

BOBCAT BRIEF

EHS SPRING SENIOR NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT SENIOR DATES

Saturday, April 2nd - ACT National Testing Date

Wednesday, April 6th - UL Academic Signing Day

April 15th - 22nd - Easter Break

April 25th-28th - Senior LEAP tests

May 5th -6PM Academic Awards

Friday, May 6th - 11th - Final Exams

Friday, May 13th - Mandatory Senior Meeting and

Picture Exchange at 8:00AM in the EHS Gym

Sunday, May 15th - 5PM Graduation Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes

Wednesday, May 18th - 8AM Mandatory Graduation Practice

Thursday, May 19th - 8AM Mandatory Graduation Practice

Thursday, May 19th - Senior Stroll at 10AM

Saturday, May 21st - EHS Graduation Ceremony 7:30PM



IMPORTANT FAFSA REMINDER

IMPORTANT EMAIL & CHROMEBOOK INFORMATION

It is important to start downloading any files that are in your google drive that you want to keep and put them on a thumb drive. A few weeks prior to graduation, you will be turning in your chromebook and your school email and google account will be deactivated. If you have any accounts, including your ACT account whose login uses your school email address, be sure to change your login information soon.

Seniors MUST turn in either a signed FAFSA waiver indicating that they will not complete their FAFSA and will not participate in TOPS or any Federal Funding for Education OR students must complete their FAFSA application and email me a confirmation of completion to theresa.touchet@vpsb.net.

www.fafsa.ed.gov or
www.studentaid.gov

SCHOLARSHIPS

LOUISIANA SHERIFF'S SCHOLARSHIP

Applicants must be a Louisiana resident. Scholarship funds must be utilized by a higher learning institution within Louisiana and the student must plan to enroll full-time.

All entries must be mailed to the LOCAL committee.

Deadline: April 1, 2022

AMY NOEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



(Two) \$250 Awards

- One for TOPS University Student
 - One for a TOPS Tech JumpStart Student
- Based on scholastic achievement, extracurricular, community involvement, and Influencer Essay.

Applications are available in the counselor's office.

Deadline: April 14, 2022

ERATH 4TH OF JULY SCHOLARSHIP

The Erath 4th of July association will award one \$1,000 award. Applicants must have a 2.5 GPA or better. Applications are available in the counselor's office.

Deadline: April 14, 2022

BENJI VIENNE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This \$1,000 Scholarship - Applicant must be a child, stepchild, or adopted child of a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or any other first responder. Applicant must be a graduating senior of a Vermilion Parish High School.

A 1,000 word essay is required.

Deadline: April 7, 2022

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is open to all high school seniors attending high school in Lafayette, St. Martin, or Vermilion parishes. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded. All applicants must have a cumulative GPA of at least a 2.5 GPA, must be in need of financial assistance, and plan to enroll in an accredited college or university following high school graduation.

Deadline: April 8, 2022

SCHOLARSHIPS

ABBEVILLE KIWANIS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

The Lloyd Dore, Jr. Memorial Scholarship is \$500 per semester for 4 years for a cumulative \$4,000 award. Applications are available in the counselor's office.

Deadline: April 14, 2022

ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY SCHOLARSHIP

(3) \$500 Scholarships will be awarded to recipients who have exhibited scholarship, leadership, and community service. All students are available to apply, however the major emphasis will be placed upon African-American male students. Applications are available in the counselor's office.

Deadline: April 15, 2022

ERATH BACKER'S CLUB WILLIE A. LUTGRING & ROBERT J. SEGURA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Backer's Club provides 4 scholarships in memory of former coaches at EHS. Applicants must be EHS athletes with excellent academics and participation in athletics. Applications are available in the counselor's office.

Deadline: April 14, 2022

KELLY ANDRE BLANCHETTE SCHOLARSHIP

This Scholarship is in memory of Kelly Andre Blanchette. Applications are available to any EHS Senior planning to attend college after graduation. Applications are available in the counselor's office.

Deadline: April 14, 2022

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS SCHOLARSHIP

This \$500 Scholarship is for female graduating seniors planning to attend a 2 year or 4 year college or technical school who have demonstrated academic performance and service to the community. Essay & counselor verification required.

Deadline: April 14, 2022

WHAT I WANT TO BE AND WHY SCHOLARSHIP

Applicants must be a TOPS University student from a Vermilion Parish School with a minimum 2.5 GPA. Applicants will create a self-narrated video presentation. More information is available in the counselor's office. Email madeline.dehart@vpsb.net to receive information on how to upload your document.

Deadline: April 29, 2022

SCHOLARSHIPS

DAVID R. HARDY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Two \$1,000 Scholarships will be awarded annually to graduating seniors of accredited Vermilion Parish High Schools. Completed Scholarship Applications must be returned directly to a lodge member by the deadline.

Deadline: May 1, 2022

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP

This \$1,000 Scholarship is for male graduating seniors planning to attend a 2 year or 4 year college or technical school who have demonstrated academic performance and service to the community. Applications are available in the counselor's office.

