

The Pelican Express

August 14, 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 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)

Transportation

Carpool with staff supervision begins at 7:20 in the morning. Except for scheduled activities, students are not allowed on campus prior to that time. Do not leave children unattended if a staff member is not present.

If a student is to go home other than their usual manner, a note must be sent to the teacher informing them of the change. Students without a note will be sent home in the usual manner. Students may only ride home on a bus if they are an assigned rider on that bus. For any dismissal changes made after a student is at school, call the front office no later than 2:00 pm.

Important Links

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

Time & Talent Opportunities

- Cafeteria Volunteers - August - Click [here](#)
- Join the MBS Fair Committee. Inquiries: mbsparishfair.com

The weekly Pelican Express is published on Thursdays and is posted on the website under "News."

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.
- Registration deadline for Tennis, Swimming, and Cross Country

August 18

- Altar Server forms due to Christian Formation (email was sent on 7/31 & 8/12)
- Girls Basketball Practice - Gym

August 19

- Girls Basketball Practice - Gym
- JV Cheer/Dance Practice - Ursula

August 20

- Girls Basketball Practice - Gym
- JV Cheer/Dance Practice - Ursula
- Pep Squad Practice - HFH

August 21

- Mass 8:15, Bible Blessing for new middle school students and 6th graders
- Varsity Cheer - Ursula
- Girls Basketball Practice - Gym
- Room Coordinator Meeting, 6pm

August 22

- 2024-25 yearbooks distribution

August 25

- Buddy Activity
- Girls Basketball Practice - Gym

August 26

- Girls Basketball Practice - Gym
- JV Cheer/Dance Practice - Ursula

August 27

- Kindness Club, 7:20am - Library
- Girls Basketball Practice - Gym
- JV Cheer/Dance Practice - Ursula
- Pep Squad Practice - HFH

August 28

- Mass, 8:15, Altar Server Training after Mass
- Girls Basketball Practice - Gym
- Varsity Cheer - Ursula

August 29

- Mercedarian Sisters visit campus
- Spirit Shirt day - wear your new spirit shirt with uniform bottoms. If you need to order another spirit shirt, see page 2.



Back to School Night

When: Thursday, August 14

Where: MBS Gym and Classrooms

Time: 5:45 p.m. – 7:50 p.m.

5:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. - Registration and Refreshments

6:00 p.m. - Introductions and Presentations

- Athletics – Tommy Krysan
- Home and School – Lauren Stelly
- MBS Men's Club – Josh Stickling
- State of MBS – Cheri M. Gioe

Elementary

- 1st – 2nd - Homeroom Classes
- 3rd – 5th – Grade Level is together
 - 3rd Mrs. Duet's Classroom
 - 4th Mrs. Virget's Classroom
 - 5th Mrs. Barrilleaux's Classroom
- **6:40 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.** - Session 1
- **7:20 p.m. – 7:50 p.m.** - Session 2 (Repeat of Session 1)

Middle School – 6th – 8th Grade

6:40 p.m. 7:45 p.m. – Middle School Presentations - (two minute transitions between classes)

- **6:40 p.m.** – 2nd Period
- **6:50 p.m.** – 3rd Period
- **7:00 p.m.** – 4th Period
- **7:10 p.m.** – 5th Period
- **7:20 p.m.** – 6th Period
- **7:30 p.m.** – 7th Period

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Spirit Shirts

Spirit Shirts were delivered to your student's homeroom on Monday and Tuesday of this week. If you need to order another spirit shirt, click [here](#). Deadline is Friday, August 22.

Kindness Club

Students in grades 6-8 are invited to learn more about Kindness Club. The first meeting of the year is Wednesday, August 27 at 7:20 in the Library. The club is open to all 6-8 grade students, and the only membership criteria is the belief that "Kindness Matters."

The monthly meeting dates for 2025-26 - all in the Library at 7:20 - are

August 27

September 17

October 15

November 19

December 10

January 14

February 11

March 11

April 15

May 6

Trip to Rome with Fr. G

MBS' Fr. Galeji will lead a group to a Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy April 13-22. If you are interested in going and want more information, click [here](#). Itinerary also posted at the end of this newsletter.

Envision Your Library Update

Some of the new library furnishings had to be custom made due to the color choices. This has caused a delay in the delivery. The library update is expected to be completed by Labor Day.

