## The Pelican Express

October 9, 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)

#### **Honor Roll**

Honor Roll

3rd through 8th Grade: Honor Roll is awarded each nine weeks in two categories

- students who achieve all As in religion, math, English, science, social studies, reading/literature, spelling, and conduct.
- students who achieve all As and Bs in religion, math, English, science, social studies, reading/literature, spelling, and conduct.

Students will be acknowledged in the Pelican Express Newsletter and will receive a certificate, each nine weeks.

#### **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
- Donate Wine/\$ for Fair click here
- Donations for AR cupcakes click here
- Cafeteria Volunteers November click here

### Important Links

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

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### October 9

- No Mass today
- SVDP Field Trip for 5<sup>th</sup> grade (spirit shirts with uniform bottoms)
- · AR Free Dress & cupcakes for those who met their goal
- · Thursday LEGO Robotics
- · Varsity Cheer

#### October 10

- · First 9 weeks ends
- AR Free Dress for 5<sup>th</sup> grade only (they were on field trip on 10/9)
- Middle School Conference Day MS students do not attend; pk-5 students attend school.
- · Mercedarian Sisters visit
- PK Field Trip
- · Last day to purchase a weekend ride bracelet for the Fair see page 4

#### October 12

· Football Games at St. Aloysius

#### October 13

- · Fair Carpool Begins
- · Second Nine Weeks Begins
- Elementary School Conference Day PK-5 students do not attend; MS students attend school.
- · 6th Grade Girls Basketball Game at St. Aloysius
- · Drama Club, St. Ursula

#### October 14

- · Fair Carpool
- · 4H Club Meeting, Room 6
- JV Cheer/ Dance Practice

#### October 15

- · Fair Carpool
- · Kindness Club
- · Buddy Activity during school
- · Wednesday LEGO Robotics
- · Pelibots, St. Ursula
- · Dance Practice, St. Ursula
- · Tennis Match vs St Thomas More
- · Football games at Brusly (Pep will be cheering at the football game so they do not have practice.)

#### October 16

- · Fair Carpool
- · Mass, 8:15, St. Carlo Actuis Celebration, dress uniforms required
- · Report Cards emailed
- · Thursday LEGO Robotics
- · Varsity Cheer, St. Ursula

#### October 17

- · No Buses will run; Carpool only
- · No Afternoon Extended Care
- · Wear your Pelican Festival shirt with uniform bottoms
- PK/K Pelican Festival
- · MBS Parish Fair begins
- Last day to purchase Middle School Dance tickets for reduced rate of \$25

#### October 18

- · Tennis Match vs U High
- · MBS Parish Fair

#### October 19

MBS Parish Fair

#### October 20

• Fall Break - no school

#### October 21

- Free Dress for those who participated in Fair Student Performances on October 18
- · No Buses will run; Carpool Only
- · JV Cheer Practice, St. Ursula

#### October 9: Living Rosary

Mary is called the Queen and Lady of the Rosary. Mary was given the title Queen Mother because her Son is Christ the King. The Rosary, as given to St. Dominic, is a meditation on the mysteries of the Incarnate King, and thus on the sorrows and joys of His Mother, as well. Thus, Mary is so deeply entwined with the Rosary that one cannot think of the Rosary without thinking of Mary.

The rosary leads us to a deepening of Faith, Hope, and Charity. It is, as many saints have testified, the door of the faithful to a deeper prayer life and a deeper union with God.

Our Lady of the Rosary...pray for us.



#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### Middle School Dance

Middle School Dance tickets are now on sale for \$25 on our website. 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 <a href="here">here</a> for more information. We also have some volunteers spots remaining.

#### **Weekend Ride Bracelets**

The Ride Bracelets for the entire fair weekend are on sale. Visit the fair website to purchase. The deadline to purchase one is October 10. Weekend fair bracelets are not sold at the fair. They are only available for presale.

#### **Extended Care - Cancelled**

There will be NO afternoon EXTENDED Care on Friday, October 17.

#### No Buses - Carpool only

Buses will not run on October 17 & 21.

#### Survey Time - we need your feedback for Accreditation

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing the highest quality educational experience, Most Blessed Sacrament, along with all schools in the Diocese of Baton Rouge, is participating in the Lumen Accreditation process provided by The Catholic University of America. Lumen Accreditation provides pathways for transformation and growth towards our mission through a process that integrates the Church's rich heritage of academic excellence and Catholic philosophy. An important step in this process is gathering feedback from our community.

As parents, your meaningful insights help us to reflect on our strengths and identify opportunities for growth. By sharing your perspectives, you play an essential role in shaping a strong future for our school.

