

The Pelican Express

August 28, 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)

Water Bottles and Snacks

Snacks - Students in grade 2nd - 8th may bring a healthy snack to school. Snacks will either be eaten in the morning or afternoon depending on lunch times. Students may not bring nuts for snack or any snack containing nuts.

Water Bottles - All students bring a water bottle to school. Should you wish not to send a water bottle to school, MBS has numerous cold-water drinking fountains around campus. Acceptable water bottles must be spill-proof:

- they should not have to be unscrewed to drink from
- no larger than 20 ounces
- if tipped over while open, they will not leak or spill
- please label all water bottles with your child's name - we are not responsible for lost water bottles
- failure to provide appropriate water bottles or failure to use them appropriately will result in children not being able to bring water bottles to school

Important Links

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

Time & Talent Opportunities

- Cafeteria Volunteers - September - Click [here](#)
- MBS Fair Sweet Booth - Donate your baking talents - click [here](#)

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 28

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

August 29

- Mercedarian Sisters visit campus
- Spirit Shirt day - wear your 2025-26 spirit shirt with uniform bottoms.

September 1

- Labor Day - no school
- Girls Basketball Practice - Gym

September 2

- St. Vincent de Paul Collection - 3rd grade only
- Substitute Workshop - 1:00pm.
- JV Cheer/Dance Practice - St. Ursula
- Girls Basketball Practice - Gym

September 3

- St. Vincent de Paul Collection - 3rd grade only
- JV Cheer/Dance Practice - St. Ursula
- Girls Basketball Practice - Gym
- Eco Club Meeting, 5-8 grades - Room 53
- Pep Squad Practice - HFH

September 4

- St. Vincent de Paul Collection - 3rd grade only
- Mass, 8:15 (dress uniforms not required until October)
- Varsity Cheer - St. Ursula
- Girls Basketball Practice - Gym

September 5

- Middle School Ministry Night, 6-7:30 - HFH

September 7

- 9:45 Mass - Fellowship Sunday for Swim Team, Student Council, Yearbook, Tennis
- 3rd/4th Football Game at STM
- 5th/6th Football Game at STM

September 8

- St. Vincent de Paul Collection

September 9

- Progress Reports Online
- 4-H Club Meeting - Room 6
- JV Cheer/Dance Practice - St. Ursula

September 10

- Kindness Club Meeting, 7:20am - Library
- JV Cheer/Dance Practice - St. Ursula
- Pep Squad Practice - HFH

September 11

- Mass, 8:15 (dress uniforms not required until October)
- 8th Grade Retreat - spirit shirt with jeans or school uniform pants
- Varsity Cheer Practice - St. Ursula

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Professional Development/Conference Days

Professional Development days are **September 19 and 22**:

- Friday, September 19 - Middle School students attend school; PK-5 do not attend school.
- Monday, September 22 - PK-5 attends school; Middle School students do not attend school.

Conference days are scheduled for **October 10 & 13**:

- Friday, October 10 - PK-5 attends school; Middle School student do not attend school.
- Monday, October 13 - Middle School students attend school; PK-5 do not attend school.

Substitute Teachers

If you are interested in serving as a Substitute Teacher and are new to subbing at MBS, you must attend a Substitute Workshop on September 2 at 1:00pm. Please email Miss Vonnie at VChiasson@mbsbr.org if you plan on attending the workshop.

Lego Robotics

Students in grades 1-5 are invited to join Lego Robotics. They will build new projects each week using critical thinking skills and engineering skills. They will meet on Thursdays beginning on September 11. In the event that we have to host an additional session due to over-enrollment, that class will be on Wednesdays, September 17-October 22. The meeting room is TBD. Click [here](#) for more information.

2024-25 Yearbooks

The 24-25 yearbooks have been distributed. If you did not order one and still would like to buy one, extra books will be in the office starting on Friday for sale. They are available on a first-come, first serve basis.

The cost of the yearbook is \$45.

Barberito School Pictures

Parents should have received a link to view and order your child's school day portraits. If you can't locate the email, please check your spam folder. We recommend adding contact@barberitophotographers.com to your contacts to ensure you receive future emails. If you're still unable to find your child's link, please reach out directly to Barberito at contact@barberitophotographers.com or call their office at 504-455-6818. When contacting them, please include your child's first and last name, grade, teacher, and school.

Carpool Tags

Please do not keep both of your carpool tags in one vehicle. The Reader picks up both tags and puts your child at two different cones for pickup. This also causes results to be inaccurate for the rest of carpool.

