

Jacket News
April 13, 2023

Read Aloud

Astra Club – It is time to join for the upcoming year. Forms are in Mrs. Prothro's office. Also, if you would like to run for office, sign up in Mrs. Prothro's office. Also, sign up for Judson Field in Mrs. Prothro's office. First Baptist Graduates – If you would like to work at First Baptist Field Day on **May 12th**, sign up in Mrs. Prothro's office. Only students who attended First Baptist may sign up. You may not miss a test or an EOC test or any important project.

Choir and Orchestra will be performing their spring concert **this evening** in the learning center at **6:00pm**. Please come and support our music programs! Admission is free!

Seniors – AP Capstone Cords are for graduating seniors who have completed both AP Seminar and AP Research. Cords are \$10 and are available for purchase on LocalLevelEvents. Cords will be delivered at the Senior Honors Assembly. <https://www.locallevevents.com/events/details/26148>

Seniors – If you ordered invitations but did not pick them up, you may go to the counseling office and get them. You may also pick up your cap and gown during lunch on **Wednesday, April 19th**, in the auditorium.

Seniors – Class of 2023, please vote for your graduation choices by **Friday, April 21st**. The link is on your senior Canvas page.

Seniors – Each senior may send **NO MORE THAN THREE** pictures for the Senior Slide Show on the last day of school. Pictures are best when they represent your high school career (9th through 12th grade), and group pictures are best. Please email pictures to byrdseniorclass@gmail.com by **Tuesday, April 18th**. Pictures after the 18th are not guaranteed to make it into the slide show.

Students – Do you want to be the next Jack the Jacket?? You must be a current 10th or 11th grader. Come by Mrs. Zator's room S310 by **April 19th** for more information!

South Highlands Alumni – Sign up to work at their Field Day on **May 12th** in Mrs. Prothro's office. You may not miss any EOC tests, regular tests or projects. You must provide your own transportation. Space is limited.

Students – The membership application poster for 2023-2024 Student Council is posted around the school. Scan the QR code to fill out the Google Form. Please apply for membership by **April 25th**. Membership will be posted by **May 9th** outside of room 202, and you will need to verify membership by signing the form

Youth and Government – Officer Intent to run forms are due to Mrs. Speyrer by **today**.

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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 9-11th Grades – Mrs. Prothro needs volunteers to work at the Judson Elementary Field Day on **May 12th**. You must provide your own transportation. See Mrs. Prothro to sign up.

College Visits –

Freshmen – If you have community service hours to turn in for the Community Service Endorsement for your diploma bring to Mrs. Prothro. This is separate from the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. If you have questions, please call Mrs. Prothro at 364-5455.

Freshmen – Are you interested in becoming a Lyle Leader? See Mrs. Prothro or Ms. Waters (room S112) for an application, or print one from the PTSA email blast. What is a Lyle Leader? Dr. Lyle, 1958 C. E. Byrd graduate, founded the leadership program by making a donation of \$100,000 to C. E. Byrd High School. The 2006-2007 freshman class was the first group to have the opportunity to participate in this program which is designed to develop leadership skills, experience the community and conduct community service projects. The current group has pledged to be active participants in this program for the next three years until they graduate from C. E. Byrd High School.

Juniors – Ring Ceremony is **May 9th**. If you plan on participating in Ring Ceremony, you need to visit Local Level events to register. Also, be sure you submit your pictures for the slide show on time and to the correct email. All of the information pertaining to the ceremony and slide show is listed on Local Level. Please see Mrs. Cole or Mrs. Bolton if you have any questions. <https://www.locallevevents.com/events/details/25979>

Junior Girls and Boys – If you are interested in going to Girls' State or Boys' State, please see Mrs. Prothro as soon as possible. Space is limited.

Lyle Leaders – 10th and 11th graders – Are you interested in attending the Louisiana Youth Seminar? I have some scholarships available on a first come, first serve basis. The **2023 Louisiana Youth Seminar** is an exciting opportunity for high school juniors and seniors to participate. The 2023 seminar will be returning in person this year at the LSU Baton Rouge campus. Look up louisianayouthseminar.org for more information. See Mrs. Prothro ASAP if you are interested.

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.

Students – If you are looking to earn service hours, Providence House is looking for energetic, dependable, academically strong high school students to serve as tutors for their children (grades 3-10th). If you are interested in helping, here are the details: Location: 825 Cotton Street in Shreveport. Tutoring will be through May 18th on Monday – Friday 4:30pm – 6:00pm AND Saturday 10:00am – 12:00pm. All tutors will be provided the books and materials needed to support our students. In addition, there will be on-site, adult supervision during all tutoring sessions. This is a great opportunity for peer-to-peer support and a super way to earn service hours.

Students – Off campus P E applications for the 2023 - 2024 school year are available for pick up in the counseling office. The deadline to return the completed application to the counseling office is Tuesday, **May 2nd**.

Students - The Louisiana Folklife Center at Northwestern State University is sponsoring the NSU Louisiana High School Essay contest. This is open to students in grades 9-12. Students will address the prompt "Imagine yourself in twenty years. What is your occupation. How does your work improve Louisiana?". Winners will be awarded a \$1600 scholarship to NSU. Deadline is **June 1st**. Additional information is available in the counseling office or at www.nsula.edu/folklife/highschoolessay/

Z-Club a Byrd service club advocating for women worldwide, is now accepting applications for new members in 2023-24. New members are selected via member votes and teacher recommendations. Please come by Room S206 to pick up an application from Ms. Fox. Deadline to apply is **April 21st**.

