# **The Pelican Express**

September 25, 2025 225.751.0273 mbsbr.org



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 <u>here</u> 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)

#### Missed Assignments and Makeup Work

It is the parents' responsibility to, by 10:00 am, request make-up work be gathered for pick-up. Requested work will be brought to the office and can be picked-up between 3:00-3:30 or earlier if the teacher notifies the parents that it is ready. It is at the teacher's discretion to determine what work to send home and what work will wait until the student returns to class.

#### **Time & Talent Opportunities**

- MBS Fair Sweet Booth Donate your baking talents
   click <u>here</u>
- Middle School <u>Dance</u> all welcome to help
- MBS Fair Volunteers click here
- Cafeteria Volunteers October Click here
- Red Ribbon Week items needed click here
- Dads on Carpool Duty click here
- Donate Wine/\$ for Fair click here

#### **Important Links**

- My School Bucks
- ClassLink
- Student Health
- Academic Support
- Tuition Policy

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### September 25

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Retreat
- Mass, 8:15 dress uniforms not required until next week
- · Thursday Lego Robotics, Art Room, 3-4
- · Varsity Cheer, St. Ursula
- · MBS Cane's Give Back Night, 4-9pm Prairieville location only

#### September 26

- · Mercedarian Sisters Visit campus
- · Spirit Shirt Day. Wear this year's spirit shirt with uniform bottoms
- · Student Appreciation donuts served
- Swim Meet at Crawfish Aquatics

#### September 27

· Cross Country Meet at Highland Road Park

#### September 28

- 3rd/4<sup>th</sup> Football Game at St. John
- 5th/6th Football Game at St. Aloysius

#### September 29

- · Drama Club, 6-8 grade, St. Ursula
- · 6th Grade Girls Basketball game at St. George

#### September 30

- $8^{th}$  Grade to St. Agnes see email from Celeste Rabalais on 9/8/25
- 7th/8<sup>th</sup> Football Game at Slaughter CC

#### October 1

- · Dance Practice, St. Ursula
- · Pep Squad, Holy Family Hall
- · Eco Club Meeting, room 53
- Wednesday Lego Robotics, Art Room, 3-4

#### October 2

- 1st Grade Retreat
- Mass, 8:15 Pet Blessings DRESS UNIFORMS REQUIRED for ALL MASSES
- · Thursday Lego Robotics, Art Room, 3-4
- · Girls Basketball at MBS

#### October 3

- MBS Home & School Teacher Appreciation Day
- · Middle School Ministry Night, Holy Family Hall
- · 4th Grade Girls Basketball
- · 4th Grade Field Trip

#### October 5

- Fellowship Sunday for Ambassadors, Liturgy Team, St. Joseph Workers, Football, Cross Country, 9:45 Mass
- 3rd/4th and 7th/8<sup>th</sup> Football Home Games

#### October 6

- · Math Club Meeting, 4&5 grade, Room 53
- · Math Club Meeting, MS, Room 15

#### October 7

- 8th Grade to St. Agnes see email from Celeste Rabalais on 9/8/25
- JV Cheer/Dance Practice
- · Girls Basketball Games at MBS

# September 25th : Saints Cosmas and Damian Patron Saints of Pharmacy & Medicine

We remember saints Cosmas and Damian.

Little is known about them except that they suffered martyrdom for their faith in Suria.

We do not know exactly what happened, but we do know that their witness to the faith was so strong that people turned to them for prayerful help and passed their story to others.

Cosmas and Damian were twin brothers who practiced medicine and served many people without charging them.

The governor had them killed when he heard they were Christians. If we know so little about them, how are they saints.

It is because their story has been told year after year all over the world and were true witnesses to the Gospel. People who live and die according to their convictions and faith give hope to the world after their deaths. Their lives can inspire us and encourage us.



#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### **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 6<sup>th</sup>**, 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 6<sup>th</sup>. 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!



#### **Pet Blessing**



MBS will celebrate The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Thursday, October 2nd. We will take this opportunity to acknowledge the importance of pets in the lives of our families. To show our love for our pets, we will have a 'pet blessing' after our school liturgy. While it would be exciting to bring our pets to school, live pets will not be allowed at school for the blessing. Instead, we invite you to send an UNFRAMED photo or photocopy of your family pet/pets for Father to bless after Mass. NO PHOTOS LARGER THAN 8X10, please. Students may bring the photos to school between September 29th – October 2nd .

#### **Living Rosary**

The liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th. The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. We encourage MBS families to pray the Rosary together, not just during the month of October, but throughout the year.

As a school community, we too will pray the Rosary. We invite our families to join us for our annual Living Rosary on Wednesday, October 8th at 8:15 am in MBS church. MBS is grateful to Ms. Britt Cochran and our 7th Graders for leading this beautiful prayer for our school community.

The Church also dedicates the month of October to Respect for Life. As Catholics, we believe in the sacredness of ALL LIFE... from conception to natural death. Let us pray that everyone will come to support the dignity and sanctity of all human life.



