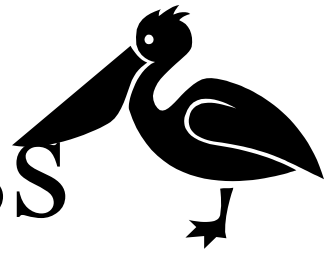


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A Time for Good-byes and Welcomes

As we prepare to begin the 2009-2010 school year we have to say goodbye to some of our faculty and staff members and welcome to new ones.

We wish the best to those who are leaving; Mrs. Sherry Craig, Ms. Robben Fontane, Mrs. Robyn Landry and Mrs. Julie Loland.

We welcome Mrs. Aimee Anthony, Mrs. Sonji Campesi, Mrs. Tammy Joseph and Mrs. Sarah Munn.

CELL PHONE REGULATIONS FOR 2009-2010

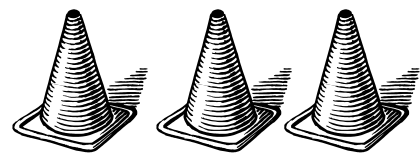
After consultation with Father Mike, the Council of Education and Home and School Officers, Most Blessed Sacrament School will no longer allow cell phones to be brought to school during regular school hours. This issue was also addressed at the last parent meeting we had on Child Protection and parents overwhelmingly supported this change in regulations.

Therefore, beginning in the 2009-2010 school year **no cell phones will be allowed.** Students who choose to bring a cell phone to school will receive a clinic and the phone will have to be picked up from the school office by the parent. If there is a second offense, the students will receive a suspension and the phone will not be returned until the end of the school year.



FRONT PARKING LOT

With the beginning of school, we will again lock the chains across the entrance and exit of the parking lot. If you have to come to the school after the chains are up, please park in the gravel or behind the St. Ursula Hall. Please do not use the pre-school parking area since they sometimes use the back parking area for the students to play. The chains will be unlocked at 3:00 PM for carpool and buses.



BOOKS – All hardback books are to be covered with acceptable book covers. If you choose to use the stretchable fabric covers, they must be large enough not to cause damage to the binding of the book. Hardback books are not to be covered with any kind of contact paper, not even the kind that says it is removable and suitable for hardback books. All contact paper leaves a sticky substance on the books. If contact paper is used to cover hardback books, you will be responsible for replacing that book at the end of the year. You will be assessed the total cost of a new book. Also any book that is water or any liquid damaged will have to be replaced so you will be assessed the total cost of a new book.

UNIFORM REMINDER

Please refer to the Uniform Regulations when preparing your child to return to school in August. There are specific regulations concerning uniforms, shoes and hair.

SHOE REGULATION

Only white, navy, or black shoes are allowed. Traditional athletic shoes may include the colors in the school uniform plaid in any combination. The uniform plaid consists of the colors: blue, black, white, gray, red (which may only be a trim color) and maroon (which may only be a trim color). Patent leather or metallic trim is not allowed on athletic shoes. Shoes are to have white or black solid-colored laces and must have the same color of laces on both shoes. Laces are to be tied snugly. Saddle oxfords and tennis shoes without laces are permitted. No boots, cleats, turf shoes, sandals, mules, wheeled, lighted or character logos shoes will be allowed. *No colors other than the ones stated above will be allowed in any form on shoes.



SHORTS, SKIRTS & JUMPERS

The finished hem for walking shorts must be to the top of the knee.

The finished hem for skirts and jumpers must be to the knee.

HAIR POLICY

If a student chooses to have a fad haircut or dyed (colored) hair during the summer, it must be in compliance with school policy by the first day of school.



PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK (Intercom Announcements)



Please refer to the handbook regarding intercom announcements. It is very important that we have messages for students before 12:30 pm. We send messages electronically to the teachers once a day for students. If the student's message is not received by the time messages are sent we have to interrupt teaching time.

TUITION AND TIME AND TALENT

The second tuition payment for the upcoming school year will be drafted on August 5. Also, your pink time and talent card is enclosed. When you have reached your 30 hours you can send your card to the school office so your 30 hours can be recorded.

SUMMER READING

The Summer Reading Program at the Public Library has begun and ends July 31. All Most Blessed Sacrament reading teachers will give extra credit to students who participate if they turn in their certificates in August. The Summer Reading Program is designed to encourage young readers to enhance their reading skills. It also emphasizes recreational reading and fosters an enjoyment of books and other library materials, and reminds children that the library is a place of entertainment as well as an educational resource.

