RHS Newsletter

March 30th - April 3rd

Nurturing students in an environment of rigor, relevance, and relationships.

Week at a Glance: Attendance Blitz continues! (WorkKeys Testing this week!)

Monday - Chess Club will meet in Advisory. Panorama Survey for Sophomores. Kona Ice & Tom's Coffee Truck will be in the boulevard during both lunches. Boys & Girls Golf play at Morehouse Country Club at 3 pm. RHS Tennis plays Caddo Magnet at RPAR at 3:15 pm. Freshmen Baseball plays at OCS at 5 pm. Varsity Baseball plays St. Fred's at RPAR at 6 pm.

Tuesday - Talented Art Alliance, FFA, FCA, and Bearcat Buddies will meet in Advisory. Panorama Survey for Freshmen. RHS Tennis plays at Neville at 3:15 pm. Softball plays Pineville at RPAR at 4:30 & 6 pm. Varsity Baseball plays OCS at RPAR at 6 pm.

Wednesday - ACT & LEAP Prep during Advisory. Prom Tickets are on sale beginning today during both lunches. JV Baseball plays West Ouachita at 5 & 6:30 pm.

Thursday – ACT & LEAP Prep during Advisory. **Report cards distributed today!** Prom Tickets are on sale beginning today during both lunches! RHS Tennis plays at Oak Grove at 3 pm. Softball plays Neville at RPAR at 5 pm. Varsity Baseball plays at Pineville at 6 pm.

Friday - **No School - EASTER BREAK!** Varsity Baseball plays Pineville at RPAR at noon.

Saturday -

Monday - **No School - EASTER BREAK!** Varsity Baseball plays Simsboro at RPAR at 6 pm.

Academic News & Announcements:

Parents, Guardians, & Students: This is the FIRST week of the LAST 9 weeks of the school year. Parents/Guardians - please look through each class's Google Classroom to see what is happening this week! Also, check the student progress center to see your student's grades in their classes.

Are you ready for the ultimate attendance challenge? Starting Monday, March 23rd, through Friday, May 1st, we're launching our Bearcat Attendance Survivor Blitz! Here's how it works: Students who have the willpower to attend every class, every day, with NO ABSENCES and NO TARDIES will be proclaimed a true Bearcat Survivor. At RHS, we know that students learn best when they are present in the classroom, so this is your chance to prove your dedication to your education. All Bearcat Survivors will be rewarded with a special treat on May 6th - so mark your calendars! Good luck, Bearcats - we believe in you!

2024-2025 YEARBOOKS: LIMITED SUPPLY

1. If you forgot to get a 2024-2025 yearbook, there are a few extra yearbooks on sale for $80. If you would like to purchase one, you can visit Mrs. Smith in room 106B with a check or cash.

2025-2026 YEARBOOKS ON SALE: LIMITED SUPPLY (16 left as of 3/20)

2. 2025-2026 yearbooks are on sale for $85. You can purchase one by visiting https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1067990/RUSTON-HIGH-SCHOOL/2026-Yearbook/20250712041639037125/CATALOG_SHOP or by bringing a check or cash to Mrs. Smith in room 106B.
3. This upcoming year's yearbooks are your ticket to our first-ever signing party that will be held at the end of the year. Students who purchase a 2025-2026 yearbook will leave class to attend a yearbook signing party after spring testing. Get your yearbook today, we will sell out!!

FOLLOW RHS_RESUME ON INSTAGRAM

1. The Resumé is now on Instagram, follow us now for updates on yearbook prices, delivery, and party updates, and access to our free online photo galleries!!

Ruston High School is opening a spring uniform store. The store will close on March 26th. Orders will be shipped directly to the purchaser's home, going out on April 10th. Use the link to order: https://tommystees.com/RHS_Spring_26/shop/home

Seniors: New scholarship opportunities are starting to come in. Make sure you are checking the Scholarship tab of the school website frequently! https://rustonhigh.lincolnschools.org/o/rhs/page/scholarships

Faculty vs. Seniors Showdown! Join us on Friday, May 1st, at 2:30 pm for a fun and competitive match-up as our teachers take on senior students (non-basketball players) on the court. Think you have what it takes to compete? We're looking for participants for both teachers and seniors ready to be a part of the action. GET THE WORD OUT! Email Coach Cooper if you're interested in playing at lashanda.cooper@lincolnschools.org

Juniors & Seniors: SGT Courtney Bruzeau from the Army National Guard has information sheets available in front of the athletic office. Feel free to pick one up, fill it out, and return it to Mrs. Bell if you would like to speak with her next time she's on campus.

