

Jacket News
February 29, 2024
Read Aloud

If you are interested in joining the Byrd Marching Band Flagline team there will be a Parent meeting March 7th at 5:30 in the Band Room. Tryout dates will be March 19th-22nd from 4:15-6:00.

This week is Student Council Campaign Week, and with that comes dress-up days
Friday - Future Friday (occupation, college, etc.)

Peer Initiative safeTALK training permission slips are due to Ms. Richey in S111 absolutely no later than March 1, and only the first 30 people who turn in their permission slips will be able to participate. Anyone interested in Peer Initiative who is not already a member should go see Mrs. Richey in S111 for membership information.

A representative from University of Arkansas will be available outside the cafeteria during both lunch shifts on March 5

The Shreveport Bar Association is sponsoring an essay contest for high school juniors and seniors with cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. The essay should be 500-750 words, typed, double-spaced, 12 point font. All entries should reflect a student's interpretation of the Law Day 2024 theme: Voices of Democracy, and respond to the prompt provided. The deadline to submit entries is April 19. Information is available in the Counseling Office, or the Class of 2024 Counseling Canvas page.

Get your tickets to Byrd Drama's spring musical, Mean Girls High School Version.
Performances are February 29-March 2, at 6 PM and March 3, at 3 PM.
Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased on Local Level.
Mean Girls High School Version is rated PG-13.

Academic Key Applications are now available outside of Mrs. Strong's room- S102 and Mrs. Waxham's room- S214.
Completed forms are due by the end of the school day on March 8th. No exceptions.

ArtBreak - Students who are going to the master classes need to turn their permission slips into Mrs. Prothro ASAP.

Girls State - Mrs. Prothro has the information if you would like to attend. A few girls have already signed up which is awesome.

Boys State - 11th grade boys who are interested need to see Mrs. Prothro.

Louisiana Youth Seminar - Lyle Leaders - If you are interested in attending this leadership camp this summer at LSU in Baton Rouge, please see Mrs. Prothro. I have a few scholarships. They will go to the first students who sign up online. Some have picked up the information, but no one is signed up yet.

Fairfield Field Day - Permission slips are due to Mrs. Prothro ASAP. They were due last week. I already have 18 signed up and only about 20 can go.

Attention all Byrd students: Sign up to participate in Byrd's "Mock ACT Day" on Saturday, March 2, from 8:00 am until noon. Students will take a free, full-length ACT practice test under similar testing conditions to the real ACT test. Students will receive their Composite Score before they leave, in addition to which questions they missed on the practice test. 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.

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"Save the Date - Prom is going to be held on April 6. Make sure you get off the debt list and plan to take the schoolwide ACT in March

On Wednesday March 6th, all 9th grade students will take the PreACT, all 10th grade students will take the ACT, 11th and 12th grade students will be virtual. On March 20th all 11th grade students and a select group of 12th grade students will take the ACT, 9th and 10th grade students will be virtual. A pretest session will be held on Tuesday 2/27 during 1st and 2nd period for 9th and 10th grade students and during 5th and 6th period for 11th and 12th grade students scheduled to test. Testing list will room assignments will be posted this week.

The Louisiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council (LYAC) is accepting applications for membership from high school students who have an interest in representing the voices of young people around the state.

LYAC is an annually appointed body composed entirely of students that tackle issues affecting the youth of Louisiana. The purpose of LYAC is to facilitate communication between youth and the legislature, and to give students a unique opportunity to be involved in the workings of state government.

Presidential Volunteer Service Award - Hours for this award are due on or before 2/29/24. Seniors will receive cords to wear at graduation as well as a certificate. 9th-11th Graders will receive a certificate. This is a national award for those students who have 50 hours of community service in 9th grade and 100 hours of community service in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades. The total number of hours must be from March 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024. See Mrs. Prothro if you have any questions. Many of you have turned in your hours, and Mrs. Prothro appreciates those who have gotten it to her early.

