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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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| February 23 | 8 th Grade Parents' meeting – ZHS cafeteria – 6:00 p.m. |
| March 23 | Phase I Testing: GEE (Writing, Math, Science, Social Studies constructed-response items) |
| March 29- April 5 | Easter Holidays/Spring Break |
| April 12-16 | Phase II Testing: (iLEAP – all test items; GEE – remaining test items) |
| April 27 | Honors Night – First Baptist Church – 7:00 p.m. |
| May 14 | Graduation – Bethany Auditorium – 6:30 p.m. |

A-Hec of a Summer Opportunity Available to Students

A-Hec of a Summer is a five-week health careers volunteer program to be held at Lane Regional Medical Center from June 1-July 1, 2010. Students who will be in grades 10th-12th for the next school year are eligible to apply for the program. Additional information and an application may be found online at www.clahec.org. Hard copy applications are available in the ZHS Guidance Office. Deadline to apply is March 3, 2010.

Notes from Guidance

- Current 9th graders will register for 10th grade classes through their English classes the week of February 22-26. Current 10th graders will register March 1-4, and current 11th graders will register March 8-12.
- Thank you to all the parents who attended the financial aid meeting in January presented by the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA). If you were unable to attend or would like more information, you may access the PowerPoint presentation at the Counselor's Corner on Zachary High's webpage (www.zacharyhigh.org/guidance_links.html). Other helpful information is available on the Counselor's Corner, including a scholarship database and graduation and TOPS requirements.
- **If you plan to receive TOPS, grants, or loans to help pay for college, you must fill out the FAFSA application (www.fafsa.ed.gov/) by July 1, 2010.**
- On Sunday, February 21, LOSFA is hosting Louisiana College Goal Sunday at BRCC and Southern University from 2:00-4:00 p.m. This is a free event where you can receive free on-site assistance from college financial aid representatives. Stop by the counseling office or visit www.osfa.state.la.us/ for more information..

ACT Online Prep a Great Resource for ZHS Students

Zachary Community School District has renewed an annual license for all Zachary High students to work at ACT preparation online for the upcoming year. The license runs from January 2010-January 2011 and is available to all of our high school students. The website can be accessed at home, and parents are strongly urged to encourage their children to use the resource as often as possible. **Statistics show that ACT scores can be greatly improved with hard work from the student, rigor from academic classes, and practice, practice, practice.** The online prep can be found at www.act.org. Click on "the test", then "test prep", and then "online test prep." Students will then enter their name, date of birth, graduation year, username, and password. (These instructions have been given to students at school). The website includes descriptions of each section of the ACT, review problems, and a diagnostic test. We hope that all of our students will utilize this wonderful resource and improve their ACT scores!

Dear ZHS Parents,

As the testing period approaches, we at Zachary High School have begun preparing your children for their "high stakes" tests. As you know, our ninth graders will take the iLEAP test, our tenth graders will take the math and English portions of the GEE, and our eleventh graders will take the science and social studies portions of the GEE.

For five consecutive years our school district has been ranked first in the state. It is our goal to remain #1 and we will work hard to accomplish that goal. It is also our goal to make sure every student is prepared and ready to be successful on these tests. We have begun pulling at-risk students from elective classes to work in small groups with their teachers. We also have compiled weekly study guides and handouts for our students to complete at home and return to school for review with their teachers. These efforts will continue until after the April 12th-18th testing dates. This year we will administer the written portions of the test on March 23rd and the objective portions of the tests in April. As a parent, you can assist us by making sure that your child completes these assignments and returns them to school. It is important that we identify those skills that your child may be weak on and address them prior to the test.

We will offer many positive incentives to those students who attend each day of the testing week and work hard daily. We will also offer incentives to those students who perform mastery or advanced on the GEE or iLEAP. Please talk to your child about the importance of getting a good night's rest and being confident that Zachary High School has prepared them well for their success on these tests.

Sincerely,

Scott Devillier, Principal

From the Principal's Desk:





