

LIVINGSTON PARISH

GIFTED & Talented NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY 2024

Livingston Parish Elementary Student of the Year



Kendall is the 2023-2024 South Fork Elementary Student of the Year, the Livingston Parish Elementary Student of the Year, and is currently a finalist for the Louisiana Regional Student of the Year Competition. Kendall is very active at school as the 4-H Club President and the Beta Club Vice President. She is a member of the SADD Club, the volleyball team, and the Talented Visual Arts Program. In her spare time, she enjoys competitive dancing, volunteering and running her own business to earn money for dance and community donations.

Kendall Marie Vaughan

Shout Out

Students in the talented art program participated in the Louisiana School Board Association art contest. The following students placed first in their age group. Great job, students!



Nathan Burgard
LVE 5th grade



ELEMENTARY

Landon Nguyen
JPJH 8th Grade



JUNIOR HIGH

Lana Overton
DSHS 10th Grade



HIGH SCHOOL

TALENTED THEATER

International Thespian Society Troupe 8826 chartered to the Talented Theater Program (through Doyle High School) attended the LA Thespian Festival at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, LA on January 19-20, 2024. During the two-day festival talented theater students participated in THESPY competition, attended theater workshops taught by local, state, and national performing artisans, saw theater performances, visited with representatives from a variety of universities, participated in leadership meetings and elections for the state thespian chapter, and met members of ITS Thespian Troupes from across Louisiana. Troupe 8826 members earned two superior ratings in the THESPY competition and third place in the Technical Theatre Challenge. According to Talented Theater Teacher and Troupe 8826 director, Mrs. Melani Glascock, "This is the first time our Troupe has attended the state festival for High School."



A superior score was achieved in Group Acting by Gracie Chaney (DOHS), Taylor Ramos (HOHS) and McKenzie Erdey (ALHS) for their acting scene entitled "Watermelon Face Plant" from *Me, My-Selfie and I*.



A superior score was earned in the Musical Theater Group Category by Matt Pickrell (SPHS), Hayes White (DOHS), Kennady Porter (SPHS), Julia Simon (SPHS) and Emma Roshto (DOHS) with their performance of "Edgar Allan Poe" from the musical *SNOOPY!*

Livingston Parish High School Student of the Year



Congratulations to Walker High gifted student Caszandra Dante' who has been selected as one of four students representing Zone 6 in the 2024 Student of the Year regional competition. Good luck in the next round!

Caszandra Dante'

Talented Art

Mrs. Donna Francisco's students at Southside Junior High have been learning a variety of techniques for using chalk pastel and color pencil.



They have been working to further develop their skills in composition, contrast, use of value, and applying different art mediums.



Students were encouraged to select subject matter that was interesting to them.



GIFTED ENRICHMENT



Mrs. Lisa McCarter's students completed their research on a self-chosen topic and created a unique, colorful, and informative 'Shortcut' to display their findings. Pictures include students from North Live Oak Elementary, South Live Oak Elementary, Live Oak Middle, and North Corbin Elementary.



GIFTED ENRICHMENT

Mrs. Megan Balhoff's students recently completed the Shortcuts research unit. Students selected topics based upon personal interest to gain a deeper understanding of the subject matter. Students presenting their work are from Lewis Vincent Elementary (Carson, Elizabeth, Charlotte, Jace, Graham, & Zoey) and Walker Elementary (Parker & Paisley).

GIFTED ELA

Students at Live Oak Junior High, along with their teacher, Mrs. Lisa McCarter, and Live Oak High's gifted math teacher, Mrs. Theresa Johnson, enjoyed a family dinner and a movie night. Students were able to meet a future teacher and enjoy Lit Pizza. In addition, 8th graders are pictured displaying two of their Holocaust unit projects, an Elie Wiesel author study, and a poetry symbolism project.



