

Jacket News
August 28, 2023

Read Aloud

CLASS OFFICER ELECTIONS – If you would like to run for class officer, scan the QR codes available around school to fill out the Google Intent-to-Run form. The deadline to sign up is next **Thursday, August 31**. See Mrs. Castleman in S311 if you have any questions.

Boys and Girls – Join Beta! We are a national academic, service and spirit organization. Applications are available outside Ms. Waters' Rm s112 and outside the front office in the main building. You can also scan the QR code posted around the school or on our Instagram page. Applications and fees are due beginning 9/6/23.

Drama Club for the 2023-2024 school year is accepting members NOW! Scan one of the QR code signs around the school, fill out the form, and pay your dues on PayschoolsCentral or to Mr. Williams in Room 200 in the main building.

Freshmen students interested in joining the Freshman Student Council need to pick up an application in Room S301 from Ms. Hale. Forms and fees are due **September 9th**.

Key Club applications are out now! If you are a boy of any grade interested in joining, please scan the QR codes that have been posted around the school to sign up for interviews.

Membership Drive for Spanish Club – Please pick up applications between rooms 117 and 118 in the Main Building where the Spanish Club bulletin board is. Students in the Science building can pick up applications outside S304. You are encouraged to pay for the fee online at www.payschoolscentral.com.

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.

Students – Are you passionate about politics? Are you driven to debate? JOIN BYRD YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT! Applications available outside Mrs. Speyrer's room S306. Our first meeting for anyone interested in learning more is **Wednesday** at 7:40 in the Learning Center. You must have a minimum 2.76 GPA and old member must reapply each year.

Students – Calling all basketballers! Students interested in flexing on the court against the faculty, sign up to play! First ten students in each grade level who pay \$20 get to play against the teachers and coaches and maybe even **everyone's favorite deputy**! The game is **September 8th** at **6:00 P.M.** in the gym! Be there!
<https://www.locallevevents.com/events/details/28047>

Students – Send in your designs for the third annual Homecoming t-shirt design contest! The theme is “Crush the Cowboys” with a superhero theme. The winner gets a free Homecoming shirt! Designs will be accepted **through this FRIDAY**! Send all designs to byrdstudentcouncil@gmail.com.

Print

Astra Club – Mrs. Prothro needs volunteers for the Centenary Book Bazaar on **Friday, September 8th** and **Saturday, September 9th**. You may sign up in her office.

Astra Club Members – We are helping to provide energy bars and gift cards for the Northwest LA St. Jude Tennis Tournament. We need boxes of individually wrapped granola or breakfast bars. Each box will count 3 hours of service. We also need any kind of gift cards for them to use for their silent auction. These gift cards can be \$10 - \$25 or more, and each gift card would count one hour for each dollar spent so 10 hours for a \$10 gift card. These are due to Mrs. Prothro by **September 8th**.

College Visits – LSU 8/30, NSU 8/31.

Poster Contests – The dates for the PTSA Poster Contests are posted. Please see Mrs. Prothro for the entry contests, forms and deadlines.

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.

Students – If you are interested in traveling to Spain next May, see Mrs. Smith in S307 or Ms. Springer in S211 for details!

Students – If you are interested in joining the wrestling team, you may go to cebyrd.com and click the "Athlete Registration" link. If you have any questions, please email byrdwrestling@gmail.com. Or contact Coach Wells at 318-393-3388.

Students – Fresh hydroponic salads grown by our own students are on sale every day now for \$3 during both lunch shifts.

Scholarships

Senior Information

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 2024 Canvas page.

Seniors – 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.

Seniors – Debutante applications are available in the Counseling Office for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Debutantes must be a high school senior no older than 18 at the time of registration and have a 2.5 gpa. Deadline to apply is **August 28th**.

Contests

All posters must be turned in to Mrs. Prothro by the dates below. The size must be 11 X 14, no glitter, and a flat surface. Each poster must contain the label attached to the back of the poster entry. See Mrs. Prothro for the entry form more information. If you need extra forms, email Mrs. Prothro at MProthro@caddoschools.org or come by her office.

Suicide Prevention Week	Deadline: September 15 th
Mental Health Awareness Week	Deadline: September 29 th
National Diversity Week	Deadline: October 6 th
Character Education Week	Deadline: October 20 th
Red Ribbon Week	Deadline: October 27 th
Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week	Deadline: November 11 th
Internet Safety Prevention Week	Deadline: December 8 th

Duty Schedules

Monday – Adkins, Algood, Bailey, Blackwell, Boyd, Cole, K, Cox, Hyslop, 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, Bows, 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.