Sophomores & Juniors: If you are interested in becoming a Bearcat Mentor for the 2026-2027 school year, applications are open now! Even if you served as a mentor this school year, you must complete an application again. Information about the application process can be found on the RHS website, or you can talk to Mrs. Katie Walker for more details.

Our Spring Testing dates are listed here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WnPeNOsIIbBUf3JJolkiMox9xveebgIFiykwzZSQyx4/edit?usp=sharing

Lincoln Parish School Calendar for 2026-2027: Click Here

Juniors interested in the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville are invited to register for the Ready Razorback tour on Saturday, April 25th. Online registration opens April 1st & can be accessed at https://admissions.uark.edu/visit/

Congratulations to Jackson Lee for being named the Buddy Davis Memorial Athlete of the Week for his comeback baseball play against Loyola Prep on Monday.

Congratulations to the following athletes for being named to the All-Ruston Daily Leader Basketball Team: 1st team - Kearra Wilson; 2nd team- Journi Douglas. Great Job, Lady Bearcats!

Congratulations to the following athletes for being named to the All-Ruston Daily Leader Basketball Team: 1st team - Ahmad Hudson, 1st team & Newcomer of the Year - Darren Ford; and 2nd team - KeShun Malcolm. Great Job, Bearcats!

Congratulations to Nolan Hogan for qualifying for state in Archery for 4-H. He qualified through 3D SR Compound Open, Archery Modified FITA SR Compound Open, and Archery Field SR Compound Open. He did excellent in all 3 areas! Great Job, Nolan!

There will be a signing with four Bearcats who will further their academic and athletic careers at the collegiate level on Monday. Trindon Moore will play football at Kansas Wesleyan. Alex Hunt will play football at Georgia Tech. Journi Douglas will participate in track & field at Grambling. AJ Wilson will run cross country for Shelton State. Congratulations to these Bearcats!

Congratulations to the following students who are RHS Cheerleaders for the 2026-2027 school year! JV Squad members are Bella Bradshaw, Keatyn Brashear, Audrey Colvin, Avery Dixon, Khloe' Green, Charli Grillot, Jaleigh Martin, Kynzlee McConnell, Georgia Puckett, Lilly Grace Turpin, Ella Kate Whitaker, Kate Wood, Carley Carter, Cate Davidson, Savannah Foster, Hallie Hogan, Catherine Kozar, Stella Myers, and Aubrey Summersgill. The Varsity squad members are Drew Cramer, Lilla Falting, Annie James, Ava Puckett, Stowie Richmond, Julia Taulli, Jilly Turpin, Anna Kate Clark, Hannah Daulton, Farrah Futch, Kailee Holmes, Averie Moon, Maggie Rogers, Anna Simmons, Eero Slaughter, and Carlee Williams.

Congratulations to the following ladies who are 2026-2027 Bearcat Belles: Aubreigh Anderson, Kendal Bennett, Lily Davidson, DaNiea Franklin, Gheryl Fregiste, Olivia Hamby, Charlotte Jones, Marleigh Keen, Millie Keen, Sylvia Lackey, Avery Magee, Ella Morse, Isabella Russell, Addy Sanderson, Graceanna St. Andre, Annie Stevens, and Kaejha Stewart!

