

BRONCO BUSINESS

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

October 10	Fall Holiday
October 11	Teacher In-service Day (students do not attend)
October 14	Homecoming Game (7:00 p.m. Bronco Stadium)
October 15	Homecoming Dance (ZHS Gym 9:00-midnight)
November 3	End of 2 nd six weeks

*****Parents**, please call the **Attendance Office at 658-7303** if your child is sick and will be absent for the day. You must also follow up with a parent and/or doctor note to take care of this absence. Also, we will **not** allow any check-outs after 2:00 p.m. each day and after 1:30 p.m. on pep rally days (October 14th and 28th).

Attention SENIORS!!!!

Please frequent the Senior 2012 Moodle Page to obtain the latest information on graduation, college admissions, scholarships, and post secondary education. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Brown at 225 654-2776 or email at bianca.brown@zacharyschools.org.

Parents' Secret Weapon: Parent Command Center

All ZHS parents are strongly encouraged to use Parent Command Center to find out how your child is doing in all of his/her classes. Once logged in, you can hit "Grades" to see your child's grades in each class; "Progress" will show all of the assignments in each of your child's classes; "Discipline" will access your child's discipline history, such as tardies and dress code infractions. This is a great way for you to keep up with your child's work on a daily basis. If you have any problems logging in, please call Sandy Walters at 654-2776.

Counselors' Corner

Upcoming Testing Dates:

October 12: **PSAT** November 5 and December 3: **SAT**
October 22 and December 10: **ACT**
October 24-28: **GEE Retakes**

ACT Prep classes are currently being offered on Saturdays from 8:00-noon. Students must sign up in Guidance. There is a \$5 fee per class due at the time of sign-up.

ZHS College Fair Helps to Prepare Students for the Future

The Zachary High School Counseling Department, along with the Central High School Counseling Department, held the annual College Fair on Monday, September 12th. Colleges and universities from throughout the Southeast, as well as representatives from the Marines, Army, Navy, and National Guard, were on hand to share their programs with ZHS students and parents. In addition, ZHS Counselors offered breakout sessions on College Admissions Testing and Scholarships. Many took advantage of this great opportunity to gain information about post-secondary institutions and to start thinking and planning for the future.

Gaggle Email Accounts Now Available through ZCSD

The Zachary Community School Board is now providing student Gaggle email accounts for all ZHS students. The decision for the district to obtain the Gaggle email accounts for students was a result of state law that governs employee communication with students. To read the school board's policy on communication between employee and student, please visit <http://www.zacharyschools.org/SchoolBoard/CAPS/Policies/GAMIA-09.htm>.

Gaggle provides a safe, monitored email system for students. Parents can visit www.gaggle.net to learn more about Gaggle. A copy of the parent waiver can be found at www.zacharyhigh.org in the Quick Links section. Parents and students who haven't done so already are encouraged to read and sign the Gaggle Parent Waiver and return it to the student's homeroom teacher.

Dear ZHS Parents,

I would like to extend my gratitude to the students, teachers, and parents for the wonderful beginning to the 2011-2012 school year. Our enrollment continues to rise-1,435 total students-so our teachers are working harder than ever in the Pursuit of Excellence. That pursuit means meeting the needs of every student at Zachary High School.

The high standards placed on our students by our teachers will remain the same, and all of our students will be expected to meet them. By continuing to challenge students, we will fulfill our mission of preparing them for life after high school. Our teachers, students, administrators and support staff will all do their part to make your child's experience this year a successful one, but we need the support of all parents as well. We ask that you give your children the support and encouragement they need to be successful. As parents, we must demand that our children do the very best they are capable of doing.

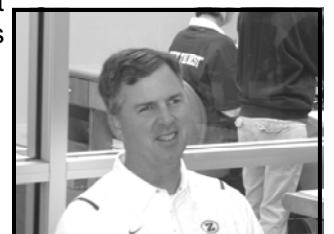
Please review your child's progress report and take the time to discuss any problems that your child may be having in any class. If necessary make an appointment with his/her teachers to discuss these problems. It is our goal that these problems are addressed as early as possible so that the remainder of the school year will be productive. Remember that these **grades do not start over for the second six-weeks**; they will continue throughout the first semester. The only time grades begin again is at the beginning of each semester. Hopefully, you are utilizing the **Parent Command Center** and are keeping up with your child's grades and attendance. This resource has proven to be a great asset to parents, and I encourage all of you to access this information through the Zachary High School website.

Our superintendent, school board, and community have committed themselves to providing students in the Zachary Community with the very best education possible. That support allows us to meet the needs of all our students as we prepare them to Pursue Excellence in all endeavors. It's a Great Day to be a Bronco!