Every child who participates must read a minimum of ten books in order to receive a reading certificate and many special incentives.

Children who are not yet independent readers may join the Read-to-Me section of the club and earn the same incentives.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER READING

To ensure that the learning process continues over the summer months, a summer reading program is required for grades **six** through **eight**.

The Language Arts teacher in middle school has carefully chosen the books based on both reading level and interest level. Students have to read only the novel(s) listed under the grade level they will be in next year. Students will be tested on the novel(s) at the beginning of the next school year.

Grade 6 – Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Grade 7 – Far North by Will Hobbs

Grade 8—The Outsiders by S. E. Hinton and Tangerine by Edward Bloor

***Both books are required for eighth graders.**

Happy Reading!





CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

Class lists will be posted on Thursday, August 6, after 4:00 PM on the glass in the gym foyer. All students should report to their classroom according to the class lists. School hours are from 8:30 AM-3:30 PM.

Please do not call the office for class assignments.

MBS GIRL SCOUT TROOPS

In November of the past school year, two of our MBS Girl Scout troops, fifth grade Troop 3 and third grade Troop 156 worked together to do a Community Service Project.

These girls gathered items and sent “Care Packages” to Delta Company 1-244, a unit based in Hammond, LA but on tour in Iraq. These soldiers are now home and wanted to express their appreciation to these Girl Scouts with their Certificate of Appreciation and an American Flag which was actually carried aboard Combat Mission F-4 over Iraq in a Blackhawk helicopter on February 13, 2009.

The troops on behalf of PFC Ryan Selter were presented with the flag and certificate.

MBS Band

MBS is no longer participating in the Archdiocesan Band Program, but there will be a band program offered for 2009-2010.



Any student in 4th-8th Grades may enroll in Beginning Band. No experience necessary. Instruments taught are flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone, or percussion. Beginning band will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays. Advanced Band will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Classes will meet in the Annex from 7:30 - 8:15 a.m.

If your student is interested in joining band, please contact Mrs. Marchand for more information and for fee amounts.

E-mail: mbsband@yahoo.com

Or call: (225) 954-6314

“ATTENTION” PARENTS OF NEW STUDENTS GRADES K-8



All health records must be current and turned in to the school office before August 7 (See article below for new requirements.). The East Baton Rouge Health Department requires that all students have an updated and current health record on file.

All students are required to have on file a copy of their birth and baptismal (if applicable) certificates. Please take care of this before the beginning of school in August.

ACCORDING TO A LETTER DATED JULY 7, 2008 FROM

The State of Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR KINDERGARTNERS/FIRST TIME ENTERERS AND MIDDLE SCHOOL

Are as follows:

Middle School Requirement:

Effective July 1, 2008, Act 152 and Act 342 requires that beginning with the 2009 – 2010 school year and continuing thereafter, a student shall provide satisfactory evidence of current immunizations against meningococcal disease and any other age appropriate vaccine as a condition of entry into the sixth grade. Further, any student who has attained the age of eleven years or who is entering a grade other than grade six shall provide satisfactory evidence of current immunizations against meningococcal disease and any other age appropriate vaccine as a condition of entry into that grade. This requirement also affects susceptible individuals through 18 years of age who are enrolled in any Louisiana school.

At the time of registration, students must show proof of immunization of the following vaccines: Tetanus Diphtheria Acellular Pertussis vaccine (Tdap); two (2) doses of Varicella; two (2) Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR); three (3) Hepatitis B (HBV); and one (1) Meningococcal Vaccine (MCV-4).

Kindergarten / First Time Enterers:

Beginning in school year 2009 – 10, two doses of varicella vaccine will be required in Louisiana schools for entry into pre-k, kindergarten, daycare, and headstart programs. In addition, prior to school entry, these students must have documented proof of immunizations for: two (2) doses of MMR; three (3) HBV; two (2) Varicella; and booster doses of DtaP and Polio vaccines administered on or after their 4th birthday *and* prior to school entry. If a child is not complete (up-to-date for age), he/she must present a record indicating the child is in progress of receiving vaccines, and follow-up must be provided for compliance with the above requirements.

HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS

Open House

Please mark your calendars for this year's Open House dates: Monday, August 17 at 6:30 for grades 6-8 and Tuesday, August 18 at 6:30 for grades K-5. At Open House you will have the opportunity to:

1. Join Home & School. If you have not already paid your \$10.00 dues for 2009-10, you can do so at Open House. Remember, only paid members will receive a school directory.



2. Hear about this year's fundraiser.

3. Turn in your Pelican Sign-Up sheet. Pelican Sign-Up sheets let you sign up to volunteer for Home & School activities that are held throughout the year.

4. Win FREE TUITION! Turn in your \$5 ticket for a chance to win one of the Open House raffle prizes. Raffle tickets will be sent home with your child during the first week of school and will also be available at Open House. The drawing will be held at Tuesday's Open House on August 18.



PELICAN FAIR - The 2008 MBS Pelican Fair will be October 17th and 18th this year.
Please mark your calendar for this fun event!

DIRECTORY ADS

Anyone interested in purchasing an ad in the MBS School Directory, please contact Tami Passma at 753-0082.

Call soon in order to make the printing deadline!

Corrections to directory information should be given to Dana Baggett at Dbaggett131@cox.net.

Room Mother

If you are interested in being a room mother, please be sure to fill out and return the Room Mother form that will be sent home with your child during the first week of school.

OFFICER/BOARD MEETING

There will be a meeting for the Home & School Officers and Board on Monday, August 10 at 6:00 pm in the Library to discuss our plans for the upcoming school year. We ask that all committee chairs plan to attend.

USED UNIFORM SALE

Thank you to all who helped with this year's Used Uniform Sale. It was another great success and a great service to our MBS families!

CAFETERIA NEWS

Lunch is provided on a daily basis. All lunches meet Federal and State meal pattern requirements. All students who eat in the cafeteria are required to pay for their lunches, unless the family qualifies for free or reduced meals. A family must qualify for this service before it can begin.

Bag lunch students may purchase milk or juice for each day. No Extra Sales of ice cream, fries, etc. will be sold to students bringing a bag lunch. Federal regulation prohibit bag lunch students from bringing candy or carbonated soft drinks into the cafeteria. Any child in Kindergarten must pay a monthly snack fee for a daily snack provided by the cafeteria. If you have any questions concerning the school lunch program, please call the cafeteria at 753-3141 between 8:00 AM and 2:00 PM on school days.

ATHLETIC NEWS

As a reminder a Physical Examination is required before a student can participate in sports at MBS. Forms were sent home with report cards in May and are still available in the school office.



MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL

The calendar below is the calendar which Most Blessed Sacrament School will follow for the 2009-2010 school year. It was sent to us by the Catholic School Office. Please plan your vacations accordingly.

THE 2009-2010 CALENDAR FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

Friday, August 7, 2009	First Day of School For Students
Monday, September 7, 2009	Labor Day Holiday
Monday, October 12, 2009	NO BUSES - CARPOOL ONLY
Mon. Nov 23 - Fri. Nov. 27	Thanksgiving Holidays
Monday, November 30, 2009	Students Return to School
Mon. Dec. 21- Mon. Jan 4	Christmas Holidays
Tuesday, January 5, 2010	Students Return to School
Monday, January 18, 2010	Martin Luther King Holiday
Mon. Feb 15-Tues. Feb 16	Mardi Gras Break
Mon. Mar 29 - Apr. 5*	Easter Holidays & Spring Break
Tuesday, April 6, 2010	Students Return to School
Wednesday, May 19, 2010	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

*Please NOTE that Easter Break will be the week BEFORE Easter.

STUDENT COUNCIL BIRTHDAY GRAMS – Student Council will be sponsoring birthday grams for the 2009-10 school year. They will only be offered to Kindergarten through fifth graders. These grams will be delivered to the student on the day of their birthday or the date nearest to it. The deadline for this offer is August 21. To place an order, fill out the form below and return to the school in an envelope addressed to Student Council Birthday Grams. Please enclose payment with order. **Orders must be turned in by August 21. No late orders will be accepted under any conditions.**

BIRTHDAY GRAMS

STUDENT'S NAME _____

DATE TO BE SENT _____

GRADE FOR 2009-2010 (K-5 Only) _____

MESSAGE

Closing _____

Cost of gram is:
Card, Pencil, and Singing Telegram - \$2.00

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