Lyle Leaders - If you are interested in attending Louisiana Youth Seminar this summer, please see Mrs. Prothro as soon as possible. We have three scholarships available. They will a) go to the students who have chosen to attend the field trip on 2-22-24 and or b) have attended in the past. If you are unsure of what LYS is, see Mrs. Prothro, or look it up on their website. It is a week long leadership camp in Baton Rouge during the summer. We need to register ASAP.

11th Graders- If you are interested in Boys' or Girls' State, see Mrs. Prothro ASAP. Registration is open, and we need to get this information turned in ASAP.

Key Club and Astra Club - The Fairfield Elementary Magnet Field Day related activities is scheduled for Friday, March 8, 2024. Mrs. Prothro needs volunteers. See her for more information.

9th - 12th Grade Students - We need a group of students to represent Byrd at ArtBreak for the Battle of the Books contest. The books being used in this competition are: Cheer Up, Any Sign of Life, Kneel, House of Hollow, and Perfectly Parvin. If you have read any or all of these books, or you are an avid reader and would like to participate in this contest, please see Mrs. Prothro. The competition will be on April 12, 2024, at ArtBreak.

ACT Testing - on Wednesday March 20th, all 11th grade students and a select group of 12th grade students will take the ACT. There is no cost to students. SENIORS you will be scheduled to test if you meet the eligibility criteria. Contact Mrs. Eason in the counseling office to find out if you will be scheduled to test.

JUNIORS: The 2024-25 Hicks SMART Program application is now available! The deadline to apply is February 29, 2024 at 4:00 pm. For application information, please visit the 2025 Canvas Page or see your science teacher.

Louisiana Tech Spring Quarter Dual enrollment applications are now available.

Students in the following courses can apply at LaTech- AP US History, AP European History, English IV enriched Williams only, and English IV GT.

Students, the newly formed Byrd chapter of Peer Initiative is looking for members for our peer support team, the backbone of our suicide prevention program. Peer leaders will be taught empathy, listening skills, non-judgmental support, suicide awareness, and basic peer session techniques. Peer Initiative will begin meeting in November. If you are interested in getting more information or joining the program, please see Mrs. Richey in S111 or scan the QR codes found on the flyers around the school or on Canvas.

Students - 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. Students must apply for free/reduced lunch at <https://www.myschoolapps.com/> You will receive an e-mail from the Child Nutrition Program. You must provide this to the counseling office to receive a waiver.

The application for the Allied Health Education and Discovery (AHEAD) Program is open for Summer 2024! The AHEAD Program is a 5-day summer program for Louisiana high school students interested in exploring the health career programs offered at LSU Health Shreveport – School of Allied Health Professions: Medical Laboratory Scientist, Nurse, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, Physician Assistant, Public Health Professional, Respiratory Therapist and Speech-Language Pathologist
Program Dates 2024:

- Session 1: June 10 – 14, 2024, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
- Session 2: July 8 – 12, 2024, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Apply today at <http://www.lsuhs.edu/ahead>! Applications are due March 15, 2024.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Students must be at least 16 years old by the first day in the session.
- Enrolled in a Louisiana high school. *Graduating seniors are welcome!*
- Minimum 3.0 high school GPA at the time of application.
- Access to reliable transportation and commitment to full attendance.
- Please note: This is a non-residential program and housing is not provided.

Club Info

African American Studies – scan QR code around school – go to S109 for more info

BETA Club – applications in S112 or scan QR code – applications and fees due

Drama Club – scan QR code and pay online at payschoolscentral.com or go to Room 200

Growing for Good – applications in S105 – fee \$5.00

Robotics - scan QR code around school - fee is \$10

Spanish Club – applications by 117 in main building and S304 – pay fees online at payschoolscentral.com

Scholarships

The Trey Burford Memorial Scholarship application is available in the Counseling Office, or the Class of 2024 Counseling Canvas page. The first place award is a one-time scholarship of \$4,000 available to a member in good standing of the North Louisiana High School Fishing League (North Louisiana HSFL). Students must be seniors and have a 3.0 gpa. The scholarship was established in memory of Trey Burford to provide assistance to a young angler who exhibits the characteristics of good sportsmanship, teamwork, love of the outdoors and the desire to be a person who makes a difference in the world. There is no stipulation on the field of

study and those planning to attend Technical schools are welcome to apply, as well as accredited conventional Colleges and Universities. The students must be enrolled as a full-time under-graduate student. *** The application must be received by Friday, April 5, 2024 by 3:00 pm.