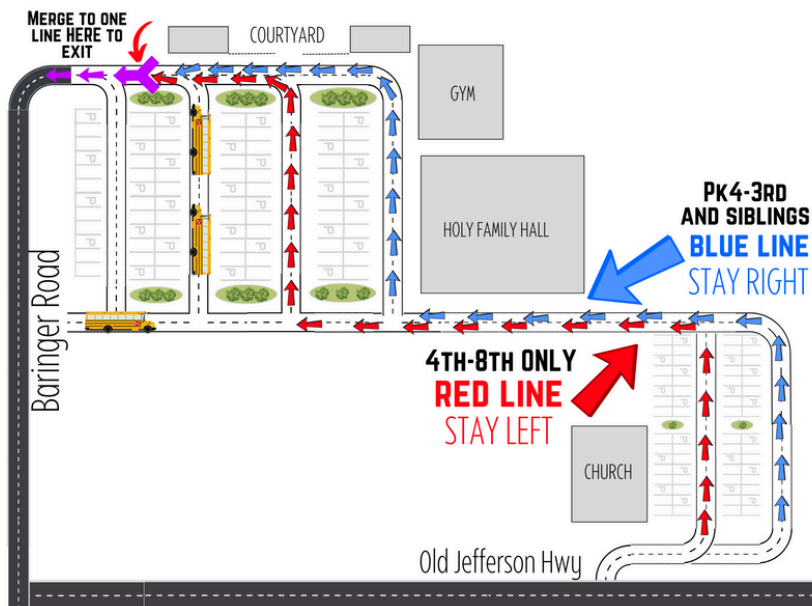
MBS Pelibots Club

All students in grades 6-8 are invited to join Pelibots Club. Students will learn to program and control LEGO Mindstorm Robots and complete locally. The club meets on Wednesdays after school in St. Ursula. The cost is \$35 and covers competition cost and shirt. The link published last week did not work, so here is a new [link](#) to register. The first meeting is September 17.

Catholic Bonding

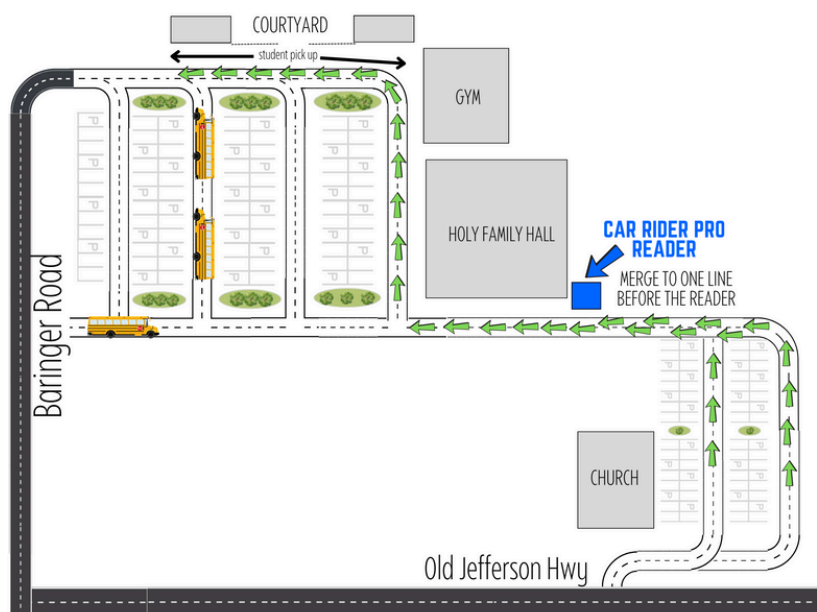
Catholic Bonding is a Cultural Exchange Program for Middle School Students. Three MBS families have had the pleasure of hosting students in the past several years. Students are screened and participate in a course of study prior to placement. Students will arrive in Louisiana, October 18 and stay through December 13. Students will live with you as a family and attend MBS. The program covers the cost of their tuition, meals, insurance etc. and students bring spending money. The deadline to sign-up for potential placement is September 13.

For more information about Catholic Bonding, please visit their [website](#).



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.

Girls Basketball, Swim, Tennis and Cross Country Schedules are coming soon!
Girls Basketball Jamboree, 6th Grade Team will be Wednesday, Sept 3 at MBS,
more details coming soon!! 6:45pm MBS 6th Grade vs. St. Alphonsus

HOME CSAA Football Playing Dates are Sunday Oct 5 & Sunday Nov 2
Football Schedules are on the school website, “athletics” tab.
Lots of info on the school website ~ click “athletics” tab! Parish Sports and all sports!

LOUIE! Hello 7th and 8th graders, boys and girls! Are you interested in wearing the
Louie mascot uniform for sports events? If you are, please email Tommy Krysan, AD –
tkrysan@mbsbr.org

If you are interested on a carpool line sign or gym sign, please email Tommy Krysan:
tkrysan@mbsbr.org

If you are interested in joining Pelican Power, please email Tommy Krysan:
tkrysan@mbsbr.org