Deadline: May 1, 2022

SLEMCO SCHOLARSHIP

This \$2,000 Scholarship opportunity is available for students who are SLEMCO members or who are a dependent child of a SLEMCO member. Must have a minimum 2.0 GPA and plan to enter a private or public Louisiana university or accredited trade school. Applications are available in the counselor's office.

Deadline: May 12, 2022

PB&J SCHOLARSHIP

This annual scholarship is for students who have experienced personal challenges that may not have allowed them to perform well academically, but who still have the drive to succeed. With no GPA requirement, students are encouraged to apply as this scholarship is meant to be inclusive.

Deadline: May 31, 2022

NSU ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

The 14th annual NSU Louisiana High School Essay Contest is now open for submissions until June 1, 2022.

1st Place - \$150

2nd Place - \$100

3rd Place - \$50

Packets are available in the counselor's office.

Deadline: June 1, 2022

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

COLLEGE ADMISSION INFORMATION: Be sure you have officially submitted what you need for your admissions application. Once the college has processed your application, you will get a letter from the college provisionally accepting you if you meet their admissions requirements. Your acceptance will not become final until the college receives an official copy of your transcript after graduation. **Make sure to carefully check deadlines for admissions and scholarship applications. Most scholarship applications are now found online.**

If you have been accepted into a college or university, **check your student account daily.** The college may post information to your account. You do not want to miss deadlines. If you have questions, call the school and get the information that you need.

REQUESTING COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT CREDITS

If you completed dual enrollment courses at EHS, you must complete a college transcript request to have your dual enrollment credits transferred to the college you will be attending.

LSU – Dual Enrollment MATH 1021, MATH 1022, MATH 1530, MATH 1540, ENGL 1001, and ENGL 2000

If you were enrolled in an LSU dual enrollment class, you can send official transcripts using myLSU. Go to the LSU website at <http://www.lsu.edu/> Click on myLSU at the top left of the screen. You will need your username and password to log on myLSU. Click on “Student Services” at the bottom of the list on the left side of the page. Click on “Transcript Request” and request an electronic copy of your transcript to be sent to the college you will be attending.

If you cannot log on to myLSU, go to <https://sites01.lsu.edu/wp/registraroffice/student-services/transcript-request/> and print the transcript request form. Complete the form and fax, email or mail it to the address or number listed on the form.

USING A PERSONAL EMAIL ACCOUNT:

It is very important that when you are applying to schools, applying for financial aid or providing an email address for anything you will need after high school that you use your **OWN personal email** and **NOT** your VPSB issued email address. After you graduate, that account is archived and you will not be able to access it to continue to receive emails. If you don't have a personal email account, now is the time to create one. It is wise to make it professional and not use any silly nicknames or sayings. **If you created your myact account or your college board account using your VPSB email address, it is important that you update that as well.

You should also begin checking your email and any college student accounts regularly. Colleges will post important information on these accounts. If you do not check it regularly, important deadlines will be missed which could result in the loss of opportunities or holds being placed on your account.

TECHNICAL PROGRAM ADMISSION: Those students planning to attend technical college after graduation should call the school they are interested in attending and make an appointment with the admissions counselor. It is recommended that you call in the early spring as many programs have limited space and require an entry test. Scholarships and financial aid cannot be offered until you have applied for admission.

MILITARY: Students interested in joining a branch of the military should speak to several different recruiters to discover which branch of the military will best meet their needs and achieve their goals. The counselor's office has contact information for each of the recruiters for each particular branch.

EHS GRADUATION INFORMATION & IMPORTANT DATES

All graduates must complete all course work and tests and the results must be on file by the end of the school day on Thursday, May 12. Grades and Transcripts will be FINAL at noon on Friday, May 13th.

We have hired a professional photographer for our graduation ceremony. I encourage you to purchase a picture of your graduate as this makes a wonderful keepsake and you will not be able to leave your reserved seat during the ceremony. In addition, a group photo will be taken of the graduates at dress rehearsal on Thursday, May 19th. An order form is provided with this packet and must be returned with full payment during graduation rehearsal on Thursday, May 19th.

Each year Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Erath holds a graduation mass for all graduates of Erath High School. All graduates are invited to participate in the ceremony, even if you are not Catholic or if you attend another church. The mass will be held on Sunday, May 15th at 5:00 p.m. Graduates will line-up outside the church at 4:30 p.m. in their graduation gown (no cap) following the complete graduation dress code.

All debts must be cleared with the office by the end of the school day on Thursday, May 20th.

If all debts are paid, students will receive their medallion, gold tassel, and cords after practice on Wednesday, May 19th.

If all debts are paid and all practices attended, students will receive their 10 guest tickets after practice on Thursday, May 19th. ALL individuals, regardless of age, must have a ticket to attend the ceremony. Contact Mr. Turner if your family needs extra tickets.

All graduates must follow one of the two dress code options as stated on the graduation memo. If you are not in full dress code for the ceremony, you will not walk with the class.

