

The Pelican Express

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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 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)

Our Logo - Pelican in her Piety

Our logo, known as the Pelican in Her Piety, was designed to honor the rich history of MBS, pay tribute to the Most Blessed Sacrament, and celebrate the school's future. It is truly a reminder of our faith foundation that we want to instill in our students, and it is a vivid illustration of what we want others to know about our faith and school.

The wings of the pelican create the monstrance in which the Most Blessed Sacrament is placed, protected, and displayed during Adoration. The bolded strokes represent how we as Catholics radiate the love of Christ when we receive Him during the Eucharist. The baby chicks represent the students and the privilege we have to protect and teach them in the Catholic Faith.

According to legend, in times of famine, a mother pelican would pierce her own chest and give her blood to her chicks. Thus, the pelican symbol in Christianity symbolizes the sacrifice of Christ on the cross, who gave His blood for others, as well as the Eucharist, which represents Christ's body and provides spiritual nourishment.

Important Links

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

Time & Talent Opportunities

- See page 8-9 to show interest in this year's activities.
- Join the MBS Fair Committee. Inquiries: mbsparishfair.com
- Click [here](#) to sign up to donate items for Teacher Inservice

This newsletter is the first weekly issue of the school year. The weekly Pelican Express is published on Thursdays and is posted on the website under "News."

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 1

- Professional Development for Teachers - office closed

August 2 & 3

- Blessing of the Backpacks at all weekend Masses. Bring your backpack to school to receive a special blessing.

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.
- Athletics will offer free Sports Physicals in the gym 3:30 - 5:30. Bring the form for the physician to complete. You may find it on our website, Athletics

August 6

- Faculty Retreat off campus; office closed
- Circle of Grace "Opt Out" form due to Office of Child Protection, see page 2.

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 were 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

- Student Individual Pictures - dress uniform required for pictures
- Back to School Night for Parents only
- "Give Back to MBS" at Five Guys, 11am-9pm at the Village Market Location

August 15

- Handbook forms are due to your homeroom teacher. Print from the back of the Handbook on the Website.
- Classroom Coordinator applications are due. see page 5
- First School Mass, 8:15 - Assumption of Mary - Dress Uniforms not required until October 1.

August 18

- Altar Server forms due to Christian Formation (email was sent on 7/31)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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: Tags were distributed at New Family Orientation. If you did not attend, the carpool tag can be retrieved from your teacher on Meet & Greet Day.

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.

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.

Circles of Grace

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People requires that all children enrolled in Catholic Schools receive Safe Environment training. The training will take place August 18-25. Parents have the right to opt their children out of the training. If you want to opt out, complete the [form](#) and return it to the Office of Child Protection by fax or email no later than Wednesday, August 6.

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.

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 page 5.

