



MBS Sunday Message – August 9, 2026

You Are God's Masterpiece – Created for Purpose Ephesians 2:10



From the Principal's Desk

We've missed our MBS family this summer and cannot wait until all of our little Pelicans are back in the nest! Our faculty, staff, and Home and School volunteers have been working hard to prepare for our students and for the amazing year ahead.

As we prepare for the new school year, I keep thinking about the simple yet beautiful homily that was shared at the Mass I attended this weekend. The priest told the story of a little girl who could not swim. Her father was holding her as she floated peacefully on her back in the water. Suddenly, the little girl began to flail and cry. Her father, concerned, asked, "What is wrong?" She replied, "I forgot you were holding me, Father."

How often do we find ourselves doing the same thing? We become overwhelmed by what is happening around us, and we forget that God is holding us. Unfortunately we often allow fear, worry, and uncertainty become louder than our faith and forget that He is with us, always.

As we begin a new school year, there may be a lot of those feelings—especially for our children. There may be excitement about new teachers and friends, but there may also be nervousness about a new classroom, new expectations, or simply wondering what the year will bring. As parents, we may have our own worries as we watch our children learn and grow.

Perhaps the beginning of a school year is the perfect time to remind ourselves and our children: God is holding you. The priest reminded us that God does not always reveal Himself through big or dramatic moments but rather whispers to us through Scripture, an act of kindness, the beauty of nature, a helping hand, or the people He places in our lives.



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As our children walk through the doors of MBS this year, let us encourage them to listen for those gentle whispers of Christ. May they remember that when something feels difficult or frightening, they don't have to face it alone. Christ will never stop holding them and when the storms feel big, we can remind our children and ourselves—to pray a simple prayer:

“Lord, save me.”

“Lord, help me.”

“Jesus, I trust in You.”

As we begin this new school year, may we place our children, our families, and our MBS community into the loving hands of Christ. May we have the faith to remember that even when we cannot see Him, He is there. He is holding us. We simply need to be still enough to listen for His gentle voice.

Here's to a wonderful new school year, MBS family. May our little Pelicans learn, grow, laugh, love, and most importantly, come to know just how deeply they are loved by God.

Welcome back, Pelicans!

In Christ,
Mrs. Cheri M. Gioe, Principal

Pelican Express Newsletter Link – [August 6](#) - Visit the Pelican Express for upcoming events and information.

Announcements

- Please take time out of your week to read the Pelican Express Newsletter. It contains important and time-sensitive information that pertains to all children and families. We work hard to keep it current and accurate. If you can not find it in your email, it is ALWAYS posted to the MBSBR.ORG website under the News Tab – Newsletter link.
- Zipper Bags can be purchased from the school office for \$5.00. They may be paid for in Cash or Check or we can charge your FACTS Account.
- Additional Carpool Tags can be purchased from the school office for \$10.00. They may be paid for in Cash or Check or we can charge your FACTS Account.



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- Parents who forgot to enroll students in Extended Care – we are monitoring attendance this week. We will be able to let you know if we have space, Friday afternoon, after 4pm.
- Parents who forgot to enroll their students for bus service, please email Mrs. Vonnie at vchiasson@mbsbr.org. You will not have bus service until EBR manually adds you to the routes. This can take up to a week. Also, it takes two to three weeks for EBR Transportation to trouble shoot issues and get into a routine.

Save the Date

- Labor Day Holiday – September 7
- MBS Family Movie Night Celebrity Theatre – September 20
- Middle School Dance – October 16
- MBS Fair – October 23-25
- MBS Gala – February 20, 2027