

Jacket News
January 26, 2023

Read Aloud

We will no longer process checkouts after 3:15 with the exception of extreme emergencies.

Artists at Byrd – Mrs. Prothro needs someone to draw a picture to be used on the 2023-24 planners for the next school year. See her for more information.

Staff and Students – Student Council will be hosting a blood drive **tomorrow** in the Learning Center. Please consider donating! Each donation can save three lives!

Students - SUSLA is hosting a college fair on **Saturday, January 28th**, from 10-3 at the main campus - 3050 MLK Dr. Middle and high school students will be provided food, transportation, and educational information about the following colleges: Grambling, Centenary, Northwestern, LSUS, Wiley, Lamar, Dillard, Southern Shreveport, Baton Rouge, and New Orleans, and Bossier Parish Community College. Call 318-670-9659 for more information.

Students - Students, find your perfect match this Valentine's Day courtesy of Student Council! Fill out the Matchomatics survey using the QR code posted on Canvas and around the building to get your match! Surveys must be completed by **February 3rd**.

Students – Sign up to participate in Byrd's "Mock ACT Day" on **Saturday, February 4th**, from 8:00 am until noon. Students will take a free, full-length ACT practice test under similar testing conditions to real ACT test. They will also receive their composite Score before they leave, in addition to which questions they missed on the practice. Although the score is not a real reportable score, this practice will be very valuable to the students when they take the real ACT test! Scan the QR code on one of the flyers to sign up.

Students - If you are interested in participating in the Black History program, please contact Ms. Jefferson in S109 or Mrs. Rowe in 325. Members please check Remind daily for updates.

Students – All students who signed up for Spring dual enrollment with LSUS should log into their accounts and check to see if a payment is owed. All payments must be made by **TODAY** at 4pm. Tuition must be paid online through www.lsus.edu/mylsus

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ACT Fee Waivers are available in the Counseling Office for juniors and seniors who meet the criteria for free/reduced lunch. Students are eligible for 4 fee waivers during their junior and senior years. When registering for the ACT with a fee waiver, students receive free ACT prep available through their ACT accounts. Please see your counselor if you have any questions.

Astra Club Officers – If you are planning to go to the Junior Achievement Luncheon on **February 26th**, please go by Mrs. Prothro's office for a permission slip if you have not already done so.

College Visits – LSUS 1/26

Juniors – Josten's will be here on **February 8th** to take final ring orders. Mr. Johnson will be here during both lunch shifts down by the café. A \$60.00 deposit is required to place an order.

Juniors – The Coolidge Scholarship is a full ride, four-year, merit scholarship that may be used by recipients for undergraduate study at any accredited college or university in the United States. Any high school junior

who plans to enroll in college in the fall of 2024 and is an American citizen or legal permanent resident is eligible to apply. Winners may use the scholarship to pursue any academic major. The scholarship application, along with additional information, can be assessed on the scholarship site: www.coolidgescholars.org. More detailed information can also be found on the Class of 2024 Canvas page. **The submission deadline is 5:00 p.m. eastern time, Thursday, February 23rd.**

Perspectives is now accepting entries for this year's publication. *Perspectives* is C.E. Byrd's literary magazine. We publish all types of creative writing and visual art created by current Byrd students. Selected entries are published in a beautiful, full-color magazine printed at the end of the school year. All students who are published in the magazine will receive a free copy to enjoy. Look for QR codes around the school or ask your English teacher for the entry form. Deadline: **February 3rd.**

Seniors – If you didn't get pictures made this past summer, Harrington House will be here on **Tuesday, February 14th**, from 7:30 am until 9:00 am for pictures. This is a one shot picture and they will provide the cap and gown.

Students - The very last day to order a 2023 Byrd Yearbook is **March 1st!** We will only have a limited number of yearbooks available so order your copy now! Cost is \$65.00 and you may go to payschoolscentral.com to make your purchase.

Students 9-12th grades – Do you have 100 or more volunteer hours from **March, 2022 to March 1, 2023?** If so, you are eligible for the Presidential Volunteer Service Award which is a national award to recognize people who are committed to community service to make our world a better place. Please bring your volunteer sheets with your total number of volunteer hours to Mrs. Prothro or email them to her at MProthro@caddoschools.org. If you have any questions, please call (364-5455) or email Mrs. Prothro. Any community service through school, nonprofit organizations and church activities can be counted toward your total number of community service hours. Attached is a volunteer log sheet if you would like to use it; however, you do not have to use this one. I will accept any log sheets that has the activities and hours listed. **The deadline is March 1, 2023.**

Students – The Cinderella Project is a non-profit volunteer organization that fosters empowerment and individual beauty by providing FREE prom dresses to high school students who cannot otherwise attain them. Our Annual Free Prom Dress Giveaway is **Saturday, March 4th**, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Ayers Career College, 8820 Jewella Avenue. See Mrs. Prothro to pick up an information sheet.