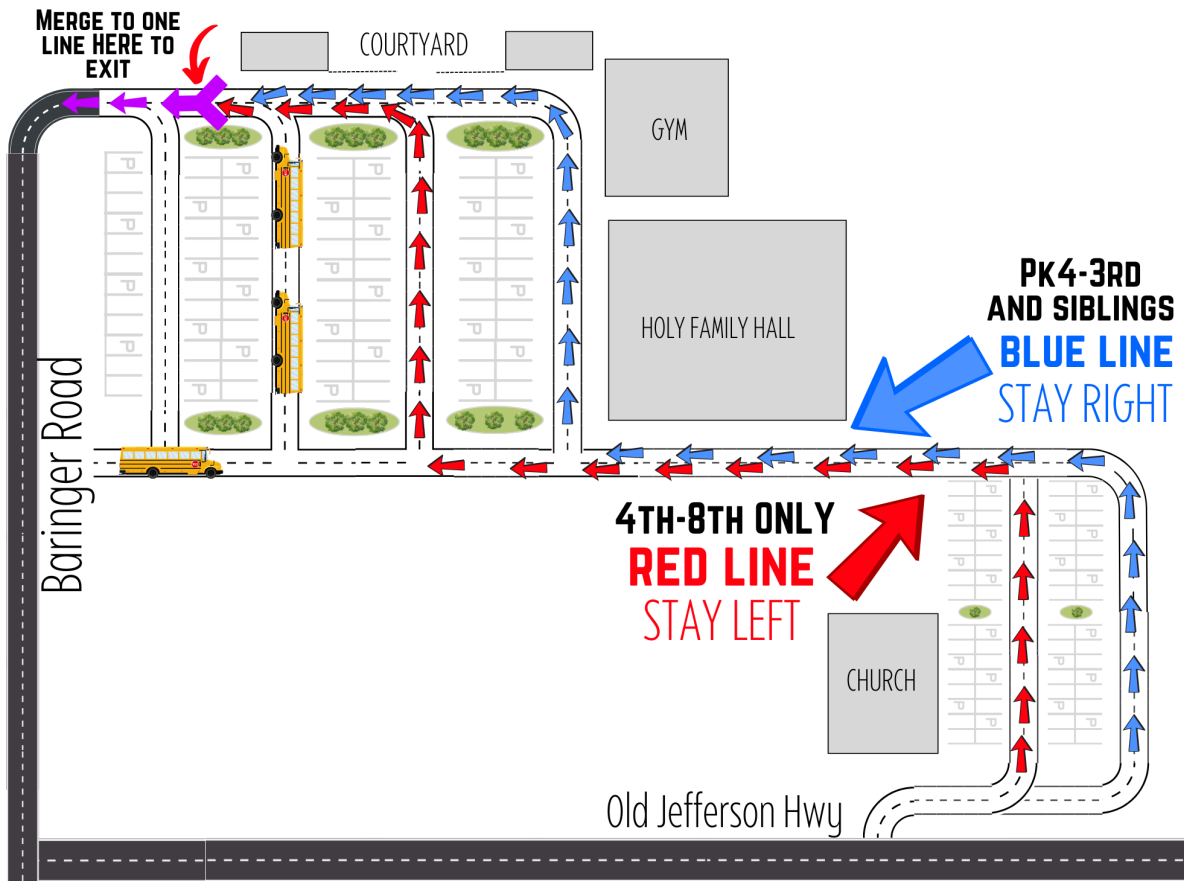
Child Nutrition - Allergies

To better serve our students with special diet needs, all dietary orders will need to be renewed EACH SCHOOL YEAR. Dietary requests will be valid only for the school year in which they are written and will expire at the end of the school year. Current dietary requests will expire on the last day of school of this current school year.