All graduates must report to the mandatory scheduled practices (Wed. 5/18, 8:00 a.m. in the gym and Thurs. 5/19, 8:00 a.m. in the gym.) If you fail to report for any of the scheduled practices, you will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony, but may pick up your diploma in the EHS office on Monday, May 23rd. (NO EXCUSES ACCEPTED.) There is no dress code for the practice on Wednesday. However, full graduation attire must be worn to practice on Thursday.

All graduates must be at the gym promptly at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 21st dressed in full graduation attire. Graduation will begin at 7:30 p.m. The location of the ceremony will be at Robert J Segura Memorial Stadium.

Students have the option to have a private individual graduation in the gym. We will schedule these individual graduations for Sunday, May 22nd. If you are interested, contact me by April 25th.

Students have the option to opt out of the graduation ceremony. Your diploma will be given to you after Saturday, May 21st. If you are opting out of a ceremony, I need your name by April 25th.

Contact me directly if you have any questions.
Marc Turner 337-356-2141 marc.turner@vpsb.net

EHS GRADUATION DRESS CODE GUIDELINES 2022

You can pick Option 1 or Option 2 regardless of your gender.
However, you must follow your choice completely.

Option 1:

1. Each girl graduate must wear a royal cap and gown. The gown should measure 7 to 11 inches from the floor, with shoes (mid-calf). The graduation cap must be worn with the front point of the cap flat against the middle of the forehead, with the hair pushed back up under the cap, so that the mortarboard is flat and secure on top of the head. Should you have any questions about the gown or cap size, see Mr. Turner.
2. To complement the royal cap and gown, each girl graduate must wear the following:
 - a. Each graduate will receive a white collar. (Do not attempt to iron the collar. Hang the collar to get rid of wrinkles.)
 - b. A pair of dress shoes must be worn (NO sporty loafers, tennis shoes, flip flops, etc.) Consider wearing comfortable shoes. Shoe color must be BLACK – NO exceptions.
 - c. For garments worn under the gown, use your common sense by trying on the gown. Do not wear a garment that shows below the hem of the graduation gown or through the cloth of the gown. A light, solid color or white dress, blouse and skirt. NO bright colors or bold patterns. You should not be able to see the dress underneath or through the gown.
3. The hair should look clean and neat and the bangs pushed back under the cap. No hairpins, curlers, bows, combs, etc., should be visible.
4. No obviously visible bright or heavy jewelry may be worn. No long dangling or large hoop earrings.*VPSB policy concerning body piercing must be followed.*
5. School regulations concerning cleanliness and behavior will be in effect for the graduation ceremony and rehearsals, and all related activities

Option 2:

1. Each boy graduate must wear a royal cap and gown. The gown should measure 7 to 11 inches from the floor, with shoes (mid-calf). The graduation cap must be worn with the front point of the cap flat against the middle of the forehead, with hair pushed back up under the cap, so that the mortarboard is flat and secure on top of the head. Should you have any questions about the gown or cap size, see Mr. Turner.
2. To complement the royal cap and gown, each boy graduate must wear the following:
 - a. Each graduate will receive a white collar. (Do not attempt to iron the collar. Hang the collar to get rid of wrinkles.)
 - b. A solid, white, button down cotton shirt with standard collar (long or short sleeves.)
 - c. A long tie (the part that shows must be of a dark color.)
 - d. A dress pair of BLACK pants and black socks. NO blue or black jeans or work clothes.
 - e. A pair of BLACK dress shoes – NO sandals, tennis shoes, etc., (A clean, polished pair of boots is allowed if the pants leg is worn over the boots.)
3. The hair, moustache or beard should look clean and neat.
4. No obviously bright or heavy jewelry may be worn. *VPSB policy concerning body piercing must be followed.*
5. School regulations concerning cleanliness and behavior will be in effect for the graduation ceremony and rehearsals, and all related activities.

TOPS AWARDS

***RECENTLY UPDATED FOR 2022 GRADUATES**

TOPS OPPORTUNITY:

Tuition Exempt
20 ACT & 2.5 GPA

TOPS PERFORMANCE:

Tuition Exempt AND \$200 per semester
23 ACT & 3.25 GPA
(*GPA increased from 3.0 to 3.25)

TOPS HONORS:

Tuition Exempt AND \$400 per semester
27 ACT & 3.5 GPA
(*GPA increased from 3.0 to 3.5)

TOPS TECH:

2 Year Tuition Exempt
from a Community college or Tech School
17 ACT (or Silver in WorkKeys) & 2.5 GPA

**NOTE: GPA is configured on the TOPS Core Curriculum GPA or the TOPS Tech Core Curriculum

FIGHT ON BOBCATS: *It has become a tradition for graduates to sing the EHS Fight Song at the end of the graduation ceremony. If you do not know the words, please commit them to memory before the first graduation practice on May 13, 2022*

FIGHT ON BOBCATS

*Come on and fight for Erath High!
The blue and white is flying high!
Come on your Bobcats fight with all your might,
and we will march to victory!
So get the ball and make a score,
and we will triumph ever more,
Come on your Bobcats fight with all your might
and we will win this game tonight! HELL!*