



MBS Sunday Message – August 16, 2026

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



From the Principal's Desk

You may not know this about me, but I absolutely adore St. Teresa of Calcutta. At just twelve years old, she felt called to religious life. She eventually moved to India, where she spent nearly two decades teaching before experiencing what she called a “call within a call to leave the convent and serve the poorest of the poor. It was there that she became the Mother Teresa we know and love.

Last week, Bishop Duca presided over a Commissioning Mass for the teachers of the Diocese of Baton Rouge. In his homily, he shared that while in Rome, he had the opportunity to personally meet and listen to St. Teresa speak. She called those gathered to unceasingly love Christ and their neighbor. Bishop Duca said her words were so beautiful that he thought, “I can do that.” Then, almost immediately, he thought, “I can’t do that, because she is the love.”

What struck me most is that St. Teresa did not always *feel* that love. Throughout her life, she experienced profound spiritual darkness, doubt, and a feeling of God’s absence. Yet she continued to love, serve, and remain faithful.



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That is a beautiful reminder for all of us—parents, teachers, and students. When we experience doubts or struggles in our faith, we can remember that even the saints struggled. Sainthood does not mean being perfect; it means continuing to turn toward Christ and allowing His love to work through us.

I recently read this in my devotional, ***Do Something Beautiful for God: The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa***: St. Teresa reflected, “I am convinced that today’s youth are more generous than those of times past. Our youth are better prepared and more willing to sacrifice to serve others.”

As parents and teachers, we are calling our students to sainthood. But we are also showing them what that looks like. They are watching how we love, how we serve, how we forgive, how we persevere, and how we turn back to Christ when our faith feels difficult.

May we remember that our students are not only learning from what we teach them—they are learning from who we are. And together, may we help one another do something beautiful for God.

In Christ,
Mrs. Cheri M. Gioe, Principal

Pelican Express Newsletter Link – [August 13](#) - 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.
- 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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Bus

A note about the Blue Bus - Your children were assigned Bus 3160, however, EBR Transportation does not have a driver for the Bus 3160 Route at this time. Bus 3255 is new and has been assigned to MBS Route number three (3). Because Bus 3255 is new, it is not yet equipped with GPS. You will not be able to track it with the "wheresmybus" app until they get it equipped with GPS. If communicating with Mrs. Vonnie or EBR Transportation please refer to both routes (3255 and 3160).

Route 2 - Bus 3154 - Ms. Ty Clark - MBS Red Bus: Aucoin (Avery), Berryhill, Bourgeois (Claire, Cora, Logan), Bourgeois (Florence, Gibson) Brouillette, Buuck, Clavier, Duda, Fox, Guillory, Holden, Howland, Jackson, Kazusky, Lato, Marino, McArdle, McLemore, Mulhearn, Politz, Procell, Spedale, Spencer, Stevens, Viguet,

Route 3 - Bus 3255 (3160) - Mrs. Applewhite - MBS Blue Bus:, Amoroso, Aucoin (Aubrey), Bordelon, Bouey, Bourgeois (Carleigh), Champagne, Comeaux, Descant, Freeman, Fuller, Hebert, McDaniel, Melancon, O'Quin, Richardson, Robertson, Stelly, Watson

Again, ONLY students who have been registered for bus service may ride a bus and they must ride the bus they are registered to. If one of your children is listed as registered, all of your children may ride. If you have questions about bus registration, please contact Mrs. Vonnie. We are continuing to work with EBR Transportation and will try to support you as best we can.

Carpool

Parents who carpool - Tomorrow is Friday and all of our students will be on campus. Students can no longer be walked to their classrooms.

A few notes about carpool:



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- You must have a carpool tag. If you do not have a carpool tag, you will be asked to park and will need to wait for your child.
- Please only have one carpool tag in your car. For security purposes, it needs to be hanging from your review mirror. If you have two tags the carpool reader picks up your car twice and throws off our queue which slows down carpool
- If you have child who still needs a car seat, we ask that you let your child in your car and park in a parking spot or pull up the the gravel area parallel to Baringer to buckle them in. This allows our carpool to run efficiently.
- Lastly, thank those who are on duty and please have patience. The afternoon heat is brutal and our staff is out in the sun for upwards of 45 minutes or more making sure your children are loaded into cars safely.

Reminder: Morning Carpool starts at 7:20am and ends at 7:45am - students are considered tardy after 7:45am. Afternoon Carpool starts at 2:45pm and generally ends by 3:10pm.

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