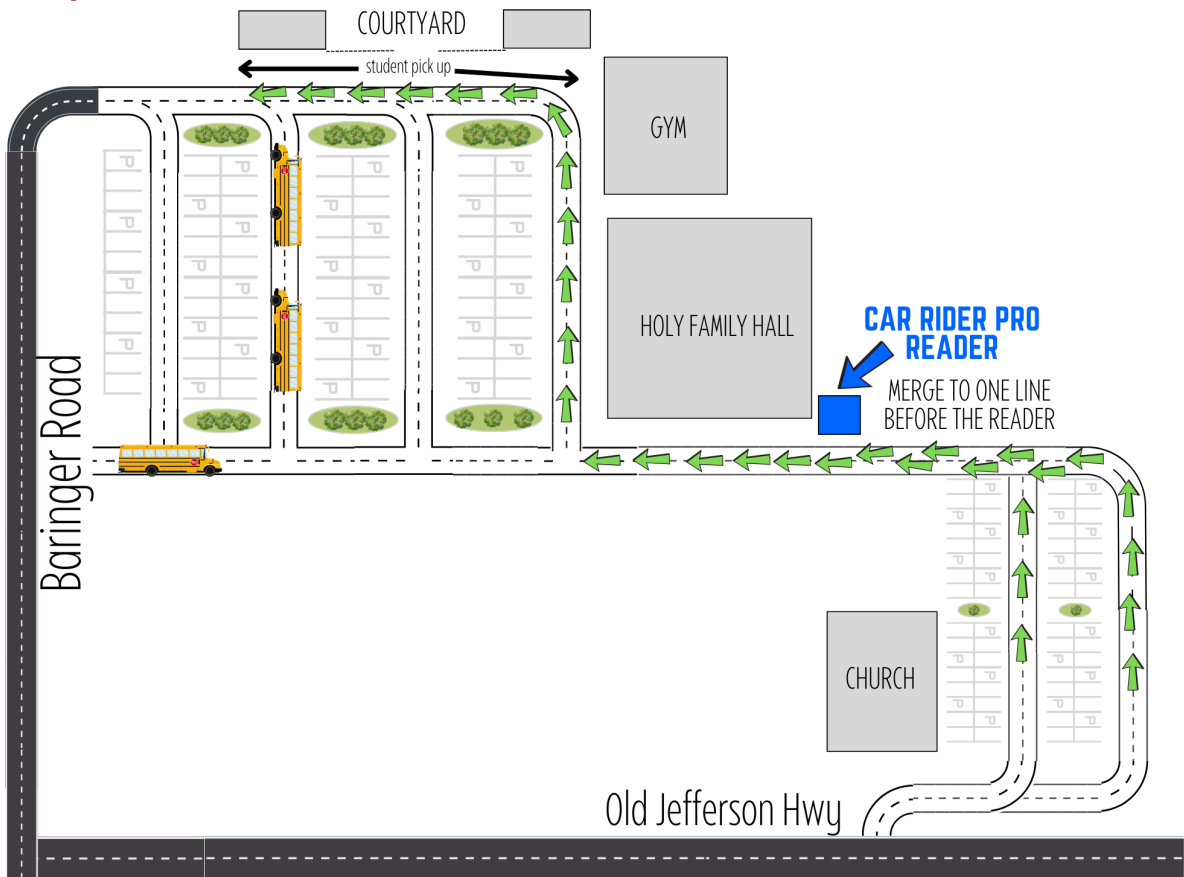
If you have not submitted a [form](#) for this school year, please submit a form to your Café Manager and school nurse on a current Louisiana Special dietary order form. As with new dietary requests, signature from a physician or other recognized medical authority is required.



Morning Carpool Map



Afternoon Carpool Map



Carpool Procedures

- Morning carpool begins at 7:20am and ends at 7:45.
- All carpool traffic will enter the school campus through the Church parking lot located at 15655 Jefferson Hwy.
- Cars enter the parking lot on the right side of the church and form two lines. The line on the left is for those students in grades 4-8. The line on the right side is for PK-3rd grade.
- Both lines proceed through the gate.
- The line on the right will proceed along the buildings and children will be escorted out of their vehicles. The safety patrol students and faculty on duty will open the car doors for you. Thus, all students must be on the passenger side of the vehicle.
- The left line will proceed to the second parking lane. There are no safety patrol or faculty to escort your children from the car. They are to exit the car on their own and proceed to the crosswalk in front of the gym doors.
- Afternoon carpool begins at 2:50 and ends at 3:15. Students remaining will be sent to extended care for a fee.
- No traffic should enter the front parking lot after 2:15pm.
- Cars enter the parking lot on the right side of the church and form two lines. The lines merge into one at the Car Rider Pro Reader at the back of Holy Family Hall.
- Official MBS hang tags with student's carpool number boldly printed on it must be prominently displayed during carpool.
- Proceed to the line along the buildings and children will be standing at cones to be picked up.
- If you need to assist your child with buckling into the seat, please pull into the gravel parking lot on Baringer to do that.

Classroom Coordinator

If you would like to serve as a Classroom Coordinator for your homeroom teacher, please complete the following [form](#) by Friday, August 15. Student homeroom assignments will be published at Meet & Greet on the 5th.

Handbook Forms

The last three pages of the handbook are agreements that must be printed, signed, and returned to your homeroom teacher. They are due to your teacher Friday, August 15.

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 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.

PARENTS' COMMITMENT TO CHURCH & SCHOOL

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 look forward to seeing all our students, faculty, and staff back on campus soon!