FEBRUARY

MARDI GRAS HOLIDAY
FEB 12-16

SHREK, THE MUSICAL JR.
FEB 29- MAR 2
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
DENHAM SPRINGS, LA

MARCH

ROMEO & JULIET
MAR 8-9
LIVE OAK HIGH THEATER
WATSON, LA

SOLO/ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL
MARCH
LIVE OAK CHURCH
WATSON, LA

THE LION, THE WITCH, & THE WARDROBE
MAR 14-16
OLD ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
INDEPENDENCE, LA

PUFFS
MAR 14-16 & 21-22
DENHAM SPRINGS JUNIOR HIGH
DENHAM SPRINGS, LA

WILLY WONKA JR.
MAR 21-22
TBA

TALENTED MUSIC VOCAL & INSTRUMENTAL FESTIVAL
MARCH 22
WALKER BAPTIST CHURCH
WALKER, LA

TALENTED MUSIC SHOWCASE-TIM RICHARDSON
MARCH 25-26
WALKER BAPTIST CHURCH
WALKER, LA



SPRING SCHEDULE

APRIL

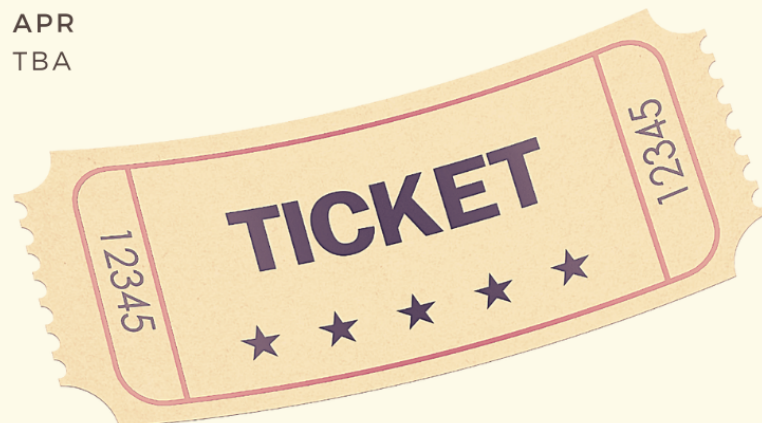
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APRIL 1- 29, 2023
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WALKER BRANCH
DENHAM SPRINGS, LA

SOLO FEST
APR 12
WALKER HIGH TAP
MUSIC CLASSROOM
WALKER, LA

TALENTED MUSIC RECITAL-CATHY MCMANUS
APR
TBA

MAY

TALENTED MUSIC RECITAL-ERIN CARRAWAY
MAY
LIVE OAK HIGH
BAND ROOM
WATSON, LA



2024

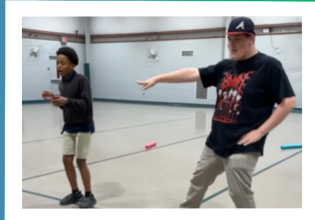


TALENTED Theater

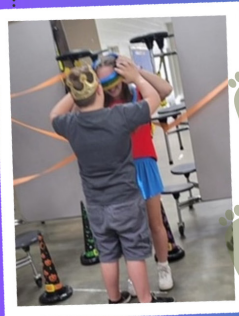
Mrs. Lauren Bravata's students are in the full swing of weekly rehearsals gearing up to bring the fairytale story of *Shrek Jr. the Musical!* to life.



Fiona's: Ella Martin, Noelle Chutz, Chloe Cholette



Shrek: Hunter Hatcher & Donkey: Malik Stewart



FSHS' Natalie Almand is involved in the REACH program where friendships are made and lives are enriched through everyday interactions where students have the opportunity to set an example by embracing an inclusive environment within schools and the community.



Duloc Performers



MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR STUDENTS KYNLEE BURAS, AVERY ANDREWS, CATHERINE PHARES OF FSMS, RYLEE CLARE MCKENZIE OF WJH AND ABE BARNER OF WSJH PICTURED WITH DR. JASON BOWERS.

TALENTED MUSIC

Mrs. Cathy McManus' students recently sang in the LMEA District IV Honor Choirs.



LAELYNN VEGA, WHS SENIOR, WITH CONDUCTOR, DR. NICHOLAUS B. CUMMINS



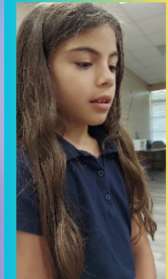
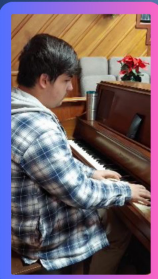
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHOIR STUDENTS ARE OLIVIA ROSHTO, FROST AND ELLA MARTIN. FSES WITH DR. EMILY BURCH

TALENTED MUSIC

2024 SPRING TALENTED MUSIC SHOWCASE

MR. TIM RICHARDSON'S STUDENTS WILL PERFORM MUSIC ON **MONDAY, MARCH 25TH AND TUESDAY, MARCH 26TH,** AT WALKER BAPTIST CHURCH AT **6:30 P.M. EACH NIGHT.**

ADMISSION IS FREE



PICTURED ABOVE ARE SOME OF MR. TIM RICHARDSON'S STUDENTS WHO ARE PREPARING FOR THE UPCOMING SPRING 2024 TALENTED MUSIC SHOWCASE AND VOCAL/INSTRUMENTAL FEST. LEFT TO RIGHT: KARSON OUBER (HOHS), CADEN LINDAHL (ALHS), ARIANNA BRIDGES (DOES) AND ASHLYN MAYEUX AND CAMRYN BRIGNAC (DOHS).




