

**Jacket News**  
**December 16, 2022**

**Read Aloud**

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

**Beta Club** is working with Batteries Plus to collect toys for the Shreveport Fire Department's Operation Santa Claus. Homerooms can compete to collect the most toys for the chance to win a Donut party on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Please donate new, unwrapped toys for girls and boys to your Homeroom teacher or to Ms. Waters in rm S112. **Collection ends the Monday morning!**

**Astra Club** – The baseball team has asked us once again to donate gift cards of any amount \$5-\$25 for their Buzz Bash coming up in early 2023. Each \$5 amount will count as a volunteer hour. For example, a \$5 gift card counts as one hour, a \$25 gift card would count as 5 hours, etc. Please bring them to Mrs. Prothro by **TODAY**. Thanks for your generosity to help another Byrd organization! You are appreciated.

**Calling all talented Jackets!!** Buzzfest, the spring skit and talent show hosted by Student Council, will be holding talent auditions on **January 24<sup>th</sup> and January 25<sup>th</sup>** from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. in the auditorium. Please sign up for an audition spot with Mrs. Carberry in room 202 by **January 12<sup>th</sup>**.

**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)

**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](http://www.explorica.com/Williams-5779) or stop by Mr. Williams' room for information and to sign up. **Early Bird sign up incentive before December 21<sup>st</sup>**.

**Students** – Audition information for the Drama Department's spring production of Footloose is available outside Mr. Williams' room (200 Main Building). You **MUST** have this information to audition on January 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>. See Mr. Williams for **additional** information.

**Students** who have completed 80 hours of community service in grades 9-12 can receive a community service diploma endorsement. Seniors need to complete the student documentation form(s) and return to Mrs. Byrd in the counseling office by **January 13<sup>th</sup>**. Underclassmen can return forms to their counselor as community service activities are completed. Forms can be found here:  
<https://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/counselor-toolbox-resources/community-service-diploma-endorsement-student-documentation-form.pdf?sfvrsn=0>

**Youth and Government** members who are interested in attending Model United Nations should see Mrs. Speyrer by **today**. Cost is \$280 paid on Payschools. The dates are **March 2<sup>nd</sup> through March 4<sup>th</sup>**.

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**10 -12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students** – The Jumpstart Summer Enrichment Program (JSEP) is sponsored by the Office of Diversity Affairs at Louisiana State University Health Shreveport. The program targets students interested in pursuing careers in Medicine, Dentistry, Biomedical Research or Allied Health Professions. The JSEP program allows area high school students, grades 10-12, the opportunity to participate in eight weeks of hands-on research activities mentored by faculty at LSU Health Shreveport. Student must be 16 years old by the start of the program (June 1, 2023). Click the link to apply. The applications will open **November 1<sup>st</sup>**. The deadline to apply is **January 20<sup>th</sup>**. Please see your counselor for more details.

**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.

### **College Visits** –

**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](http://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 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Seniors** – If you didn't get pictures made this past summer, Harrington House will be here on **Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**, 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 2022 Fall LEAP 2025 testing window is now open. This administration will be for those students who have previously been unsuccessful on parts of the LEAP 2025 exam. Only select students are eligible for the retest. Eligible students will be given individual notices of the dates and times they are scheduled to test. Contact Mrs. Johnson if you have questions and/or concerns. [lwjohnson@caddoschools.org](mailto:lwjohnson@caddoschools.org) or 318-364-5462

**Students** - Are you interested in participating in Film Prize Jr? If you have an idea for a short 3-10 minute live action film, are interested in script writing, pre-production, editing, or filming, see Mrs. Smith in room S307 as soon as possible!

**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](mailto: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.**

## **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](mailto:aljackson@susla.edu)/318-670-9381.

The AFL-CIO scholarship is available in the Counseling Office. The Louisiana AFL-CIO will be awarding three \$1000 scholarships to high school seniors whose parent/step parent is a member of an affiliated local

union in good standing. Students must submit an essay and high school transcript. Deadline to apply is **January 20th**.

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://futureofstemscholars.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 31<sup>st</sup>**.

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 10<sup>th</sup>**. Applications are available in the Counseling Office or the Class of 2023 Canvas page.

### 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 [locallevelvents.com](http://locallevelvents.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.**

### 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