

Port Hudson Career Academy



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Become What You Believe!

Reminder!

**Principals
Desk**

January 16
Martin Luther King
Day – No school

January 27
Club Day

February 16
Senior Breakfast

February 17
End of 4th Six Weeks

February 20-21
Mardi Gras Break
No School

February 24
Club Day

March 20
Phase I State Testing

March 23
Club Day
Senior Fees Due

First, I would like to welcome everyone back to the start of 2nd semester and the start of a New Year! Many of you will start this new semester with new teachers, schedules, and new opportunities to learn and grow. I know that you are ready to take on the new challenges that this semester has to offer.

As in past years, every year brings a new beginning and a fresh start. It is a time when we resolve to change or enhance ourselves, whether it is through improving ourselves through exercise, eating healthier, watching less TV, or studying more.

It is also a great time to talk with your child about their goals for the rest of the year. What they might like to change with regards to behavior, study habits, or how they might interact differently with their peers. Time spent having this conversation can help your child further refine goals and aspirations that they may already have for themselves.

We are honored to work with you and your children and wish you the very best for the remainder of the year.

Attention Seniors

Prom fees will be \$60.00 now to Jan 24, and then they go up to \$65.00. Prom T-Shirts are being sold for \$15.00.

All fees at due March 23, 2012



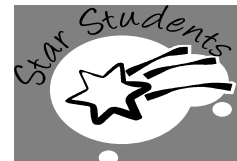
**Mrs. Haynes
Counselor**

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! Our students have accomplished a lot thus far, academically and socially. We are excited about what's going on in 2012 at PHCA and are readily available to assist your son or daughter in dealing with a wide range of issues including those of academics, career exploration, college admission, and any personal problems they may be experiencing. A student or parent may request to see the counselor at any time. Please don't hesitate to telephone me here at PHCA if you have questions of concerns.

We are currently in the process of conferring with senior students to discuss post-high school options. Students are ordering senior supplies and getting ready for their high school graduation from PHCA. Reminder, all graduation fees are due now! Stay tuned for more information about our Senior Breakfast, scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2012 at PHCA.

You child wants to succeed in school, remember to support him/her in whatever way possible.

Reminder: *“Correction does much, but encouragement does more”.* (Goethe)



**Jeramane Williams
Jazzmaine Martin
Ralph Harris**

**Mrs. Cannon
Instructional Specialist**

Happy New Year and welcome back! We look forward to having a great 2nd semester full of opportunities. Some schedules have changed and new students are going off to begin their technical trade at LTC at both the Folks and Baton Rouge campuses.

We are now turning our focus from the holidays to ending our school year. Students took the TABE test before the holidays, and some are beginning the STAR reading test, and soon we will begin state standardized testing. We have had our first GED graduate and expect many more to come in March and May. As always, the second semester will prove to be very busy. Please encourage your child to stay focused and finish the 2nd semester strong.

**Senior Fees
are due!**

**Please see Mrs. Haynes
for information.**

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now uses the 7-digit Student ID Number for setting up your child's meal payment account. The system no longer uses your child's social security number. If you have already set up an account, you do not need to make any changes. If you have any difficulty setting up your child's account, please call the Office of Child Nutrition at 225-658-7053 or e-mail Barbara Aucoin at Barbara.Aucoin@zacharvschools.org

Mrs. Sanders – English Language Arts

ELA is on the roll in 2012. This year, I encourage students to continue to read AR Books. Also, 9th 10th and 11th graders are expected to practice daily on Study Island for the LEAP and EOC exams. Have a great New Year and “Become What You Believe!”

HAPPY NEW YEAR and welcome back!!! I can see the light at the end of the tunnel...can you??? We have much to do before "we come into the light" such as; the final 3 grading periods, GED testing, spring sports seasons, prom, and last but not least state testing are a few things that come to mind. Speaking of "minds", you should be preparing your mind for all this testing so you can do your very best so you too can “become what you believe!” Testing is not something to be feared...it is an opportunity to excel. So prepare yourself to do your very best before testing. GO Stallions!

Ms. Jones – Interventionist

Congratulations to our class’ first GED graduate Ms. Ariele Stewart! Ariele’s success is motivating and our students are working diligently toward their goals of earning their GEDs. We are preparing to participate in spring testing by building on our last semester studies and exploring topics in Geometry the next six weeks.

“The most important educational goal is learning to learn.” ---- Luis Alberto Machado

Mrs. B’s Book Nook

The students are doing a great job with reading and AR tests. I am so very proud. Please continue to encourage your children to read at least 30 minutes daily and make sure they have enough reading materials to carry them through the holidays.

Mrs. Mondello’s Computer Corner

Computer Applications
In January, the students will start a unit of study in Access-creating and using a database.

Work Keys/ Social Studies

Mr. Spurlock

As we have successfully transitioned into 2012, so have the studies, effort, & focus of the students here at PHCA. Students in World Geography have landed in East/South East with an effort to understand past history/events as well as examining current issues within the country. Westward Expansion, in addition to the continued secession of the Union, is the prime focal point for American History. Civics students are familiarizing themselves with legal terms. Finally, the PAES/Work Key students persistently charge forward as they continue to hone their interview/work place skills while they strive towards graduation & employment.

Mr. Hollins – Math

What is your “New Year” resolution regarding MATH?! Hopefully it is **to Be Prepared, Be Productive, Be Responsible and Practice, Practice, Practice.** As we start the final semester of this school year, I encourage all of you to work very hard. I have great expectations for you and know that all of you can “BECOME WHAT YOU BELIEVE!”

Mrs. Moore – ART/Science

Congratulations to the following students for having their art work chosen to be displayed at the Zachary Community School Board Office during the month of January.

- Ashley Morrison
- Taylor Lee
- Ross Deshotels
- Abby Sumerall
- Ben Altazan
- Kameron Selders
- Chasity Carter
- Fred Lusk

We are so proud of our PHCA students for representing their school!

Physical Education - Coach Nagle

In PE we are going to begin our unit on volley ball. The students are actively engaged in the games. Please remind you child to dress out and wash their PE uniforms.





Congratulations
Ariele Stewart

We are all so proud of you for getting your GED!

The Special Education Department

Study Tips

- ❖ **Join a study group.** By studying with others, you can get more done and pick up on things you may have missed.
- ❖ **Do not procrastinate or leave your studying until the last minute.** This will only cause stress and lower your productivity.
- ❖ **Use flashcards when you study.** Nothing works better when you need to memorize a great deal of information.
- ❖ Parents if you have any questions about your students that receive special education services at Port Hudson Career Academy, please contact: tunesia.sample@zacharyschools.org or gina.domingue@zacharyschools.org or check MOODLE pages.

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