#### Save the Date...ACTS Retreat

The 2026 ACTS Retreats will be held on March 5-8 for women and April 9-12 for men. These will be the only MBS retreats offered in 2026. Make plans now to attend. For more information, please contact mbs.acts@gmail.com

#### **Middle School Dance**

Middle School Dance tickets are now on sale for \$25 on our <u>website</u>. The price will increase to \$35 after October 17. We are in need of monetary donations so that we can serve light refreshments. All MBS families are invited to donate. Click <u>here</u> for more information. We also have some volunteers spots remaining.



#### **Student Fair Performances**

	<u>Line Up</u> Backstage	Performance Start
Kindergarten		
	9:50	10:00
1st Grade		
	10:05	10:15
2nd Grade		
	10:20	10:30
3rd Grade		
	10:35	10:45
4th Grade		
	10:50	11:00
5th Grade		
	11:05	11:15
Choir		
	11:20	11:30
Band		
	11:30	11:50

- Students performing should wear their spirit shirts
- 3rd Grade students should wear sunglasses also.
- Parents will check their student in behind the stage at the Check-in Table.
- Have your student stay behind the stage with parent volunteers until it is time to perform.
- They will be released once performance is done and they have come off of the stage.
- We will have Classroom Coordinators help with the lining up of the students before they enter the stage.
- If you would like to help, please email Nicole Vidaurre at NicoleRVidaurre@gmail.com

Mr. Millet's 7th Grade Science class took a different approach to learning about cells. The students simulated different cells and tissues to create an organism (fish-finished product). They used macaroni to show how the body is organized of cells, tissues, and organs.







#### 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 <a href="mailto:childprotection@mbsbr.org">childprotection@mbsbr.org</a> to get the process started.

#### **Update Your Volunteer File for 2025-2026**

Please note that the <u>Code of Ethics</u> 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 <a href="mailto:childprotection@mbsbr.org">childprotection@mbsbr.org</a>.

#### 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.
- <u>Service</u> 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 (10 hours) for new students. New families must also meet the IOG requirement of \$325.00 to receive in-parish tuition the following school year.

# 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.

#### **ATHLETICS**

HOME CSAA Football Playing Dates are Sunday Oct 5 & Damp; Sunday Nov 2 (5 th /6 th grade game added on Oct 5 at MBS) Football Schedules are on the school website, "athletics" tab. Girls Basketball, Swim Team and Cross-Country schedules are on the website also.

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

SJV/MBS Red Ruby Rumble Girls Basketball Tournament! Games at MBS on Thursday, Friday & Saturday! MBS Men's Club cooking Pastalaya for Saturday! MBS 6th grade team plays Friday at MBS, 5:45pm!

MBS Gym Student Section is coming soon!

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



# Raising Funds, WITH RAISING CANE'S



DON'T FORGE

- SAVE YOUR **RECEIPT AND SEND IT TO** SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD **FRIDAY 9/26**
- WRITE EACH **KIDS NAMES** AND **HOMEROOMS** ON THE RECEIPT!

# Raising Cane's

September 25th from 4:00pm 9:00pm

And we'll donate 15% of our sales from those who mention

MBS Catholic School

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PIZZA

GAMES!

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10/3/25

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



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

# fellowship Sunday

Ambassadors
Liturgy Team
St. Joseph Workers
Football
Cross Country

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

October 5 9:45am Mass





SANTA | GIFTS | CRAFTS | FOOD | ACTIVITIES



HOSTED BY THE MBS CHEER & DANCE TEAMS

## **CARNIVAL RIDES**

#### WEEKEND BRACELET \$60

Pre-Order Online ONLY

#### SESSION TIME BRACELET \$25

FRI 6-10 SAT 12-4 SAT 6-10 SUN 12-4

Good for One Time Listed Only
Purchase at the Fair

Individual Ride Tickets are also Available for Purchase at the Fair

## SIGN-UPS & PURCHASES

Fair T-Shirt Orders ..... Aug 25 - Sep 12

Family Tent Sales ..... Sep 15

Ride Bracelets ..... Sep 22 - Oct 10

Volunteer Sign-Up ..... Sep 22 Bake Sweets Sign-Up ..... Anytime

## FAIR SCHEDULE

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

6:00 Fair Opens

7:00 SUGAR SHAKER

10:00 Fair Closes

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18**

10:00 Fair Opens

10:00 Student Performances

2:00 Bingo Under the Tent

4:30 PECAN PRALINES

5:30 Tent-Or-Treat

7:00 PAPERCHASE

8:00 Game Booths Close

10:00 Fair Closes

#### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19**

9:45 Mass in Church

10:45 Fair Opens (after mass)

12:00 RYAN FORET

4:00 Fair Ends



#### MBS FAIR PRESENTS









## SUGAR SHAKER

### PEGAN PRALINES



RYAN FORET & FORET TRADITION

## **FOOD COURT**

#### **EVERY DAY**

French Fries

Nachos

Cheese Sticks

**Boudin Balls** 

Chicken Nuggets

Hot Dog

Corn Dog

Hamburger

Jambalaya

Pastalaya

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Gumbo

#### **SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

Onion Mum
BBQ Chicken-on-a-Stick
Fried Chicken-on-a-Stick
Shrimp Stew
Pulled Pork Sandwich
Pulled Pork Nachos

FRI SPECIAL Fried Fish

SAT SPECIAL Sauce Piquant

RIDES GAMES FOOD BINGO LIVE BANDS SWEET SHOPPE WINE PULL BASKET RAFFLES