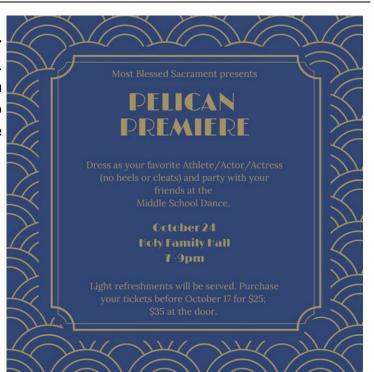
We kindly ask that you take a few minutes to complete our Program Effectiveness Survey as well as the Defining Characteristics Survey by clicking the link below:

Catholic Identity Program Effectiveness

Catholic Identity Defining Characteristics

Pre-Kindergarten Parents

Please complete the surveys by October 15.

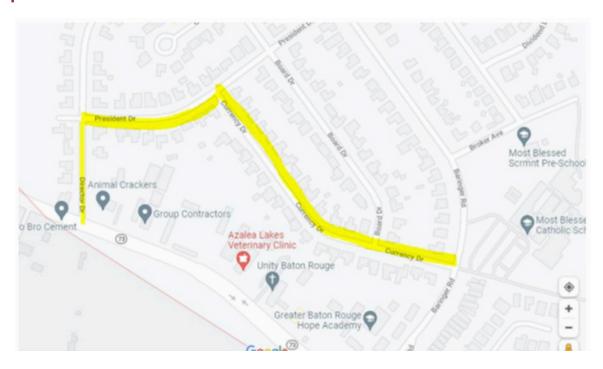


#### **Student Fair Performances**

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	Backstage	
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
- 4th 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.
- All students who participate in the performance will receive a FREE DRESS DAY on Tuesday, October 21.
- If you would like to help, please email Nicole Vidaurre at NicoleRVidaurre@gmail.com

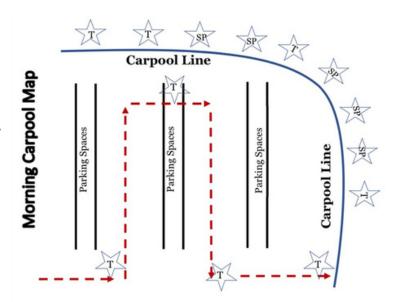
#### **Fair Carpool**



- The week of October 13, we will run our Alternate Fair Carpool. This means you will NOT enter through the church lot.
- From Jefferson Hwy, turn onto Director by Smartee Pants/Animal Crackers Learning Center.
- Turn right onto President.
- Turn right onto Currency. This street will feed directly into the school parking lot entrance.
- Cross Baringer and enter the lot. Please do not block Baringer.
- Please do not block driveways or ride in the neighborhood yards.

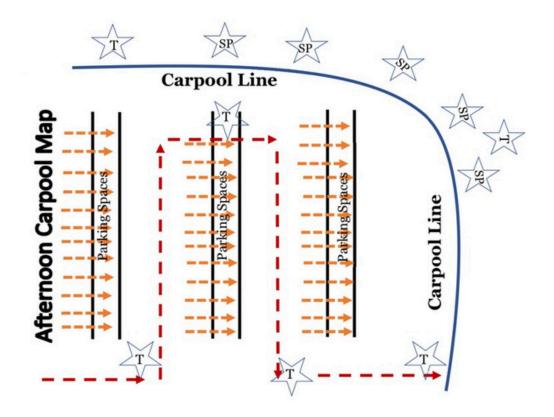
#### **Morning Carpool**

- Once in the parking lot, enter the second row of the parking lot and begin following the cones to "snake" through the parking lot.
   Faculty will be there to direct you.
- At the last set of parking spaces, you will enter the carpool line.
- Make sure your child is unbuckled and ready to exit the vehicle when you reach the Teacher or Safety Patrol student.
- Exit the school parking lot as you normally would for carpool



#### **Afternoon Carpool**

- Follow the cones through the parking lot and follow the teacher's directions to enter the parking spaces.
- Pull into the parking lot so that you are facing the carpool line and can drive forward to enter the line.
- A teacher will then enter your Car Rider Pro tag number. All tags should be displayed on the rearview mirror and visible for the teacher will see.
- On the teacher's motion, enter the carpool line and proceed as normal. Exit the parking lot as you normally would for carpool



A group of our 8th Grades visited the St. Agnes shelter for women and children and the soup kitchen for the poor and homeless. The shelter and the soup kitchen are run by the Missionaries of Charity, the order founded by Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta. The students helped to clean the shelter and were able to serve lunch to the poor. They also spent time in prayer in the Sisters' chapel.

One of the Sisters gave the students medals and had them recite "Mary, Mother of Jesus, be a mother to me now."