Z-Club Officer Intent to Run Forms are available from Ms. Fox in S206. Deadline to submit these is **April 21st**.

Scholarships

Aim For Christ is offering the Mackenzie Jewitt Memorial scholarship in memory of Mackenzie Jewitt, Byrd senior Class of 2022. Mackenzie was a loving and caring person who would always put other's needs before her own. She genuinely had a heart for people and didn't hesitate to lend a helping hand whenever she could. She loved helping those who were in need, and the fighter in her allowed her to never give up regardless of difficult circumstances. The purpose of this scholarship is to honor the heart of Mackenzie by awarding dedicated students who may have faced challenges in life but continue to strive for excellence in spite of their adversities. It will be a vessel to help encourage students to continue their education and to not give up. Scholarship recipient must be a Class of 2023 graduate, and plan to attend post-secondary education. This can be college, technical or trade school. Applications are available in the Counseling Office or the Class of 2023 Canvas page. Deadline to apply is Friday, **April 21st**.

The Louisiana Construction Education Foundation (LCEF), Louisiana's Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) and the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) is now accepting [applications](#) for the Jump Start Construction Connect Scholars Program. This program is the state's first and only scholarship dedicated exclusively to Jump Start graduates who have earned a Jump Start credential and a Louisiana high school diploma and subsequently enroll in an LCTCS Construction Pathway Program or Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) training program the summer or fall immediately following graduation. This scholarship will assist graduates in gaining the necessary training to earn industry employment in construction crafts fields aligned to four and five star jobs that may lead to management positions. Applications are due **April 21st**. **Eligibility Requirements:** Any high school senior who has a National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) credential, will earn a Jump Start Career Diploma, and enrolls in an LCTCS construction pathway program or an ABC training program in the summer or fall semester immediately following high school graduation. **Scholarship Award:** Up to forty one-time scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each will be awarded to students enrolling at an LCTCS program or an Associated Builders and Contractors training program. For more information please email stephanie.marcum@la.gov.

The 2023 Emmy Noether Award is available to high school senior females planning to pursue graduate degrees in STEM-related fields. After completing undergraduate studies, the Gold Medalist will receive up to \$75,000, and the two Silver Medalists will be awarded \$25,000 each for qualified **graduate-level programs** (to be divided over a 3-year span). In addition to the 3 merit winners, up to 10 applicants will be invited as Emmy Noether Scholars to join a network of young female aspiring research scientists and receive information on internship and networking opportunities. An awards banquet will be held in New Orleans on **April 23rd**, at 12:30 pm to honor the awardees and scholars. Requirements include: Female, Senior in High School, Lives in LA or MS, Pursues a research-based graduate degree and career in a STEM field, and 28 or higher on the ACT. Application available at <https://www.thebrownfoundation.org/emmy-noether-award>. Application details are available on the Class of 2023 Counseling Canvas page.

The Home Builders Association/Michael J. Penn Memorial Scholarship is now available. This one-time \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior who plans to attend a four-year college and major in construction management, engineering, or architecture. The application is available at www.nwlahba.org. Deadline to apply is **Friday, April 28th**.

The Grambling University National Alumni Association, Inc., Shreveport Alumni Chapter, is pleased to offer scholarships to high school students interested in attending Grambling State University beginning with the fall semester of the year 2023-2024. Payable over a two-semester period, the scholarships will range up to the coveted Eddie Robinson Scholarship. Information is available in the Counseling Office. Requirements for applicants: Applicants must be in good standing at their respective high school; Applicants must have a grade-point average of 50 or above; Applications will be provided by the senior counselor or by local; Applicants must submit the following documents [HERE](#); Completed application with signed verification by the senior counselor; Seven-semester transcript bearing the school seal; One (1) letter of recommendation from the students' high school administrator, counselor, or teacher; Essay of 150 words "Why I Want to Attend

Grambling State University”; One (1) recent wallet-sized, headshot photograph. Packets that do not contain all items will be disqualified. Deadline to apply is **May 1st**.

Senior Information

Seniors – The honor graduate list is posted outside the Counseling Office or in senior classrooms. Honor graduates are all students with a 4.0 gpa, plus the top 5% of the remaining graduating class. This year it includes all students with a 3.90 or higher cumulative grade point average. Honor graduates are eligible to purchase and wear a purple and gold honor cord, which will be distributed at the Senior Awards Assembly, TBA. You can purchase immediately at [locallevevents.com](https://www.locallevevents.com). If you would like to pay in person, you will be able to do so beginning **April 3rd**. If purchasing at school, you must have exact change/cash only. Cost is \$10. Cords must be purchased by **April 24th** to receive them at the assembly. Purchase cords online at <https://www.locallevevents.com/events/details/25555> Your access code is your student ID number without the preceding 0. Math/Science Magnet students may wear the magnet stole at graduation. This is the white satin stole with letters BHS printed on the end. You can purchase immediately at [locallevevents.com](https://www.locallevevents.com). If you would like to pay in person, you will be able to do so beginning April 3rd. If purchasing at school, you must have exact change/cash only. Cost is \$18. Purchase stoles online at <https://www.locallevevents.com/events/details/25554> Your access code is your student ID number without the preceding 0.

Seniors – A financial aid step must be completed in order to graduate. If you need assistance completing your FAFSA, please let Mrs. Byrd in the Counseling Office know.

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 [locallevevents.com](https://www.locallevevents.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

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, 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