TALENTED THEATER

Excitement builds as students, guided by director Ms. Kristen Swanson, rehearse for their upcoming production of "Puffs" by Matt Cox. With silly spells and quirky characters, "Puffs" is a whimsical take on the wizarding world of Harry Potter we all know and love. Don't miss the magic! "Puffs" runs March 14-16 & 21-22 at 7pm at Denham Springs Junior High School.



LPPS TALENTED PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM PRESENTS

 **SHREK**
THE MUSICAL JR.

*Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire
Music by Jeanine Tesori*

*Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and the Book by William Steig
Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Productions
Original Production Directed by Jason Moore and Rob Ashford
"I'm a Believer" by Neil Diamond*

Director/Choreographer: Lauren Bravata

Musical Director: Ashton Gill Stout

Thursday
Feb. 29, 2024
6:00PM



Friday
March 1, 2024
6:00PM



MATINEE
Saturday
March 2, 2024
2:00PM



Doors open 30 minutes prior to performance

\$10 ADMISSION

First Baptist Church of Denham Springs
27735 LA-16, Denham Springs, LA 70726

Contact ashton.gill@lpsb.org or lauren.bravata@lpsb.org for more information.

TICKETS ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.

Shrek the Musical Jr. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

www.MTIShows.com

LPPS Talented Arts Program Presents

THE LION THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

DRAMATIZED BY JOSEPH ROBINETTE
FROM THE STORY BY C.S. LEWIS.

Directed by
Melani Glascock



Admission
\$10



March 14, 15 & 16, 2024

7:00 PM

House Opens 6:30

Old Zion Hill Baptist Church

25890 LA 442

Independence, LA 70443



Mar 14



Mar 15



Mar 16



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LPPS TALENTED ARTS PROGRAM PRESENTS



ONE ACT FOR
YOUNG WIZARDS

OR SEVEN INCREASINGLY
EVENTFUL YEARS AT A
CERTAIN SCHOOL OF
MAGIC AND MAGIC

BY: MAX COX

DIRECTED BY: KRISTEN SWANSON

MARCH 14, 15, 16, 21, & 22 AT 7PM

(DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM)

AT DENHAM SPRINGS JUNIOR HIGH

401 HATCHELL LANE, DENHAM SPRINGS, LA 70726



SCAN ME

\$10 TICKETS

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IT WILL ASK, "WHO ARE YOU BUYING THIS FOR?" UNCHECK
"MYSELF" & WRITE YOUR NAME IN THE BOX. TICKETS ARE
GENERAL ADMISSION AND NON-REFUNDABLE.

IS MY CHILD GIFTED AND/OR TALENTED?

If you think your child/student might be academically gifted or talented in art, music, or theater, please contact their homeroom teacher. You or your child's teacher can refer them to the SBLC committee at the school to be screened. If the student passes the screening process, an evaluation is conducted. Students must qualify through an evaluation to participate in gifted or talented classes.

Gifted children and youth are those who demonstrate abilities that give evidence of high performance in academic and intellectual aptitude.

Talented means possession of measurable abilities that give clear evidence of unique talent in visual or performing arts or both.

MARDI GRAS

Holidays

FEBRUARY 12-16



GIFTED ENGLISH

MEMBERS OF THE WALKER HIGH SCHOOL GIRL'S BASKETBALL TEAM WERE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO SELECT ONE TEACHER WHO HAS BEEN "MORE THAN A TEACHER" IN THEIR LIVES. THESE TWO STUDENTS BOTH CHOSE MRS. CLARK, THEIR GIFTED ENGLISH TEACHER, AS THEIR RECIPIENT. "KEEP EXCELLING IN THE CLASSROOM AND ON THE COURT GIRLS! MRS. CLARK IS SO PROUD OF YOU!"