Carpool Tag

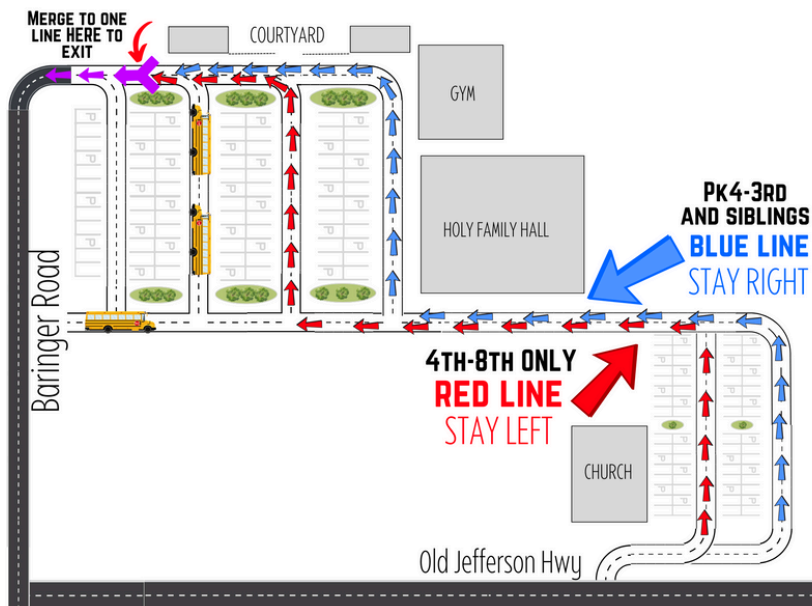
If you need to order additional carpool tags, please complete the following [form](#) and return it to the office with \$10 per tag.

MBS Pelibots Club

All students in grades 6-8 are invited to join Pelibots Club. Students will learn to program and control LEGO Mindstorm Robots and compete locally. The club meets on Wednesdays after school in St. Ursula. The cost is \$35 and covers competition cost and shirt. Click [here](#) for more information and to sign up. The first meeting is September 17.

Carpool Reminders

- Please do NOT walk your child into school. We have extra adults and students to help them get to their classroom. Use the carpool line.
- Those cars in the PK-4th line, please hug the curb with your vehicle. This gives the second line space to pull out after they drop off their bigger kids.
- Have your child unbuckled, breakfast completed, and ready to exit the vehicle.
- Please refrain from cell phone use during carpool.



Morning Carpool Map

Afternoon Carpool Map



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.

Tennis Team Registration is Open: Boys & Girls Grade 5 thru 8!

Coach Morgan Rentz

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/dlG4QOjd>

Swim Team Registration is Open: Boys & Girls Grade 5 thru 8!

Coaches are Monica Braud & Natalie Godso

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/lce8OnTD>

Cross Country Registration is Open: Boys & Girls Grade 3 thru 8!

Coaches are Katie Bouey & Jennifer Russo

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/DkFOrvOD>

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR TENNIS, SWIMMING, AND CROSS COUNTRY IS FRIDAY, August 15, 11:59pm.

Parish Sports Flag Football, Grades PreK thru 2 nd , Boys & Girls is open. Deadline to register is Friday, August 22

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/cEvOfOTO>

HOME CSAA Football Playing Dates are Sunday Oct 5 & Sunday Nov 2

Football Schedules are 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 acting in a dignified manner.

Go Pelicans!

Tommy Krysan, Athletic Director

MBS Athletics

tkrysan@mbsbr.org



MBS ATHLETICS



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

GOT THE SPIRIT? WE WANT TO HEAR IT!



Join us on August 14, 2025

NEW MERCH COMING SOON!

GET ALL OF YOUR SPIRIT GAME WEAR TO CHEER ON YOUR LITTLE PELICANS!!!!




PELICANS SEQUIN TOP

BY BOMB DESIGN

Order Today!

Click [here](#) to view & order MBS items today.