#### 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**

Thanks to all the MBS families for the huge turnout at Sunday Football Oct 5-3/4 team lost a close one, they are improving each game, 5/6 defeated Parkview 21-0, 7/8 defeated the Crusaders 30-12! Dance, Cheer & Eamp; Pep Squad all performed. Lots of info on the school website  $\sim$  click "athletics" tab! Parish Sports and all sports!

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Parish Sports Basketball Registration (PreK - 2) Boys and Girls Registration Link: https://payit.nelnet.net/form/rYLMzbWT

Boys Basketball Registration (3-8)
Registration Link: https://payit.nelnet.net/form/6RVvEumQ

MBS Gym Student Section Pelicans' Nest!!

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







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# CLICK <u>HERE</u> TO SUBMIT A VENDOR INTEREST FORM

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

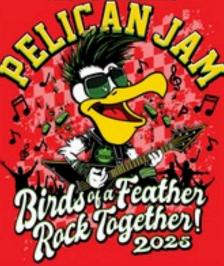
10:45 Fair Opens (after mass)

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

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 FOO SWEET SHOPPE WIN

FOOD BINGO LIVE BANDS WINE PULL BASKET RAFFLES



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And we need your HELP!

click the link below to make a donation and help make our week

AMAZING!





Red Ribbon Week is October 27 - 31, 2025



## Collectibles



#### **FIRST 9 WEEKS COLLECTION REMINDER**

We are collecting Community Coffee Labels again!



FIRST 9 WEEKS COLLECTION:

October 6th - 10th

- Turn in one bag per family with your kids names & homerooms!
- Buckets will be placed in each classroom!

#### **FAMILY PRIZE ENTRY**

Kids who turn in labels are entered for a chance to win a family prize! The winner will be announced at mass on October 16th!

#### **QUESTIONS?**

For questions, please contact our Pelican Partners Committee Chair, Tricia Hollis! (triciaghollis@hotmail.com)



Women's ACTS Retreat March 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Men's ACTS Retreat April 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

These will be the only MBS retreats offered in 2026

For more information contact <u>mbs.acts@gmail.com</u>









# Fall SALE

**SAVE 10% October 6th-11th, 2025** 



Use Coupon Code: FALL

To save online at:

inkas-uniforms.com



11626 Sherwood Forest Court

### **RED RIBBON WEEK 2025**

POSITIVE, HEALTHY CHOICES TO REMAIN DRUG-FREE. OCTOBER IS ALSO NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH. RED RIBBON WEEK WILL INCLUDE LESSONS AND MESSAGES TO PROMOTE KINDNESS AND PREVENT BULLYING.

OUR THEME THIS YEAR IS "GIVE DRUGS AND BULLYING THE BOOT!" THE WEEK WILL
BE FILLED WITH LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND FUN, HOWEVER, STICKERS, PRIZE
PASSES, AND TREATS DON'T CHANGE BEHAVIOR. IT TAKES A REAL PARTNERSHIP
BETWEEN SCHOOL AND FAMILY TO INCREASE AWARENESS AND REINFORCE
POSITIVE DECISIONS. HERE ARE SOME WAYS YOU AS PARENTS CAN HELP KEEP
YOUR CHILDREN SAFE AND DRUG-FREE:

- 1. TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT YOUR VALUES AND MORALS OFTEN, NOT JUST ONE TIME.
- Z. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WHEN YOU ENCOUNTER ADS, SHOWS, SONGS, AND OTHER MEDIA THAT CAN HELP YOU INTRODUCE THE TOPICS OF DRUG USE AND BULLYING IN A NATURAL, UNFORCED WAY.
- 3. MODEL SAFE, HEALTHY CHOICES AND KIND, RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOR.
- 4. SUPERVISE, SUPERVISE, SUPERVISEI
- 5. SPEND SCREEN-FREE TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY, PARTICULARLY AROUND THE DINNER TABLE. RESEARCH SHOWS THAT QUALITY FAMILY MEAL TIME CORRELATES WITH HEALTHIER, POSITIVE LIFE CHOICES AND OVERALL SUCCESS.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO A GREAT RED RIBBON WEEK! AS THE WEEK PROGRESSES, ASK YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT OUR THEMED ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS THE POSTER CONTEST, STUDENT PRESENTATIONS, AND ANY OTHER "RODEO" SURPRISES ALONG THE WAY! TO INCORPORATE THE BULLYING PREVENTION THEME, MIDDLE SCHOOLERS WILL BE READING PICTURE BOOKS ABOUT FRIENDSHIP AND KINDNESS TO GRADES PK-4 THROUGHOUT THE WEEK, AS WELL.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ROLE IN PREVENTION FOR YOUR CHILDREN, FOR OUR COMMUNITY, AND FOR OUR FUTURE! LET'S "GIVE DRUGS AND BULLYING THE BOOT" FOR SAFE, KIND, AND DRUG-FREE KIDS!