Sincerely,

Wes Watts, Principal

From the Principal's Desk:





- Sophomore Taylor Dupree has been selected to see her original play performed at the Reilly Theatre at LSU in the spring of this school year. Taylor’s one-act play, *Going Postal*, was selected for production in the Playmakers Young Playwrights Festival earlier this year. Taylor will participate in a script development workshop with a professional director and professional actors to help her “fine tune” her piece. Congratulations, Taylor, on such an exciting opportunity!
- Moriah Meeks was selected for the Macy’s *Great American Marching Band*. This band will perform during the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City on Thanksgiving Day. Congratulations, Moriah!
- Twenty ZHS students have joined the new Robotics Club sponsored by Mr. Mark Arsenault. They will meet on Wednesday afternoons and will use the Parallax Boe-Bot system. For additional information, go to <http://www.parallax.com/go/boebot>.
- Eddie Veal, Zach Cason, and Matthew Flanders are involved in an LSU engineering project. They are building a sensor circuit board that will be sent into space via a sounding Balloon. To learn more about their project, go to <http://laspace.lsu.edu/aces/>. If you have questions about the Wrestling Team, contact Mark Moreau at mark.moreau@zacharyschools.org.
- WZHS students are filming all varsity football games to be replayed on WLFT (Cox channel 17) on Sundays at 1:00 p.m.
- STAR students (future teachers) are planning lessons and teaching the Upper Class Mentors to work with their 9th graders during mentoring time each month. Lessons focus on various topics to help freshmen adjust to high school life and be successful in academic and extracurricular endeavors.
- SGA officers for the 2011-2012 school year are Brittany Castello, President; Nick Maxey, 1st Vice-President; Allie Burton, 2nd Vice-President; Jasmine Littles, Secretary/Treasurer; Elyxcus Anaya, Historian/Reporter.
- Senior Class officers for the 2011-2012 school year include Morgan Cook, President; Tayler Jackson, 1st Vice-President; Bria Reed, 2nd Vice-President; Chelsea Jones, Secretary; Tevin Broadnax, Treasurer.
- Junior Class officers include Destiny Johnson, President; Ikenna Nzewi, 1st Vice-President; Jacob Garrett, 2nd Vice-President; Sarah Hutchinson, Secretary; Deon Sumer, Treasurer.
- Sophomore Class officers are Shayna Johnson, President; Kaylan Hebert, 1st Vice-President; Tamekia Ruth, 2nd Vice-President; Jackie Odom, Secretary; Madison Thibodeaux, Treasurer.
- Freshman Class officers include Victoria Moore, President; Endonezia Spears, 1st Vice-President; Bailey Valentine, 2nd Vice-President; Cathy Mcleod, Secretary; Paris Rogers, Treasurer.

Drama Department Off to a Busy Start this School Year

There are many exciting things to look forward to with the ZHS Drama Department this school year, starting with a new program called *Dinner and a Play*. Once a month, drama students will meet for dinner and then attend a local drama production in venues such as LSU, Baton Rouge Little Theatre, and the Manship Theatre. Through special arrangement with local theatres, ticket prices will be reduced and parents are invited to attend. For more information, contact Jen Masterson at jen.masterson@zacharyschools.org.

Also new this year year will be the first annual 3-Man Scramble Golf Tournament set for Saturday, October 29th at Sherwood Forest Country Club. Proceeds from this year’s tournament will help to fund a spring musical theatre performance, along with two exciting trips. In March 2012, one hundred ZHS students will travel to New Orleans to see the Broadway production of *The Lion King*. In April 2012, drama students will travel to London to see world-class theatrical productions and tour the birthplace of William Shakespeare. Finally, the Drama Department will present a night of scenes and monologues on October 27th at the Northwestern Middle School Theatre at 7:00 p.m. For additional information, contact Jen Masterson at jen.masterson@zacharyschools.org.

Homework Woes? Check Moodle Daily

Moodle is one of Zachary High School’s greatest online academic resources. What is Moodle? Moodle is a virtual learning environment that allows students and parents to check homework assignments and view upcoming events for each class. Students are also able to submit assignments through Moodle, print class notes, and view power points from class. Students and teachers can also have online discussions and blog with each other about classroom activities/topics they are studying. Parents are encouraged to view Moodle by logging in using their child’s username and password. Instructions for logging into Moodle can be found in the *Announcements* section of the Zachary High School homepage at www.zacharyhigh.org.

Accelerated Reader Aims to Improve Students’ Literacy Skills

Students in English I and II participate in *Accelerated Reader* (AR) to enhance their literacy skills. An AR Quiz Party was held on September 13th to encourage students to take quizzes ahead of time and not wait until the last day of the six weeks. Prizes were awarded to students who participated in the lunchtime celebration. In the AR program, goals are set every six weeks, and students will be awarded incentives as they work toward their reading goals. Parents can monitor their child’s participation by going to the following website (<https://Hosted65.renlearn.com/1636049/HomeConnect>). Their log in is the same as Novell without the “.s” (username is the student’s first initial, last name & year of graduation - example: jdoe2015 - and the password is their two initials & the last four digits of their social security number - example: jd1234).

After-School Tutoring Provided through H.E.L.P. Program

Individual tutoring is provided each afternoon Monday through Thursday in the ZHS Library from 2:45-3:30 through a program called *H.E.L.P.* Core subject area teachers are available to help in all core areas (math, English, science, social studies). There is also one computer lab available for students to complete computer lessons, if needed.

Bus service is available on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** only. If you have any questions about the tutoring program, please contact Lori Falgout at lori.falgout@zacharyschools.org.