SIZE CHART FOR WOMEN'S SEQUIN DESIGN CUFF SLEEVE TEE

DESCRIPTION	SMALL	MEDIUM	LARGE	XL	2XL	3XL
LENGTH	24-1/2"	25"	25-1/2"	26"	26.5"	27"
BUST (Left to right Measurement)	20"	21"	22"	23"	24"	26"
SHOULDER	16-1/2"	17"	17-1/2"	18"	18.5"	19"

DOUBLE FEATURE WITH JASON EVERT



PURIFIED AND GENDER

AND THE THEOLOGY OF YOUR BODY

Let's come together to discover the beauty of God's plan for human love. A life-changing event for teens & adults (ages 13+).



EVENT INCLUDES:
 Eucharistic Adoration
 Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Free resources for every attendee!
Tickets \$25

September 8, 2025 | 6:00 PM - 9:15 PM

St. Michael the Archangel High School
 St. Sebastian Gym
 17521 Monitor Avenue
 Baton Rouge, LA 70817

Tickets: chastity.com/purified
 Info: efroeba@smhsbr.org
 Doors open at 5:30 PM



Scan for tickets & info




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/LvpUWZfoiqaPwGVL8>



MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

2024-2025 MBS YEARBOOKS



**WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO
STUDENTS ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 22.
BE ON THE LOOK OUT!**

HOPE

YOUTH FEST

OUR LADY OF HOPE
 3167 Old 51 S. Osyka, MS

OCTOBER 11, 2025
YOUTH GROUPS / CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
8TH - 12TH GRADE

Music by:



Deacon Michael Parker



THE VIGIL PROJECT
 MUSIC FOR THE CATHOLIC JOURNEY



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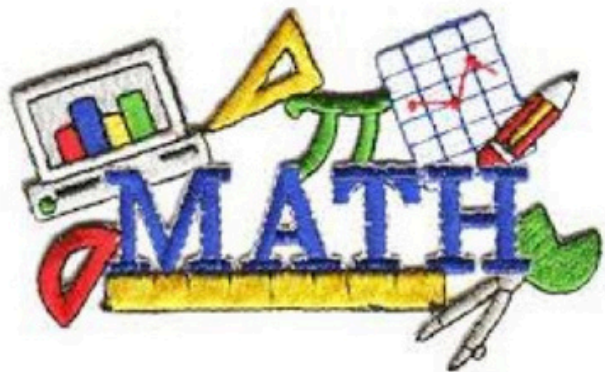


FATHER PAUL GROS



KATHLEEN HIGGINS

REGISTER: WWW.OURLADYOFHOPEMS.COM/YOUTH-FEST



Join the MBS Middle School Math Club!

Math Club Sponsors: Mrs. Kennedy and Miss Delaune

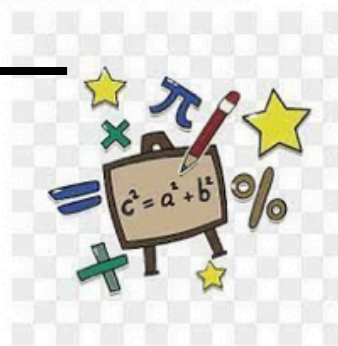
Our purpose

- To build number sense as well as math literacy in a fun and unintimidating way through the implementation of **MATHCOUNTS**. **MATHCOUNTS** is a national mathematics program where the focus is on mathematical problem solving. Students will complete an in-depth exploration of various math topics that will allow students to collaborate on hands-on and interactive math activities, play games, and develop a love for mathematics!

When will we meet?

Meetings will be held on the following Monday afternoons from 2:50 - 3:50
in Mrs. Delaune's Classroom, Room 15

Aug. 25, 2025	Jan. 12, 2025
Sept. 15, 2025	Feb. 9, 2026
Oct. 6, 2025	March 23, 2026
Nov. 10, 2025	April 13, 2026
Dec. 15, 2025	May 4, 2026



Competitions

- 6th graders will have the opportunity to participate in a math tournament at St. Joseph's Academy in the spring. Students will compete in two individual events. One will be multiple choice and the other will be in free answer form. Students will also compete in a relay team event in which students from various schools will compete against other students in their grade.
- 6-3 math students as well as 7th and 8th graders will have the opportunity to participate in a math competition in the Fall at Catholic High School.
- Participation in competitions **is not** a requirement to be in the math club!

How Do I Join?

Visit <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/1fb3fKqu> to complete the registration form and pay the \$25.00 fee. The fee will cover a club t-shirt as well as club supplies.

