

# BRONCO BUSINESS

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## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**Testing Dates:** April 24-May 17 End-of-course (EOC) Tests  
May 4<sup>th</sup>/June 1<sup>st</sup> SAT  
June 8<sup>th</sup> ACT

### Important Dates for Seniors:

April 26 Seniors-last day to pay money owed to be eligible for test exemptions  
April 26 Senior Field Day  
May 1 Senior textbook return  
May 2 7<sup>th</sup> hour exam  
May 3 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> hour exams  
May 6 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> hour exams  
May 7 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> hour exams (last day for seniors)  
May 21 Graduation-Bethany Auditorium - 6:30 p.m. (tickets required for admission)

### Important Dates for Grades 9-11:

May 3 Money-owed list posted for grades 9-11 (encourage ALL students to check posted lists)  
May 14 Last day to pay money owed to be eligible for test exemptions  
May 20 7<sup>th</sup> hour exam  
May 21 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> hour exams  
May 22 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> hour exams  
May 23 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> hour exams (last day for students)

### Attention, Parents and Students!

Please access *Counselors Corner* on the [www.zacharyhigh.org](http://www.zacharyhigh.org) homepage to keep abreast of important information and services, such as registration process, transcript requests, career and college exploration assistance, scholarship searches, and summer enrichment opportunities. Students at Zachary High School can also receive counseling at the following levels: individual, small group, and classroom. The focus areas for counseling are personal, academic, and college/career planning.

### LOSFA Presents Financial Literacy Lesson for ZHS Juniors

On Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, the Junior Class participated in an event hosted by the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance. LOSFA chose ZHS as one of only eight high schools in Louisiana to participate in the Financial Literacy for You (FLY) Tour, which is an interactive financial literacy presentation geared towards teenagers. The event was held in the Visual and Performing Arts Center (VPAC) and all current 11<sup>th</sup> graders received vital information on financial literacy for their upcoming post-secondary options.

### Annual Relay for Life Set for April 19th

The Zachary/Baker Relay for Life will be held Friday, April 19th, at Zachary BREC Community Park, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The entire community is invited to attend this terrific event sponsored by the American Cancer Society. There will be food, fun, and games for people of all ages, including a special luminaria ceremony to honor those loved ones who have battled cancer. Community participants will walk around the track in honor of those in our community who have fought or are currently fighting this battle. Please come out to support this wonderful cause!

## From the Principal's Desk:

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe but we are rapidly approaching the end of the 2012 – 2013 school year. I would like to take the opportunity to say a special thanks to our parents and community citizens. Your support plays a large role in the success of our students and ultimately our school. We are very fortunate to have such caring and involved parents and community people working to make Zachary High School what it is today.

I am sure that you are probably aware that our students are soon to be involved in a variety of test-taking activities as always this time of the year. Our teachers have worked extremely hard to prepare the students to be successful on these tests. We are confident that our students will continue to show that they are number one in the state.

Upon completion of the testing, we will continue to provide our students with quality teaching in preparation for the 2013 – 2014 school year. As I am sure you are aware, learning is an ongoing process.

We are extremely excited about the conclusion of construction at ZHS. We have a campus that is second to none but it is still the people that make Zachary High School the best of the best. I am grateful for the faculty and staff at ZHS and their willingness to go above and beyond to help their students succeed.

On a personal note, I would like to say that being the Principal at Zachary High School has been a wonderful and rewarding experience for me. Thank you so much for your continued support. We do have the finest students, teachers, and parents anywhere.

Sincerely,

Wes Watts  
Principal





- The following students qualified for State Literary Rally: Lama Hantash/English I; John Cantwell/World Geography; Garrett Deshotels/Physical Science; Carly Miller/Spanish I; Yara Hantash/Spanish III; Seth Priestner/Civics.
- ZHS Jazz Band received Superior Sweepstakes at the Loyola Jazz Festival; Symphonic Band received Superior Sweepstakes at District IV Band Festival; Wind Symphony received a Superior rating on stage at District IV Band Festival.
- Jacob Church, Brian Corbin, and Nick Neofotistos have recently become certified welders by passing a welding test at the Welding Test Lab in Baton Rouge. They will compete in the ABC (Associated Builders and Contractors) Competition in April. These three students, along with Trent Crowder and Casey Davis, will attend summer courses at the ABC School. If they pass the SMAW pipe and TIG pipe test, Performance Contractors, our ZHS welding school sponsor, will hire them at \$32 per hour. Good luck to all 5 boys and to Mr. Rayborn, their welding instructor.
- The following 2013 seniors have been nominated at Who's Who at ZHS: Jasmine Littles, Emilie Mestayer, Hope Yantis, Deon Sumer, James McCann, Emily Moore, Ikenna Nzewi, Destiny Johnson, Trey Leiva, Morgan Thompson, Moriah Meeks, Brandon Deshotels. Congratulations to these seniors!!!
- Zachary Community School System not only teaches students, it teaches teachers, future ones, that is. Fifteen juniors and seniors who are in the ZSTAR class are spending their class time interning with local teachers three days a week. This experience is giving these students a feel for what life is like in a real classroom. When these future educators are not in the area schools, they are in the classroom learning what first year college students learn. ZSTAR students who pass this course with an A or B are eligible for three college credits in most public Louisiana universities. This course is one of the ways ZHS helps students transition from high school to college.
- Any boy who would like to join the Wrestling Team for next year should see Coach Moreau or email him at [mark.moreau@zacharyschools.org](mailto:mark.moreau@zacharyschools.org).