Ruston High Cheer invites one and all to the Big House for the Bearcat Bash sponsored by the Bearcat Cheer Booster Club on April 18th. Crawfish will be available from Randall's Captain Avery Seafood and Specialty Meats. Live music will be provided by Elise Claire Causey and The Tarbutton Band (members Fisher Cannon, Alex Hunt, & Holt Hunt).
Crawfish order form:
https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/bearcat-cheer-mudbugs-and-music-crawfish-plate
Music only ticket:
https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/bearcat-cheer-mudbugs-and-music-2

Save the Date: RHS Juniors/Senior Prom will be held on April 11th! "A Night of Enchantment" takes place in the Library Events Center in Ruston from 8:30 - 11:30 pm. Presale tickets for $25 begin on April 1st and April 2nd. Regular price tickets for $35 will be sold on Thursday & Friday, April 9th & 10th. A completed contract is required to purchase tickets. There are no refunds. Cash & cards accepted. No tickets will be sold at the door. Students must have their tickets & ID's to enter.

The Algebra 1 and Algebra 2 teams of teachers wanted to share these QR codes with our students and parents for extra help with the curriculum, if needed:

enVision Algebra 1

enVision Algebra 2

The Geometry team of teachers wanted to share these QR codes with our students and parents for extra help with the curriculum, if needed:

enVision Geometry

Help on Navigating the Algebra & Geometry curricula:
Video 1: Home Page Navigation Video 2: Classes and Assignments
Video 3: Working on Assignments Video 4: Working in Math xL
Video 5: Accessing the Textbook

Athletics:

- Varsity Baseball defeated Loyola Prep 8 - 7 on Monday and Alexandria 9 - 1 on Friday!
  https://lincolnparishjournal.com/2026/03/27/roach-bearcats-break-it-open-in-win-over-ash/
  https://lincolnparishjournal.com/2026/03/26/march-26-2026-lpj-high-school-baseball-roundup/
- On Saturday, our Lady Bearcat Softball teams defeated Claiborne Christian 16 - 1 and Ponchatoula 7 - 5! Great Job, Lady Cats!
  https://lincolnparishjournal.com/2026/03/27/march-27-2026-lpj-high-school-softball-roundup/
- The Lady Bearcat & Bearcat Track teams both won 1st place at the Quitman Wolverine Relays! Congratulations to our Track & Field Teams!
  https://www.trackmateonline.com/cgi-bin/tmr.cgi?div+Division+1+%28Girls%29&id=mid%3A7936&form=point_totals
- This past weekend the girl's tennis team participated in an invitational tournament in Baton Rouge. Bess Black, Lillian Fendley, Aubrie Huneycutt, Alyssa Langiulli, Libby Morgan and Maggie Rogers represented Ruston. Ruston was the only public school in the tournament and the only team to play the same 6 girls in singles and doubles. Ruston swept their division bringing home the championship trophy. Bess, Lillian, Aubrie and Libby swept their singles matches. The doubles teams of Lillian & Bess, and Aubrie & Libby swept their doubles matches. The girls played in a combined 36 matches and won 31 of them. We are so proud of all of you!
  https://drive.google.com/open?id=1lLAtu4ul8q4crBudMZ0AXH9qm9rlMbhp
  https://drive.google.com/open?id=1wqcG31eODxQ5MRbXUxm9CsquB8S2F2rP
- RHS Wrestling will have a Combine & Evaluation, no-cut tryout on April 20th 4-5:30 in the Bobby James Gym. They are wanting good candidates to build a bigger, stronger team for the 2026-2027 school year.

Clubs & Organizations:

- The RHS Speech & Debate team participated in the 51st LHSSL State Tournament of Champions this past weekend. The results are as follows: Varsity Impromptu Speaking Quarterfinalists- Josie Bishop & Oli Deal; Varsity Impromptu Speaking Semifinalist- Melissa Le; Varsity Extemporaneous Speaking Semifinalist- Caed Baines; Varsity Original Oratory Semifinalist- Ruqaya Ali; Declamation Semifinalists- Abi Ligon, Madison McCready, & Nyah Metoyer; 5th in Novice Dramatic Interpretation- Cecilia Sheptoski; 4th in Varsity Informative Speaking- Oli Deal and 2nd in Novice Impromptu Speaking- Nyah Metoyer; and Louisiana All-State Speech Team Members- Oli Deal, Nyah Metoyer, & Cecilia Sheptoski. Ruston High School got 4th Place in Sweepstakes (most cumulative points at tournament). Ruston High School received the Novalyne Price Ellis Award (most cumulative points earned by a team at the state tournament throughout the years). Congratulations on a fantastic state competition.
- The RHS Band traveled to Airline High School to participate in the Louisiana Music Educators' Association Large Ensemble Assessment on Thursday, March 26th. The band earned all superior ratings. This is an awesome accomplishment. Congratulations to the members of the band for this high honor! Mr. Moss wishes to thank the students for all of their hard work!
- The 2025-2026 FBLA state conference is a wrap. I am pleased to announce the results to our Bearcat family. We placed 1st-10th in 46 competitions. We placed 1st-4th in 30 competitions, which means 33 of our students will advance to Nationals in San Antonio this summer. This consists of 11 - 1st place, 9 - 2nd place plus 2nd in Chapter Sweepstakes, 2 - 3rd place plus 3rd in Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit, and 6 - 4th place. In addition, we had 16 competitions that placed 5th-10th. Also, Joshua Daulton was named this year's Who's Who in Louisiana FBLA and will be recognized on stage at Nationals this summer. Melissa Le won 1st place for the Richard D. Clanton Memorial Award. The Richard D. Clanton Memorial Award is named after Louisiana's Father of FBLA. He established Louisiana's Future Business Leaders of America chapter in 1949. This is one of the top honors in Louisiana FBLA, along with the Who's Who in Louisiana FBLA. 1st place winners: Data Science & AI - James King; Introduction to Information Technology - Jett Jones; Community Service Project - Joshua Daulton, Hannah Daulton, & Emily McGuirt; Financial Statement Analysis - Emily McGuirt; Public

Speaking - Melissa Le; Introduction to Public Speaking - A'Myrie Jackson; Local Chapter Annual Business Report - Katie Broadus, Nyah Metoyer, & Emory Winters; Business Ethics Team - Harper Mack & Emily Thompson; and Introduction to Business Presentation Team - Keyora Braggs & Kate Davis. 2nd place winners: Who's Who in Louisiana FBLA - Melissa Le; Data Science & AI - Preston Parker; Economics - Boston Smith; Visual Design Team - Ally Brazzell & Marirose Spillers; Financial Planning Team - Nyah Metoyer & Emory Winters; Parliamentary Procedure Team - Isaiah Dozier, Carter Ehrhard, Boston Smith, Sadie Gorman,& Brilyn Guillory; Project Management Team - Preston Parker; Journalism - Trish Pangilinan; and Introduction to Business Presentation Team - Jackson Beckwith, RJ Giles, & Braylen Gipson. 3rd place winners: Business Plan Team - Morghan Hill & Mason Williams and future Business Leader - Melissa Le. 4th place winners: Richard D. Clanton Memorial Award - Joshua Daulton; Data Analysis - Caleb Barber; Introduction to Public Speaking - Hannah Daulton; Public Administration & Management - Brad Denny; Business Ethics - Brianna Clack, and Even Planning Team - A;Myrie Jackson, Brian Kent, & Kendra Hercules. 5th place winners: Introduction to FBLA - Hannah Daulton; Introduction to Programming Team - Raina dunn & Shaterria Walker; and Future Business Leader - Joshua Daulton. 6th place winners: Economics - Jordan Durant; Health Care Administration - Trisha Pangilinan; Insurance & Risk Management - Cielo Vidal; Sports & Entertainment Management Team - Brad Denny & Hoss Flournoy; Business Ethics - Brianna Clack; and Event Planning Team - A'Myrie Jackson, Brian Kent, & Kendra Hercules. 7th place winner: Computer Problem Solving - Jett Jones. 8th place winners: Advertising - Brianna Clack and Future Business Leader - Joshua Daulton. 9th place winners: Human Resource Management - Layla Garner; Project Management - Briley Mack; and Current Events & General Information Team - Trisha Pangilinan, Layla Garner, & Kendra Hercules. 10th place winners: Digital Video Production Team - Jamari McBride & Christian Lowery and Human Resource Management - Libby Blake. Chapter Awards: Chapter Sweepstakes Award 2nd place, Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit 3rd place, Largest Chapter Membership 7th place, and Louisiana Foundation Award 8th place. All 1st - 4th place winners will advance to the national competition this summer in San Antonio. Mrs. Shaw is so proud of the hard work these students have put in this year. Go Cats!