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





**Preorder Closes
August 29, 2025**

www.mbsbr.org/parents/spirit-store

**PELICANS
SEQUIN TOP**

By BOMB DESIGN

**HATS AND
MENS POLOS**



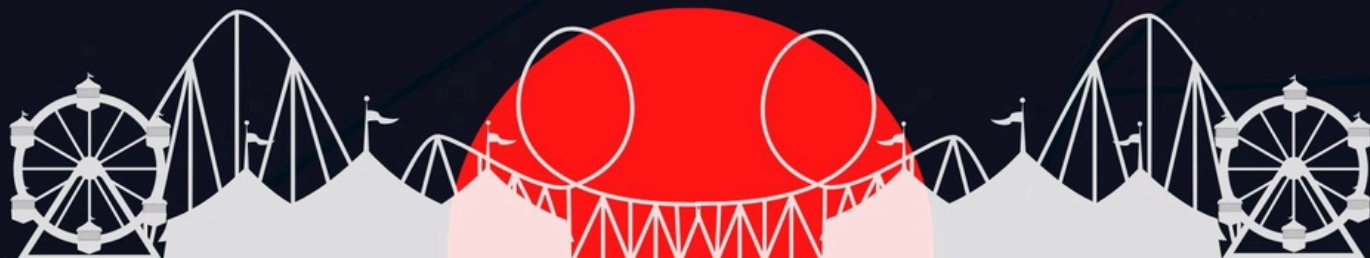
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**SALES END
SEPT 12TH**



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HOPE

YOUTH FEST
OUR LADY OF HOPE
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OCTOBER 11, 2025
YOUTH GROUPS / CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
8TH - 12TH GRADE

Music by:

Ence

Deacon Michael Parker

THE VIGIL PROJECT
MUSIC FOR THE CATHOLIC JOURNEY

FATHER PAUL GROS

KATHLEEN HIGGINS

COLIN AND AIMEE MACIVER FATHER PAUL GROS KATHLEEN HIGGINS

REGISTER: WWW.OURLADYOFHOPEMS.COM/YOUTH-FEST

MBS
MIDDLE SCHOOL
MINISTRY

PIZZA!
GAMES!
FUN!

SIGN UP HERE!

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/N4RANPX96WAGJFQD7](https://forms.gle/N4RANPX96WAGJFQD7)

9/5/25

6:00-7:30 P.M.
HOLY FAMILY HALL

MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT
MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

BRING OUT THE POPCORN!

SNACK & CHAT WEDNESDAYS 3:30-5:30

SEPT 17 - ACADEMIC STRESS
OCT 15 - TEST TAKING STRATEGIES
NOV 12 - STUDY SKILLS
DEC 3 - MIDTERM PLANNING

Middle School Students
Cost: \$50 per session
Email to Register
katie@zyliczcounselingandconsulting.com

POPCORN

ST. NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS MARKET

SAVE THE DATE

12/6/2025
3PM-7PM

SANTA | GIFTS | CRAFTS | FOOD | ACTIVITIES

VENDOR REGISTRATION COMING SOON!

HOSTED BY THE
MBS CHEER & DANCE TEAMS



**Join your
teammates,
classmates and
fellow club
members for
Sunday Mass and
fellowship.**

Fellowship Sunday

**Swim Team
Student Council
Yearbook
Tennis**

**Wear your team
jersey, or club t-shirt
to Mass and join
everyone for donuts
afterwards in
Our Lady of the
Eucharist..**

***September 7
9:45am
Mass***

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF BATON ROUGE - PROVIDING HELP AND CREATING HOPE SINCE 1964

- 1 Impacts the lives of tens of thousands of people of all faiths each year in the 12 civil parishes comprising the Diocese of Baton Rouge
- 2 Through a partnership with the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank, Feeding America and the Walmart Foundation, CCDBR distributes over \$1.2 million worth of food annually from prepared food boxes and rescued retail food
- 3 Offers opportunities in the community to help neighbors through volunteer service
- 4 Provides adoption services for over 60 years
- 5 Offers transitional housing for pregnant women, new mothers, families with children, and formerly incarcerated individuals
- 6 Welcoming the stranger for over 45 years
- 7 Through case management, direct assistance, and resource linkage, Catholic Charities addresses the root causes of poverty
- 8 Known as a national leader in disaster recovery and the primary long-term recovery service provider for disaster survivors
- 9 Primarily funded by grants, contracts, donations, and fees
- 10 Populations & services include:
 - Families & individuals
 - Adoptions
 - Diaper bank
 - Early childhood intervention
 - Faith-Full Food Pantry
 - Families First Housing
 - Foster Grandparents
 - Homelessness prevention
 - Employment services
 - Disaster survivors
 - Case management
 - Relief supplies
 - Immigrants & refugees
 - Legal services
 - Resettlement for refugees
 - Pregnant women in crisis
 - Housing at Sanctuary for Life & St. Patrick's House
 - Transportation
 - Formerly incarcerated individuals
 - Joseph Homes for formerly incarcerated men
 - Support groups

OUR MISSION

We proclaim the gospel vision of Jesus Christ as our mission by serving the needs of individuals and families, especially the poorest, and working with Church and community for justice, peace, and compassion in society.

CATHOLICCHARITIESBR.ORG

HOW YOU CAN HELP



PRAY



DONATE



OFFER EMPLOYMENT



SPREAD THE
GOOD NEWS



VOLUNTEER



BEQUEST OR
MEMORIAL INTENTION



SPONSOR OR
MENTOR A FAMILY



SCAN TO DONATE

