

Jacket News **March 2, 2023**

Read Aloud

Congratulations to the following students who won the VFW Essay Contest: 1st Place – Abigail Ramsey, 2nd Place – Kate Shaw, and 3rd Place – Josiah Anderson.

ACT Boot Camp – Please contact Sherri Moss at 572-5507 if you want to register for the ACT On Track Test Prep class on **Saturday**. It will be held in the Learning Center from 8:30 until 11:30 am.

Juniors and Seniors – Save the date! Prom is going to be held on **April 15th** at the Shreveport Convention Center. Prom contracts are available outside the main office and in room 206. You must be off the debt list, have an ACT score, and if you are a senior your FASFA must be completed.

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** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Ayers Career College, 8820 Jewella Avenue. See Mrs. Prothro to pick up an information sheet.

Tennis – With a shorthanded team, the Jackets made a late comeback but came up short against last year's Regional Champions, West Monroe, with a match count of 10-8. The team included Amy Tong, Bella Young, Brock Boddie, Camden Rainey, Caroline Sample, Daniel Aillet, Knox Stinson, Landry Rainey, Marshall McCollum, and Piper Heun.

PTSA Poster Contests – If you entered any contest earlier this year, please come by the main office between classes or at lunch if you haven't already.

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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 Members – Mrs. Prothro needs some volunteers for The A.C. Steere Heritage Foundation Fund Run on **Friday, March 10th**. You will be responsible for counting the laps of the runners and helping with organizational tasks, making sure the runners have bibs, etc. You will need to be at A.C. Steere from 7:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Sign up in Mrs. Prothro's office. First come, first serve.

College Visits – LSU 4/3

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.

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 interested in serving on the Legislative Youth Advisory Council attached is the information. The deadline is **March 24th**. This is a wonderful experience for leaders in our state. See Mrs. Prothro for more information.

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 – 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 - 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/

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 Shreveport Chapter of the Links, Incorporated, a community non-profit organization, will award three \$1000.00 academic scholarships in the spring of 2023 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 2023, summer or fall. The application is available in the Counseling Office or the Class of 2023 Counseling Canvas page. The postmark deadline for the return of applications is **March 1st**.

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.

C.E. Byrd High School is excited to announce the Edward C. “Pete” Aldridge Scholarship for students who will be entering college and majoring in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM disciplines). Pete Aldridge is a 1956 graduate of Byrd High School and Distinguished Alumni and member of the Byrd High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame. This will be a one-time scholarship of up to \$1,000.00 per student. The scholarship is not renewable. Minimum requirements for the scholarship are the following: The college major must be a Science, Technology, Engineering or Math; Minimum 3.0 average on a 4.0 scale after seven semesters of high school; Your application must include a financial statement of need. Return completed applications to Mrs. Byrd in the counselor’s office. Deadline is **Tuesday, March 10th**.

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**.

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.

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. 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. 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 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.**

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