Zonta Club of Shreveport is offering two local scholarships. One of them has a potential award of \$7000 and does not require the applicant to be a Z Club member. Contact Ms. Fox with any questions. nkfox@caddoschools.org

The Shreveport Chapter of the Links, Incorporated, a community non-profit organization, will award three \$1000.00 academic scholarships in the spring of 2024 to senior African American Female students from Caddo, Bossier and DeSoto Parish high schools. This is a competitive process. Therefore, GPAs and ACT scores will be used in scoring eligibility, along with extra curricula activities, community service and honors received. In addition, scholarship recipients must have plans to enroll in a college or university in 2024, summer or fall. Applications are available in the Counseling Office or the Class of 2024 Counseling Canvas page. The postmark deadline for the return of applications is March 1, 2024.

The Bossier Federal Credit Union's scholarship program will award \$2500 in scholarship money this year. Scholarships are available in the Counseling office, the Class of 2024 Counseling Canvas page, or www.bossierfcu.org/scholarships. Deadline to apply is March 18, 2024

The Louisiana Life Safety & Security Association is offering scholarships to sons and daughters of active-duty Law Enforcement and Fire Service Personnel. Applications and guidelines are available at <https://llssa.org/benefits/scholarships/> or the Class of 2024 Counseling Canvas page. Deadline is March 1, 2024.

The Women's Republican Club of Shreveport is awarding (5) \$1500 scholarships to young registered Republican females age 17 or older. Deadline to apply is March 31. Applications are available in the Counseling Office, or the Class of 2024 Counseling Canvas page.

The Louisiana Tennis Association is currently offering two scholarship and two high school assistance grants. The scholarship is available to current seniors. Grants are available to students in grades 9-12. Legacy Scholarship Info and To Apply: <https://form.jotform.com/232924612101141>

Lela's \$1000 FAFSA Completion Scholarship application for the Class of 2024 is now available for those who plan to apply for college financial aid by submitting a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Seniors- The Hagan Scholarship is available at www.hsfmo.org. This is a nationwide need-based merit scholarship that provides up to \$7500 each semester for up to 8 consecutive semesters. Applicants must have a 3.5 cumulative grade point average and plan to work 240 hours from January 1, 2024-the completion of the 2024 fall semester of college. Applicant's adjusted gross household income reported for 2022 Federal Income Tax purposes must not have exceeded \$85,000.

Schoolhouse Connection's Youth Leadership Program Scholarship is available for students who have experienced homelessness in the last 6 years.

- Applicants must reside in the United States.
Note: undocumented applicants are eligible.
- Applicants must be born on or after November 24, 2003.
- Applicants must begin college (four year, community college, or trade school) for the first time in 2024 (not including dual-enrollment courses).

A School House Connection Scholar Will Receive:

- \$2,500 Scholarship Award
- One-on-One Support from SchoolHouse Connection Staff
- Three All-Expenses-Paid Trips
- Support from SchoolHouse Connection Scholars

Opportunities to Engage in State and Federal Policy Advocacy

<https://schoolhouseconnection.org/scholarship/?emci=5526c877-875c-ee11-9937-00224832eb73&emdi=e2aaba01-5061-ee11-9937-00224832eb73&ceid=11022566>Links to an external site.

Elks Student of the month scholarship applications are available in the counseling office. Each month (October-April) a scholarship will be awarded to an outstanding senior boy and senior girl who demonstrate exemplary standards. Students should be well-rounded with leadership, citizenship, service, and scholarship qualities. Students will compete against other high school students in Caddo-Bossier area. Applications are due by the 15th of each month and only need to be submitted once.

