



SENIOR NEWSLETTER April 2017



It's the Final Countdown! If you are taking care of business, this is good news. If you are not, time is ticking! Do what you need to do earn all credits that are required to graduate so you can walk in graduation and receive your diploma.

Look for a letter concerning important graduation information in the mail this week. If you do not receive one by Friday, April 7, please see the counselors. Make sure you turn in your walking slip by April 28 to let us know if you are walking in graduation or not. All seniors will receive a checkout sheet on April 25 that must be cleared and turned in by May 4.

Important Dates to Remember:

- April 25: Seniors receive check-out sheet
- April 28: Walking form due
- May 2: Awards Day @ 9:00 a.m.
- May 3: Finals 3rd & 4th
- May 4: Finals 1st & 2nd
 - Seniors Last Day
 - Cleared check-out sheet due
- May 9: Senior Breakfast @ 8:00 a.m.
- Graduation Practice @ 9:00 a.m.
- May 12: Graduation @ 7:30 p.m.

LOSFA CONSENT FORM - If you have not turned in LOSFA Consent Form, please take care of that. We cannot release your information for TOPS etc. if you have not given consent.

WHAT SHOULD YOU BE DOING NOW TO PREPARE FOR COLLEGE OR VO-TECH

1. Set up FSA ID for both parent and student at www.pin.ed.gov.
2. Complete FAFSA application online at www.fafsa.ed.gov to apply for financial aid and TOPS.
3. Apply for scholarships
4. Touch base with college or vo-tech that you plan to attend to make sure everything is squared away.
5. Touch base with financial aid office of college or vo-tech to see what is available for you.
6. Complete LOSFA Consent Form in counselors' office if you haven't done so.

CPR TRAINING – All Seniors must take CPR before they graduate. CPR training will be offered by Coach Henagan at 1st and 3rd blocks on the following dates: April 5, May 3 Sign up in main office if you need this.

ACT – Pick up ACT brochure for registration information in the counselor's office or go to www.actstudent.org.

IMPORTANT ACT INFORMATION

Test Date	Registration Deadline
June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017

NCAA - To play college sports, you must register with NCAA. If you qualify for free or reduced lunch, there is a waiver for the registration fee. You need to also use the ACT code 9999 as one of your college choices to have your scores sent to NCAA. You can register at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES ON THE WEB –www.osfa.la.gov<http://www.college-financial-aid-advice.com/scholarship-contests.html>www.lela.org

SUN TRUST EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP CONTESTS -Award Amount \$500 (2 winners every 2 weeks for 30 winners.). Visit <https://www.suntrustededucation.com/ScholarshipSweepstakes/index.html>. You may resubmit an entry every 2 weeks until May 12.

LHSAA and LHSCA SCHOLARSHIPS - If you are a student-athlete, visit <http://lhsaa.org/schools/students-and-parents/scholarships-and-awards> and <http://www.lhsca.org/scholarships> for various scholarship information.

SUZANNE EASON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Senior Girl with GPA of 2.5 or higher who is active in school, community, church, etc. Deadline: April 7

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP - Any senior with a 2.5 GPA who plans to attend any branch of Southern University and A & M College. See counselors for application. Deadline is April 11.

PELICAN STATE CREDIT UNION – For seniors who are Pelican State Credit Union members. Visit www.pelicanstatecu.com/teampelican for details. Deadline is April 15.

CHAD CHANGE SCHOLARSHIP - For four year athletes with a 2.5 GPA who plan to go to an in-state college or technical school, see counselors for application. Deadline: April 15.

NSU LOUISIANA HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST - 1,000 -2,500 word essay about “Louisiana Landscapes” is required. Three winners will be awarded cash prizes and scholarship to NSU. Deadline is May 19. See counselors.

HORATIO ALGER CAREER & TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - For high school seniors who plan to go to a community or technical college. Apply at application.horatioalger.org. Deadline is June 15, 2017.

If you have received ANY scholarship offers, please get a copy of the award letter to the counselors by May 2 so we can announce at graduation.