS 2025-2026

SAVE THE DATE!

OUR COMMITTEE CHAIRS WORK HARD TO MAKE THESE EVENTS GREAT AND VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!! PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME THIS SCHOOL YEAR!

### MBS PARISH FAIR

[mbsparishfair@gmail.com](mailto:mbsparishfair@gmail.com)

**OCT  
17-19**

**NOV  
21**

### GRANDPARENTS DAY

Hospitality Committee

### TEACHER SHOPPING DAYS

Class Coordinator Committee

**DEC  
5 & 12**

**JAN  
29**

### PALS LUNCHEON

PALS Committee

### DONUTS WITH DAD

Class Coordinator Committee

**MAR  
18**



# CALLING VOLUNTEERS!

## MOTHER/SON EVENT

Dance Committee

**MAR  
27**

**APR  
15**

## MUFFINS WITH MOM

Class Coordinator Committee

## PELICAN GAMES/FUN RUN

Pelican Games & Fun Run Committees

**APR  
17**

**MAY  
4-8**

## FACULTY/STAFF TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Executive Board

## MAY CROWNING

May Crowning Committee

**MAY  
7**

AT THIS TIME WE ARE ASKING FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR CERTAIN EVENTS TO LET US KNOW! AS EVENTS APPROACH, THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS WILL REACH OUT ABOUT VOLUNTEERING NEEDS!

# SIGN UP







**COMING**  
*soon*

INTERESTED IN  
BECOMING CATHOLIC?

## JOIN US FOR INQUIRY

Starting Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
after the 6:00 pm Mass



**WEDNESDAYS**  
**6:40 PM**  
**ST. PETER'S ROOM**  
**PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER (PAC)**



- All adults and school age children who have never been baptized
- Those who have been baptized in other Christian faiths
- Baptized Catholics who have not received other sacraments
- Catholics who have been away from the Church and would like a refresher

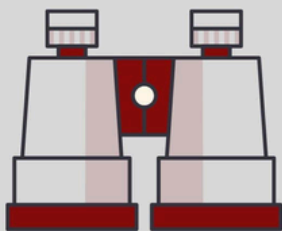


CONTACT DEACON MARK  
225-752-6230

SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE  
INFORMATION



**MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT  
EXTENDED CARE PROGRAM**



**MBS is seeking Part-time Employees  
for August, 2025 - flexible hours**

**ADULTS 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER  
AND  
STUDENTS 16 YEARS OR OLDER**

**Email Cheri Goe, Principal**  
**[cgioe@mbsbr.org](mailto:cgioe@mbsbr.org)**



## CONNECTING GIRLS TO CHRIST

BLAZE is a faith-based program for tween and teen girls, countering society's lies with the truth of Scripture. Through 20 engaging weekly lessons, girls discover their identity in Christ as God's beloved daughters. Each session includes a fun activity, a Bible-based truth, and a meaningful takeaway gift—helping girls grow in confidence, faith, and self-worth.

### Learn more at:

Coming this Fall for all 6th & 7th grade girls!  
Sundays at 4pm beginning September 7th  
For more information and registration contact  
Sarah Rico - [BLAZEatMBS@gmail.com](mailto:BLAZEatMBS@gmail.com)



 **walking with purpose**

Learn more at [walkingwithpurpose.com/blaze](http://walkingwithpurpose.com/blaze)