- Brandi Ackoury was selected to perform in the American High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall. This is a national honor band that features the best players in America. Brandi Ackoury, Cacia Meeks, and Idell Thomas-Payne were selected to the All-South Honor Band, an honor band featuring the best musicians from ten states. James Haney and Josh Stevenson were selected for All-Parish Jazz Ensemble, which features many All-State players. Congratulations on these great band honors!
- The **JROTC Academic Team** recently tied for 3rd place in a national competition against 515 JROTC programs. Congratulations to team members: **Juniors** Maya Matthews and Felecia Dunford, and **Freshmen** John Goodrum, Marianne Terry, Dominique Richard, Kyle Pierce, and Tyler Baronne. The team captain was Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Ashton Gauff.
- Hannah Selbach, Brandi Ackoury, Blake Wesley, Chloe Harrell, Chris Jackson, and Chao Li have been selected as finalists for the 2010 DEMCO Rural Electric Youth Tour Essay Contest. As finalists, they will compete against other high school juniors for the opportunity to win an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. this summer. ZHS is very proud to have six of twelve finalists for this year. Congratulations to these great students and to our English teachers (Charlotte Blanchard, Erin Coyne, and Jennifer Moak) for encouraging these young writers!
- Several ZHS students' poems have been selected for publication in Creative Communication's anthology, *A Celebration of Poets*. Congratulations to Ashley Brewster, Lyndon Pruyn, Shanikqua Johnson, and Mia Allen-Butler.
- Shanikqua Johnson and Bradley McCoy's poems have been selected as winners in the Zachary Area Reading Council's Young Authors Writing Contest. Their poems will be published in the Louisiana's Reading Council's annual anthology.
- Contact Coach Mark Moreau if your son is interested in trying USA Wrestling in Zachary. There will be two practices per week and five meets. Email Coach Moreau at mark.moreau@zacharyschools.org for more information.

Straight A Students Treated to Lunch at Sammy's

ZHS students with straight A's first semester got a special treat on February 3rd: lunch at Sammy's Grille. Those students who maintained a 4.0 during the fall semester included

| 9 th | 10 th | 11 th | 12 th |
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| April Boe | Kate Browne | Ashley Brewster | Hilary Baird |
| Allison Burton | Brittany Castello | Kai Capdau | April Bell |
| Brandon Deshotels | Teryn Derouen | Hana Chang | Jessica Browne |
| Natalie Dupuy | Shelby Durbin | Katlyn Cotton | Alex Capogna |
| Kirsten Fontenot | Jameson Fisher | Jacob Damman | Daniel Clesi |
| Kaitlyn Green | Candace Franklin | Danielle Greer | Wynettra Cooper |
| Ainslee Hale | Taylor Garig | Daniel Hauser | Brian Delhomme |
| Morgan Hurst | Spencer Garrison | Breanna Hinton | Danielle Duby |
| Sara Hutchinson | Tanner Hebert | Zach Holley | Nikki Dunaway |
| Destiny Johnson | Devonna Johnson | Kirsten Jackson | Alyssa Eisworth |
| Trey Leiva | Kayla Johnson | Hollis King | Emily Flanders |
| Jasmine Littles | Caitlin Kimball | Kendall Knight | Lydia Gantz |
| Thomas Manuel | Yue Li | Chao Li | Mingwei He |
| Nicholas Maxey | Emily Mann | Jovanni Mariano | Elizabeth Houston |
| Moriah Meeks | Vy Nguyen | Brittany Martin | Lauren Hudson |
| Emilie Mestayer | Taylor Odom | Haley McHugh | Lainah Ingalls |
| Emily Moore | Madeline Pipkin | Gavin McQueen | Justin Kutz |
| Jordan Moser | Deanne Seamon | Kierra McQuirter | Tyler Leiva |
| Ikenna Nzewi | Matt Stansbury | Grace Melson | Matt Lowery |
| Tiara Spann | Tyler Usie | Josh Nzewi | Keely McDaniel |
| Hope Yantis | Jamon Whitmore | Alex Rivere | Margot Moore |
| | Bria Williams | Hannah Selbach | Brooke Morse |
| | | Melissa Sullivan | Catherine Owen |
| | | Tori Thibodeaux | Adale Simoneaux |
| | | Ariyana West | Lauren Sterling |
| | | Riley White | Lennie Swim |
| | | Kirsten Wintz | Chelsea Thompson |
| | | | Lacey Tidwell |

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Perfect Attendance Pays Off for Students

Zachary High students with 1st semester Perfect Attendance were recently treated to breakfast at McDonald's. Enjoying the breakfast were Stuart Baird, Amber Bienemy, Tevin Broadnax, Elizabeth Buhler, Allison Burton, Kember Comena, Daisy Cottone, Donald Ducote, Trelane Dunn, Natalie Dupuy, Garrin Ford, Alliciya George, Hillarie Hale, Connor Haynes, Kentarious Hills, Katherine Hudson, Jerreka Jackson, Trinity Johnson, Zalika Joyner, Logan Leggett, Maria Mondello, Dianna Mulkey, Ralf Melevo, Andrew Pittman, Dominique Richard, Gregory Richard, Brandon Robert, Tamron Smith, Tyquincia Teasett, Jamaree Thornton, and D'Shanti Walker.

A/B Honor Roll Students Rewarded for Efforts

A special Honor Roll Breakfast on January 15th rewarded **395** Zachary High students for maintaining A's and B's for the fall semester. Former ZHS student, Brandi Snowden, was the featured speaker at the breakfast. Brandi is currently working on her masters degree at L.S.U. She told stories to the students about her days at Zachary High School and encouraged them to continue setting high expectations for their lives and to make the most of their ZHS education. Dean of Students, Theresa Pelichet, organized the very special event.