



8th Grade Information – Class of 2020

There are many events and activities to prepare for this school year. With your school tuition you paid \$200 to cover eighth grade expenses which include:

- Your child's graduation gown and diploma
- A class t-shirt (one for each student)
- A class DVD (one for each student)
- A class gift to the school
- The graduation breakfast
- A class poetry book
- The eighth grade class field trip to New Orleans

If funds allow, the fee collected will also cover Christmas and End of the Year Teacher Gifts, as well as a charter bus for parents for the class field trip to New Orleans.

THE FUNDS DO NOT COVER THE COST OF:

- **The Graduation After Party** (see details below)
- **Graduation Gown Photos** - Students will take individual photos in a graduation gown during the school day on February 18, 2020. You will be able to purchase picture packages from Barberito Photographers at that time.
- **Yearbook Ads** - You will be able to purchase a yearbook add for your eighth grader if you choose. More information will be sent by the school at a later date. The Eighth Grade Class Coordinators do not handle these ads.

Specific Information about the Above Items:

T-shirts

The group caricature drawing will be transferred to t-shirts. Each student will receive one (1) t-shirt. Additional shirts may be purchased for \$11/shirt via the attached order form. Students will be allowed to wear these shirts to school on designated days and on the 8th grade field trip.

DVD

A DVD commemorating their years at MBS will be given to each student. It will include pictures of events throughout their years at MBS.

Please email eight (8) pictures of your child to MBSclassOf2020Photos@gmail.com. Photos should be sent as an email attachment only in .jpeg format by February 21, 2020. Your child's name should be included in both the email subject line and in the attached file name.

*Photographs must be of MBS events with only MBS students in the picture.

*All photographs will be approved by Mrs. Gioe prior to being included on the DVD.

8th Grade Commemorative Class Gift

It has been a long-standing tradition at MBS that the graduation class “leave something behind” for the school to remember them. This year’s class gift will go toward funds for the upkeep of the Stations of the Cross in the courtyard. A plaque will be added to the fourth Station stating that it was donated by the MBS Class of 2020.

Graduation Breakfast

A breakfast for the 8th graders will be held the morning of graduation on Thursday, May 14, 2020, at 7:30 am in the St. John room, for which students will receive an invitation. The breakfast is for eighth grade students only – no parents. We will need a (4x6) hard copy baby photo of each eighth grader for a special decoration for the breakfast. Please send pictures to Colleen Lagarde via Aubrey Lagarde (8A) by Friday, April 3, 2020. Pictures must include your child’s name on the back. This picture will be trimmed and attached to artwork and will be returned in such manner after the graduation reception in the St. John room.

Class Poetry Book

Students will receive a class poetry book at the end of the school year. They will work on the contents during the school year, and a class coordinator will assemble the works into a booklet for the students.

Class Field Trip to New Orleans

The field trip will be on Tuesday, May 12, 2020. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend. Please be aware that any parent attending MUST be child protection certified. Please contact Mrs. Landry NOW to complete the certification process if you have not already done so. Additional information regarding the trip will be provided as details are finalized.

Gifts for Teachers

We will present Christmas, and End-of-the-Year gifts to the 8th grade homeroom teachers— Mrs. Berry and Mr. Hannie, as well as to Mrs. Landry and Mrs. Lott. We will also present Christmas gifts to our adopted staff – Mrs. Rabalais, Penne Leier, and Shirley Perry. It is our hope that our eighth grade class budget will cover these expenses. However, if additional funds are needed, we will ask for your donations as the year unfolds.

Graduation After Party

The graduation after party will be held at Defy (formerly Area 51) from 10:00 pm – midnight on the night of graduation. This is not a school sponsored party. The cost per student is \$18 and should be paid tonight. Please make checks payable to cash. Every student must have a signed waiver to attend. Please go to <https://haveablast.rollerdigital.com/defybatonrouge/waiver/#/> to sign your student’s waiver. Waivers can only be signed electronically and are good for 1 year.

Thank you in advance for helping to make this a fun filled year for our eighth graders!

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