If you plan to attend the University of Virginia as your top choice school and want to be nominated for the Jefferson Scholarship, please notify Mrs. Byrd in the Counseling Office.

The Caddo School Counselors scholarship application for future educators is available in the Counseling Office or the Class of 2024 Counseling Canvas page. Students must have a 2.5/4.0 gpa and plan to attend LSU-Shreveport and major in education. Deadline to apply is 3/8/24.

The Jason Bland Power the Cure Foundation/Shelter Insurance Scholarship application is available on the Class of 2024 Counseling Canvas page, or in the Counseling Office. A \$1500 scholarship will be awarded to a Caddo Parish student trainer or student athlete. Deadline to apply is April 1.

Applications OPEN January 8th: The Emmy Noether Awards, a STEM Merit Award Opportunity available for qualifying female high school seniors in Louisiana and Mississippi.

Senior Information

Seniors we only have 125 seniors that have ordered cap and gowns. Starting March 14th, the price of the gowns will go up to \$100, and April 15th is the deadline to order.

Seniors – Updated transcripts are now available in the Counseling Office. Each student will receive a copy of the transcript during Senior Orientation in English IV classes. If you need one prior to that visit, you can pick one up in the Counseling Office. Transcripts and transcript information cannot be e-mailed or provided over the telephone. All public colleges and universities in Louisiana have access to transcripts and you should not have to send them. If they tell you they cannot access the transcript, or if you need to send a transcript to a private school within Louisiana, or any school outside of Louisiana, you will need to complete the transcript request form at <https://www.locallevevents.com/events/details/26815>. Make sure you submit payment and complete the google form on that page. Students applying to colleges through the Common App do not have to complete the transcript request form. The transcript will be uploaded on the Common App portal.

Seniors- In order to graduate, all students must complete a financial aid step. You must complete one of these options:

1. Complete the FAFSA- the FAFSA is now available. You can complete it at www.studentaid.gov. Mrs. Byrd will send step-by-step instructions if needed as soon as this is available. You will be completing the 2024-2025 FAFSA. The FAFSA is your application for federal grants, student loans, and is also a TOPS application. Once completed, you will

receive an e-mail confirmation. Please forward that to asbyrd@caddoschools.org so I you can be cleared for graduation.

2. Complete the Louisiana TOPS application at osfa.la.gov

(You do not have to complete both the FAFSA and TOPS application. If you complete the FAFSA, you are also applying for TOPS) If you complete this instead of the FAFSA, send your confirmation to asbyrd@caddoschools.org.

3. Sign a financial aid waiver. You may pick up one in the Counseling Office. If you do this, you will not receive any federal or TOPS money for college/technical school.

Contests

The Broadmoor Neighborhood Association (BNA) is hosting a Broadmoor Neighborhood 100th Birthday Celebration and sponsoring an essay contest. The theme is History of Broadmoor. Essays should be 500 words and seniors from Byrd, Caddo Magnet, and Captain Shreve High Schools are eligible to participate. Students are not required to be a Broadmoor resident. Deadline to apply is April 5, 2024. Email entries to BNA Board Member Susan Poole- S.R.Poole@comcast.net. One essay will be chosen for a \$200 prize.

Duty Schedules

Monday – Adkins, Algood, Bailey, Blackwell, Boyd, Cole, K, Cox, Lary, J, Richey, Rockett, Rowe, Samuel, Vance.

Tuesday – Ballew, Bryant, W, Cole, C, Dean, Fox, Hammit, Harris, Ludke, Mitchell, Owen, Tate, Trudnak, West, Zator.

Wednesday – Bruno, Comerford, Duncan, French, M, Gilchrist, Hale, Hilton, Lary, W, Levermann, Maier, Schwab, Williams, G, Williams, R, Wilson.

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

Friday – Carberry, Goodwin, Hampton, Knox, Maranto, Panos, Piazza, Pope, Saulsbury, Sewell, Smith, Strong, Tromba, White.