

*Jacket News*  
*December 15, 2023*  
*Read Aloud*

**Students-** Today is the last day applications for the Teen Advisory Committee are being accepted. Step Forward is looking for young people who are interested in partnering with other youth from around Louisiana who are passionate about making a difference. Students interested in applying should be between the ages of 14 to 18 or in grades 9th-12th enrolled in a Caddo Parish high school. For more information about Step Forward's Teen Advisory Committee and the Community Foundation of North Louisiana, please visit <https://cfnla.org/>

**Astra Club and Lyle Leaders -** We are helping to provide gift cards for the Baseball Buzz Bash 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 December 16, 2023. We usually get lots to Starbucks so be creative so we will have a variety!

**Key Club -** We are collecting new Mardi Gras items to be sent to soldiers overseas. Items include beads, cups, decorations or masks. Two hours will be awarded for items received this week. Bring them to Mrs. Rowe's room 325.

**Seniors-** If you plan to attend Ole Miss and want to be considered for the Chancellor's Leadership class, please let Mrs. Byrd know by 1 pm on Tuesday, 12/19. To be eligible, students must be admitted to the University of Mississippi and completed the Special Programs and Scholarships application. CLC students will meet weekly during the student's freshman year and is designed to provide leadership development opportunities. Students receive a \$1,000 scholarship for their freshman year.

**Lyle Leaders - 10th, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grades -** We have been invited to the Junior Achievement Empower Student/Mentor Luncheon at the Shreveport Convention Center on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Shreveport Convention Center. There are only 40 spots available so it is on a first come first serve basis! You can get a permission slip from Mrs. Prothro. If you sign up, you must go, and you cannot change your mind at the last minute as they are paying for your lunch.

Baseball tryouts for the 2024 season will be held Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm at the Byrd baseball field located across from the LSUS baseball field off East Kings Highway. Sign-up sheet will be located outside room 221 of the main building here at Byrd. See Coach Williams or Coach Tromba if you have any questions.

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.

**Seniors-** if you have completed 80 hours of community service in grades 9-12, you can receive a community service diploma endorsement. Students need to complete the student documentation form and return to Mrs. Byrd or Mrs. Prothro in the counseling office by January 12. Forms need to be signed by the person supervising the activity. Forms can be found here at [Louisianabelieves.com](http://Louisianabelieves.com). You may submit multiple forms for different activities, as long as you have 80 total hours completed.

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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.

Louisiana Tech Winter Quarter Dual enrollment applications are now available. Winter quarter registration is only available for students who were not able to register for fall quarter classes. Students already enrolled in a dual enrollment course and wish to continue, will wait for spring quarter registration.

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

Don't miss out on the chance to relive the extraordinary moments of the year. Don't wait—make your yearbook yours today and preserve those cherished memories forever! Yearbooks can be purchased on [locallevelvents.com](http://locallevelvents.com) for \$65.

**Robinson Film Center** is now accepting applications for the Teen Film Council. This after-school program meets on Mondays and features film production and theory taught by working industry professionals. Prepare for film school or a job in the industry, or just come to learn more about film. Apply now at [robinsonfilmcenter.org](http://robinsonfilmcenter.org)

**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 wrestling this year, please go activate and fill out all info. Practice officially starts first week of October and all info must be filled out in order to participate. Also, email [byrdwrestling@gmail.com](mailto:byrdwrestling@gmail.com) or contact coach Wells at 318-393-8988.

**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](https://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](https://payschoolscentral.com)

**If you are interested in creating and submitting a short film for Film Prize Jr. this year, see Mrs Smith in S307 as soon as possible.**

## **Scholarships**

**The Krewe of Harambee Scholarship application is available in the Counseling Office or on the Class of 2024 Counseling Canvas page. Students must be from a single-parent home, have a 2.5 gpa or higher, and submit an essay. Deadline to apply is December 15.**

**The National Beta Club scholarship application is now open until January 18, 2024. Last year's overall winner was from Louisiana! Over 250 scholarships are awarded each year, ranging in value from \$1,000 to \$20,000. Incredibly, since 1991, Beta has awarded more than \$6 million in scholarships. 12th grade students who are active National Beta members are eligible to apply and participate in the scholarship competition. Selection of National Beta Scholarship winners is based on a number of factors with special emphasis on academic excellence, demonstrated leadership, commendable character, school and community service, as well as National Beta Involvement. Applications for the Natl. Beta Club scholarship will also be used to determine finalists for the Louisiana Beta Club Robbie Scott scholarship. EVERY school in Louisiana should have an active Beta Club. Please share with all Louisiana high schools seniors who are in Beta Club**

[https://www.betaclub.org/scholarship?fbclid=IwAR3hXMPhn\\_4avMrhN8TXfnX-ymGhK2FnqZOGh2Tz2bfzVO3Ms76JGfnQYnc\\_aem\\_AY36zIPqP98-iGi11oRK2xR1o1RPc0bON9vZ\\_yI1SkCJ50gF5eDUcQOaTOim\\_hTKFE](https://www.betaclub.org/scholarship?fbclid=IwAR3hXMPhn_4avMrhN8TXfnX-ymGhK2FnqZOGh2Tz2bfzVO3Ms76JGfnQYnc_aem_AY36zIPqP98-iGi11oRK2xR1o1RPc0bON9vZ_yI1SkCJ50gF5eDUcQOaTOim_hTKFE)

**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>

**Seniors- the AFCEA scholarship application is available in the Counseling Office or Class of 2024 Counseling Canvas page. This scholarship will be awarded to a Class of 2024 graduate planning to pursue a STEM related field in college. Students must have a 3.0 gpa, and submit ACT scores, a one page biography with student's photo, and 3 letters of recommendation. Deadline to apply is February 1, 2024.**

**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](http://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 SchoolHouse 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 2023-2024 Reynolds Foundation scholarship is available in the Counseling Office or on the Class of 2024 Canvas page. Deadline to apply is January 31. Students must graduate in the Spring 2024 and plan to enroll as a full-time student at a 2 or 4 year college, or vocational school.

### **Senior Information**

**Seniors! The moment you've been waiting for has arrived – it's time to create your unforgettable senior yearbook ad. Purchase your ad at [locallevevents.org](http://locallevevents.org) and seize this opportunity to leave your mark on the yearbook. Once you've secured your spot, send us all your artwork and heartfelt messages to be featured on your ad at [cebyrd.yearbook@my.caddoschools.org](mailto:cebyrd.yearbook@my.caddoschools.org) Make your senior year even more memorable with a personalized ad – don't miss out!**

**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 - If you have volunteer hours from the past 4 years, please turn them in to Mrs. Prothro before the Christmas holidays so you can qualify for the Community Service Endorsement on your diploma. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Prothro in office 125.

## Contests

## 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.