1ST 9 WEEKS GIVE BACK NIGHT

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
THURSDAY, 8/14/2025



FIVE GUYS **COMMUNITY****EVENT**



**JOIN
US!**

at the **VILLAGE MARKET FIVE GUYS**
14640 Village Market Street
FIVE GUYS will donate 15% of your purchase to
MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL
Please identify yourself as part of Most Blessed Sacrament School.



****SAVE AND TURN IN YOUR RECEIPTS TO CLASS ON 8/15!****

**THE CLASS WITH THE HIGHEST PARTICIPATION WILL GET A CLASS TREAT! -
DON'T FORGET TO WRITE YOUR KIDS NAME(S) AND HOMEROOM(S) ON THE
RECEIPT!**

**PLEASE TRY AND PLACE YOUR ORDERS IN THE STORE (DINE IN
OR TO GO) IF POSSIBLE TO MAXIMIZE THE AMOUNT GIVEN BACK
TO MBS!**



Pilgrimage to the Shrines of

ITALY



April 13 – 22, 2026

\$6,449 per person
from Baton Rouge (BTR)

**All prices based on double occupancy.
Pricing available from any airport: www.206tours.com/airports*

Optional Post-Tour to Lisbon & Fatima:
April 22 – 25, 2026 | \$1,567 per person



Spiritual Director: Fr. Galeji

Group Leader: Geri Guarino



Questions? Contact:
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(800) 206-8687

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About This Pilgrimage



Your Trip Includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- Prepaid seat assignments
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- Hotel accommodations: (or similar) in double occupancy
 - 3 nights: Apr 14 - 17: Orazio Palace Hotel or NYX Hotel Rome, Rome, Italy
 - 2 nights: Apr 17 - 19: Centro Di Spiritualità Padre Pio, San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy
 - 3 nights: Apr 19 - 22: Dal Moro Gallery Hotel or Giotto Hotel, Assisi, Italy
- Optional Post-Tour hotel accommodations:
 - 1 night: Apr 22 - 23: Lumen Lisboa Hotel, Lisbon, Portugal
 - 2 nights: Apr 23 - 25: Hotel Santa Maria, Fatima, Portugal
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Wine with dinners
- Transfers as per itinerary
- Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach
- Whisper headsets (where needed)
- Assistance of a professional local Guide
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person)
- Flight bag & digital PDF confirmation of all travel documents

Not Included:

- Lunches and beverages not mentioned
- Tips to your guide & driver.

Optional:

- Travel Protection, Cancel for any Reason Waiver

Sample Daily Itinerary:

- Day 1 | Mon, April 13: Depart for Rome
- Day 2 | Tue, April 14: Arrival in Rome
- Day 3 | Wed, April 15: Rome: Papal Audience - Trevi Fountain - Basilica of St. John the Lateran - Holy Stairs - Basilica of St. Mary Major
- Day 4 | Thu, April 16: Rome: St. Peter's Basilica - Vatican Museum - Appian Way Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls - Catacombs
- Day 5 | Fri, April 17: Rome - Monte Cassino - San Giovanni Rotondo
- Day 6 | Sat, April 18: San Giovanni Rotondo - Monte Sant' Angelo
- Day 7 | Sun, April 19: San Giovanni Rotondo - Lanciano - Loreto - Assisi
- Day 8 | Mon, April 20: Assisi (St. Francis)
- Day 9 | Tue, April 21: Assisi - Orvieto - Assisi
- Day 10 | Wed, April 22: Assisi - Rome Airport



Scan this QR Code with your smart phone to be taken directly to our web page with all details, pricing, options, and registration form!

Optional Post-Tour to Lisbon & Fatima:

- Day 10, Wed, Apr 22: Assisi - Rome - Lisbon
- Day 11, Thu, Apr 23: Lisbon - Santarem - Fatima
- Day 12, Fri, Apr 24: Fatima
- Day 13, Sat, Apr 25: Fatima - Lisbon airport - USA

**206 Tours Disclaimer: Though every effort will be made to follow the itinerary, it should be considered as an indication, rather than a contract of places to be visited. Occasionally local religious holidays, national days, weather, traffic conditions and other events may necessitate changes in the sequence of visits or the missing of certain visits.*

Book Now:

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Booking Code: GG030226

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