All student-athletes must have a Physical Evaluation Form completed for the 2025-26 school year. One form covers all sports!

We will offer FREE exams, Tuesday August 5, 3:30-5:30 pm in the MBS Gym! We will have forms available that day.

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

- 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!

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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 acting in a dignified manner.

Go Pelicans!

Tommy Krysan, Athletic Director

MBS Athletics

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MBS ATHLETICS

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

**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



CAMPUS Safety

With school approaching we wanted to share a few safety reminders.

- Remember to go through the Child Protection Credentialing Process.
- Please check in at the school office every time you come to campus.
- Always wear your nametag.
- Do not go directly to classrooms without going to the office first.
- Lock your car doors and do not leave personal items in your car.
- If you see suspicious activity, report it to the school office immediately.

Let's all do our part!



MBS Parish School of Religion

HELP NEEDED!

Our Parish School of Religion (PSR) program is our church parish's way of bringing the faith to students who do not attend Catholic School.

We are in need of Catechists and Assistants to help bring the faith to students in the following grades for the 2025-2026 academic year.

- 2nd Grade - Catechist
- 2nd Grade - Catechist Aid
- 7th Grade - Catechist Aid
- 9th Grade Catechist

Details: Classes are from 9:15am to 11:00am on Sundays in the fall and spring beginning August 24th. There are 14 Sunday classes, in total, for elementary and jr. high and 10 total for high school.

If you or someone you know would like to share their faith with our young people or would simply like to know more about our program please contact West Giffin, Director of Christian Formation, at wgiffin@mbsbr.org.

Training, resources and service hours are available for anyone who volunteers with our program.



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blaze

***All 6th & 7th grade girls are invited
to join us for BLAZE Bible Study!***

***Sundays at 4:00 pm
Begins September 7th***

***Moms are welcome to be a part of
BLAZE with their daughters.***

Priority Registration ends August 22nd!

***REGISTER
HERE!***



For more information contact

Sarah Rico - BLAZEatMBS@gmail.com

***[https://forms.gle/LvpU
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MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH



A fun adventure of faith and friendship among students and families with Catholic values.

This experience provides...

- Your family with an education that transcends through different boundaries and growth outside the home.
- Valuable learning experiences
- Your children education, awareness, and tolerance of other cultures
- Opportunities to learn Spanish
- Travel to other countries

Exchange Students...

- Are matched with an American student, same age (11-17), gender and interests who attends a Catholic school.
- Participate in the same activities as the host students.
- Have been screened, prepared, and know English at some level and had Bonding program support.
- Include all expenses, including air fare, full medical insurance, tuition, and a monthly spending money paid for by each exchange student's family.

**Consider hosting
students from
Guatemala for just
eight weeks (Oct.-Dec.)!**

BONDING Program

Since 1999, the BONDING program has provided a supportive Catholic missionary experience for families to bond by hosting English/Spanish teachers!

BONDING is grateful for all the support and prayers of bishops, priests, families, and friends who continue to make this program possible!

Join us in continuing our family's faith throughout the world!

IF YOU WANT TO HOST,

please complete the online application:
www.catholicbonding.org

Or, for more information, contact us at:



info@catholicbonding.org



MBS DRAMA CLUB

FOR FUN IN THE THEATER

6TH - 8TH GRADERS ARE INVITED TO
JOIN THE MBS DRAMA CLUB
CONTACT LISA ALBANO FOR MORE
INFORMATION:
ALBANOLISA1966@GMAIL.COM

COST: \$25.00
CHARGED TO YOUR FACTS ACCOUNT

MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN ST.
URSULA HALL ON MONDAYS - 9/15,
9/29, 10/13, 10/27, 11/10, 12/1, 12/15,
1/12, 1/26, 2/9, 2/23, 3/9, 3/23, 4/6,
4/20, 5/4



STUDENT'S NAME: _____

HOME ROOM: _____

PARENT'S NAME AND PHONE: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME AND NUMBER: _____

ALLERGIES: _____