MBS Sunday Message – October 11, 2026

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

From the Principal's Desk…

Last week, I went to Confession. During Confession, Father Tat Hoang shared a reflection on the word *CHILD* and what a child means to him.

C – Charming, courageous, compassionate, and Christlike
H – Humble, humorous, holy, and honest
I – Imperfect, interconnected, and made in the image of God
L – Loving, laughing, learning, low, and loud
D – Dependent, developing, disciplined, and disciples

His reflection made me think about our tremendous responsibility as adults to form and educate the children entrusted to us at Most Blessed Sacrament School. We are called to help shape their character, strengthen their faith, nurture their gifts, and teach them what it means to live as disciples of Christ.

As educators, we have the privilege of partnering with our families on this journey. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC 2221–2229) reminds us that parents have the first responsibility for the education and spiritual formation of their children. Our role is not to replace parents but to support and partner with them. A mentor once described this partnership as a three-legged stool: parents, students, and educators. Each plays an essential role in helping our children grow and thrive.

At MBS, we have many gifts that make our community special, and they are worth protecting and nurturing. We share a strong relationship with our Church, a close-knit community, a vibrant Catholic identity, a commitment to service, and a strong academic program. Most importantly, we have parents and educators who care deeply about the success and well-being of our students.

But a positive school culture is built bit by bit through our words, our actions, our relationships, and the example we set for our students and each other. We often remind our students to be kind, respectful, honest, and compassionate. We teach them to think before they speak, to resolve disagreements appropriately, and to treat others with respect. As adults, we must be willing to hold ourselves to those same expectations. Our children are always watching how we handle differences, how we speak to or about others, and how we respond when we disagree.

This responsibility extends to our use of email and social media. What we post, share, comment on, or communicate online is not separate from our school culture. They are an extension of who we are and the community we represent. Even when communication is made in frustration or without harmful intent, it can be misunderstood, shared beyond its intended audience, and remain accessible long after the moment has passed.

This does not mean that questions should not be asked, concerns not voiced, or disagreements ignored. Rather, it means we must choose appropriate, constructive ways to address them. When concerns arise, let us begin with a conversation and work toward a solution. Let us model the respect, humility, and compassion we hope our children will demonstrate in their own relationships, both in person and online.

We are all keepers of the culture of MBS. Every parent, student, teacher, and staff member contributes to the environment we create. We have the responsibility to protect what makes our community special, to build one another up and to ensure that our words and actions reflect the Catholic values we profess.

As we reflect on Father Tat's description of a *CHILD*, may we remember that we are ALL children of God and entrusted to each/ others' care. Children are charming, courageous, compassionate, imperfect, developing, and deeply loved by God. May we be mindful of the example we set and culture we create. Let us work together with faith, respect, compassion, and a commitment to our children and our MBS community . Let us ensure that MBS remains a place where every child of God, young and old, is known, loved, challenged, and encouraged to become the person God created them to be.

In Christ,
Cheri M. Gioe

Pelican Express Newsletter - October 8 - Visit the Pelican Express for upcoming events and information.

Announcements

- **MBS Fair -** Visit the fair website for volunteer sign-up and fair ride bracelet purchases - MBS Fair Website
  - Please remember that all families are asked to work a fair shift as part of their Time and Talent Hours.
  - **Fair Ride Bands are now on sale. The deadline is October 17.** No late orders will be accepted.

Save the Date

- Last Day to Purchase Fair Ride Bracelets - October 17
- 1st Nine Weeks Awards and Beta Induction After Mass - October 22
- Whole School Conference Day - Friday, October 23
- No School - Monday, October 26
- MBS Fair – October 23-25
- Echo - Middle School/High School Parent Presentation - Wednesday, October 28 - 6:30pm - MBS Church
- MBS Gala – February 20, 2027