**Reaching Reluctant Readers through Technology**

The Zachary High School Library is looking for a few good e-Readers or iPods. If you have recently purchased a new e-Reader (Nook, Kindle, etc.), iPod, or you are planning to purchase a newer model soon, please consider donating your older working model to the high school library. For reluctant readers, technology can engage students in ways print has not. The ZHS Library's goal is to encourage the school's most reluctant readers to read and participate in *Accelerated Reader* (AR). Many times it just takes one book to "hook" a student, and as a result of participating in AR, many students discover an author or genre that they like and their resistance to reading is minimized or sometimes entirely diminished. "While the printed word is revered by previous generations, these students go home after school and play video games or interact on social media. Media is mostly a digital experience for them. By shifting to a medium that embraces interactivity, the chance that they'll read may independently increase. E-readers...boost the relevancy of reading and shows that the school is trying to speak their language." (Renwick, Matt. "Why Our After-school Book Club Can't Wait to Get Its New e-Readers." *EDTECH Focus on K-12*. [www.edtechmagazine.com/k12](http://www.edtechmagazine.com/k12). *EdTech Magazine*. April 5, 2013.) Contact [christina.knight@zacharyschools.org](mailto:christina.knight@zacharyschools.org) for more information or to donate an e-Reader or iPod.

**Empty Bowls Set for April 20th**

The ZHS Art Department will sponsor the 3rd annual **Empty Bowls** on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Zachary Food Pantry and other local non-profit organizations focused on ending world hunger. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at Zachary High, Bank of Zachary, and Chris' Specialty Meats. With each ticket, guests will receive a meal of Cajun Catch gumbo, Bunny Bread, and Raising Canes tea. A ticket purchase will also allow each guest to select a piece of handmade pottery created by a ZHS art student. There will also be a silent auction and live music. Last year the Art Department raised over \$3,000 for the Food Pantry...this year's event plans to be even bigger and better! For more information, email [chloe.aquillard@zacharyschools.org](mailto:chloe.aquillard@zacharyschools.org).

**Inaugural Musical Performance Ongoing in Zachary High's VPAC**

The ZHS Theatre and Choir Departments have been staging the first musical theatre production in Zachary High School's new state-of-the-art Visual and Performing Arts Theatre (VPAC). **The Wizard of Oz** performances will run through April 20<sup>th</sup> with Thursday through Saturday performances at 7:00 p.m. each day. With "fly zones" and amazing seating, this performance is a treat for both actors and audience alike. Director Jen Masterson is thrilled to be on the new stage after the demolition of the "old, drafty theatre with poor seating and acoustics." The award-winning choir, under the direction of Jason Bowers, is on stage for the second time this season. The VPAC has been used recently to host the community-wide Black History Celebration in February and the District Band Festival in March. Tickets for **The Wizard of Oz** can be purchased in the ZHS front office.

**Save these Dates...**

- \*May 29- June 27 **ZHS Summer School**  
\*excluding Fridays, beginning the week of June 3rd
- July 29-30 **Schedule Pick-up/Pay Fees**  
Grades 10-12  
8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- \*\*\* **In order for students to pick up schedules, ID's, and textbooks for the 2013-2014 school year, a \$35 student fee and any previous debts to ZHS must be paid.**
- July 31 **Freshman Orientation/Parent University (please have at least one parent to accompany entering 9<sup>th</sup> grader)**  
Last names A-L 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Last names M-Z 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- August 1 **Freshmen Only Day**  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- August 12 **First day of school for 2013-2014**

**Upcoming Event for Seniors!**

Seniors and their parents who need assistance completing the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** will have the opportunity to attend a FAFSA Completion Event at ZHS on **Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.** in the library. An expert will be on hand to help parents complete the FAFSA on site that evening.

You will need to bring the following items to complete the application:

- Student's social security number
- Student's driver's license number
- Student's tax return or W-2s
- Parent's social security number
- Parent's tax return or W-2s

Other Senior Announcements:  
The Senior Class fee is \$40 and is due to the front office by **Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**, as are all other senior debts!

In order to have scholarship awards announced at graduation, seniors need to complete and turn in the Scholarships Awarded form to the Counseling Office by **May 7<sup>th</sup>**.