Students – Northwest Louisiana Association of Realtors is holding a poster contest. The Northwest LA winner will receive \$500 and go on to compete in the state level competition. The state competition winner will be named on April 25th and receive \$1,000. Poster must be 18x24, have the Louisiana Realtor logo included, bring to light everything Fair Housing encompasses, may use any media – digital, paint, sketch, etc, and it must be an original work. Deadline is **March 28th** and poster must be delivered to the Northwest LA Association of Realtors, 2036 East 70th Street. Call 318-797-0054 for more information.

Students – Interested in traveling to London and Paris in 2024, check out this tour Mr. Williams is taking. Go to www.explorica.com/Williams-5779 or stop by Mr. Williams' room for information and to sign up

Scholarships

Southern University at Shreveport has band scholarships still available. Students do not have to audition. Scholarships are based on grades A, B, or C as recommended by the director. If interested, please contact Dr. Albert L. Jackson, Director, Southern University at Shreveport Band; aljackson@susla.edu/318-670-9381.

The Reynolds Foundation Scholarship is available in the Counseling Office. Students must be a current senior, plan to immediately enroll in a 2-year or 4-year institution of higher learning, or vocational school, have a minimum 2.5 gpa, and complete a community service project(s) for the application by Winter break. Deadline to submit the application is **January 31st.**

The Future of STEM Scholars Initiative (FOSSI) Scholarship is available at <https://futureofstem scholars.org/fossi/apply>. Students must have a 3.0/4.0 gpa, plan to attend an HBCU and major in science, technology, engineering or math and interest in pursuing a career in chemical manufacturing, engineering, environmental health and sustainability or other related chemical-industry fields. Deadline to apply is **January 31st**.

The Caddo School Counselors' Association provides one \$500 scholarship to seniors interested in attending LSU-Shreveport and pursuing a degree in the teaching profession. Students must have a 2.5/4.0 gpa, possess good attendance, discipline, strong leadership potential, and demonstrate a willingness to help others. Deadline to apply is **March 10th**. Applications are available in the Counseling Office or the Class of 2023 Canvas page.

The Women's Republican Club of Shreveport Scholarship is available in the Counseling Office or the Class of 2023 Canvas page. 5 \$1500 scholarships will be awarded to eligible seniors. Students must be 17, female, and registered with the Republican party. Applications are due **March 31st**.

Senior Information

Seniors - You must complete one of the following financial aid steps IN ORDER TO GRADUATE: 1) Complete the FAFSA (available at studentaid.gov) This is your TOPS application, as well as application for federal grants and student loans; 2) Complete the Louisiana TOPS form- if you are not completing the FAFSA (available at mylosfa.la.gov). If you choose this step, you must print a confirmation and bring it to the Counseling Office; 3) A parent or legal custodian, or a student legally emancipated or of the legal age of majority, may certify a waiver in writing to the LEA (See Mrs. Byrd for this form) . Only one step is required- you will not complete the FAFSA and the TOPS form. The FAFSA is also the TOPS application. The FAFSA application is available beginning October 1st. Students should complete the 2023-2024 FAFSA application using 2021 income tax information. The FAFSA Completion Guide is attached to this e-mail and is also available on the Class of 2023 Canvas page.

Seniors – Transcripts are now available. Each senior will receive a copy of his or her transcript during orientation. All public colleges/universities in Louisiana have access to your transcript through the Student Transcript System and we do not have to mail them. If you are applying to an out of state or private college/university, your transcript must be mailed. You must pay for the transcript on locallevel events.com and record your receipt number on the transcript request form. ****If you are applying through the Common App, you do not have to mail your transcript. These will be sent electronically.**

Seniors – If you ordered your caps and gowns with Jostens, they will be delivered to the school in April. If you ordered additional items, they will be delivered to your home as they are available. All orders go through Jostens - the school does not accept any payments and we do not have any information about your order. If you have any questions, you must contact Jostens. 1-800-JOSTENS (567-8367)

Contests

Students – If you are interested in entering any poster contests, please see your teacher or Mrs. Prothro.

Duty Schedules

Monday – Adkins, Algood, Blackwell, K Cole, Comerford, Cox, Fabio, Hodge, Hyslop, J Lary, Rowe, Samuel, Vance

Tuesday – Ballew, W Bryant, Carmody, C Cole, Dean, Duncan, Fox, Hammit, Ludke, Owen, Tate, Trudnak, West, Zator

Wednesday – Bailey, Bruno, Evans, French, Gilchrist, Hale, Harris, W Lary, Levermann, Maier, Schwab, G Williams, R Williams, Wilson

Thursday – Adamson, Bolton, Castleman, Corbett Jefferson, Leone, Mayeux, Speyrer, Springer, Waters, Watson, Waxham, C Williams, Wyatt

Friday – Carberry, Goodwin, Guerrero, Knox, Maranto, Pabst, Panos, Pope, Saulsbury, Sewell, Smith, Strong, Tromba, White