

The Pelican Express

September 4, 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)

Attendance

Regular school attendance is crucial for academic success, social development, and future opportunities. Missing school and tardiness can lead to gaps in learning, lower grades and difficulty keeping up with classwork and homework. Consistent attendance and punctuality fosters good habits, good grades, dedication to school work, positive social skills and positive relationships, and promotes a sense of belonging. Excessive absences and tardies are disruptive to the learning environment for all students.

Absences

Excused and unexcused absences will be counted the same going forward. According to Bulletin 741, a student must attend school for at least one hundred and sixty (160) school days. Students with absences of sixteen (16) or more days will be required to attend summer remediation or retained depending on the severity. This is at the discretion of the administration. Students who exceed 16 absences (including tardies) will be reported to the Department of Education as truant.

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

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
- LSU Shirt/Jersey with uniform bottoms

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 - 3rd grade only
- Girls Basketball home game - 4th grade & 6th grade

September 9

- Last day for St. Vincent de Paul Collection - 3rd grade
- Progress Reports Online
- 4-H Club Meeting - Room 6
- JV Cheer/Dance Practice - St. Ursula

September 10

- Praise & Worship, 7:20am - St. Ursula
- 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

September 12

- Last day to order Fair T-shirt
- Swim Meet at Crawfish Aquatics

September 14

- 3rd/4th Football Game at St. George

September 15

- 3A SVDP Field Trip
- 4&5 Math Club Meeting, Room 53
- MS Math Club Meeting, Room 15
- Drama Club - St. Ursula
- 5th/6th Football Game at STM
- 7th/8th Football Game at STM

September 16

- JV Cheer/Dance Practice - St. Ursula

September 17

- Kindness Club, 7:20am - St. Ursula
- Dance Practice - St. Ursula
- Pep Squad Practice- HFH

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

Closet Cleanout

The fifth graders are sponsoring their annual Closet Clean-Out project to help the St. Vincent de Paul stores that help clothe the needy in our community.

Beginning **Monday, September 22nd through Monday, October 6th**, the fifth-grade students will collect donated items. This is a terrific opportunity to clean out and organize closets. Please donate gently used clothing items.



When packing items, be mindful that students will be collecting them, so place your donation in plastic bags or small boxes. Bags and boxes may be sent to school with your children, or you may bring them to St. Ursula from 8am-2pm on September 22nd - October 6th. Sharing with others is a beautiful act of love and we all have something to share with God's family in need. Thank you for your generosity!

Parents Visiting Cafeteria

If parents want to come eat with their children for lunch and want to eat a meal provided by the cafeteria, they must use a check or money order to pay for their meal. They cannot use the student's school bucks account. Cash is unacceptable also.

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.

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.

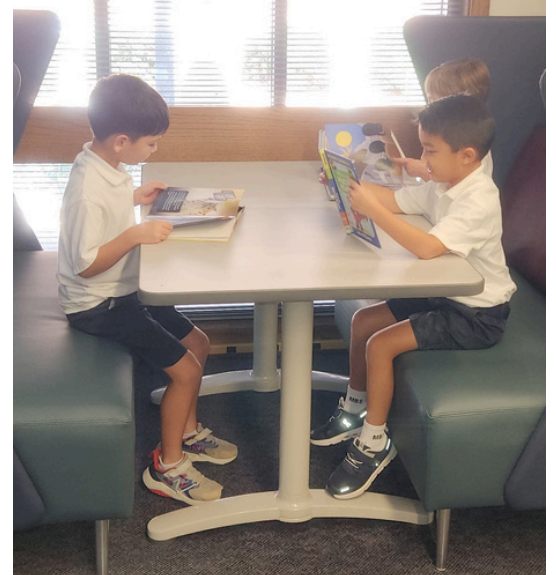
HELP!!! Carpool Tags

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 cone placement 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.

We are very excited to share photos of our new flexible library seating! This is one example of how our Pelican Fun Run donations support MBS School! Thank you to everyone who supported us last year!



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](#) 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, 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.

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

Football Schedules are on the school website, “athletics” tab.

Girls Basketball and Swim Team schedule are on the website also.

Lots of info on the school website ~ click “athletics” tab! Parish Sports and all sports!

If you are interested on a carpool line sign or gym sign, please email Tommy Krysan:

tkysan@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



MERCH THAT ROCKS!

**FAIR
T-SHIRT
ORDERS
ARE
NOW OPEN!**

**SALES END
SEPT 12TH**



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All 3rd through 5th grades!!!

Praise & Worship Club



Most Blessed Sacrament

Come join us as we lift
our voices together in
praise to God!

No dues, no sign up - Just your voice and
your heart!

We meet one morning every month.
Students can be brought to side door of St. Ursula in
the back parking lot at 7:20am. Siblings can also be
dropped off at the same time and we will have members
of our MBS Kindness Club there to assist.

First Meeting:

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 7:20am

Let's start our mornings with joy, music, and worship!

MBS
MIDDLE SCHOOL
MINISTRY

PIZZA!
GAMES!
FUN!

SIGN UP HERE!

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/
NYRANPX96WAGJFQD7](https://forms.gle/NYRANPX96WAGJFQD7)

9/5/25

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

ST. NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS MARKET



12/6/2025
3PM-7PM



SANTA | GIFTS | CRAFTS | FOOD | ACTIVITIES

**CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT A
VENDOR INTEREST FORM**

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***

BORN TO RUN

BATON ROUGE

5K & 1/2-MILE
RUN/WALK FUN RUN

PRESENTED BY
THE
Parable
FOUNDATION

RACE INFORMATION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025

**NORTH BOULEVARD TOWN SQUARE
DOWNTOWN BATON ROUGE**

7:30 am – On-site registration available

8:30 am – 1/2-mile Fun Run/Walk begins

9:00 am – 5K begins

Post-race "Birth"day Party to follow

\$35 Early Bird Discount (ends Friday, September 12)

\$45 Adult | \$25 Student | \$20 Child (12 or under)

Event includes t-shirt*, race prizes, and post-race party featuring free food, music, and fun for the whole family.

*Register by Monday, October 13, to receive a race t-shirt.

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MAKE AN IMPACT!

Join us to kick off our 25th anniversary celebration!

You can help women in need by participating in Woman's New Life Clinic's Born to Run - Baton Rouge 5K & 1/2-mile Fun Run.

Woman's New Life Clinic (WNLC) is a life-affirming counseling and medical clinic that serves women facing unplanned pregnancies in the Baton Rouge and New Orleans communities.

25th
Anniversary
**WOMAN'S
NEW LIFE CLINIC**
— Serving Women Since 2001 —



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Questions? Contact Taylor Crosby at
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