

MAGNET NEWS

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There is an online edition of the newsletter on the school website. It contains several additional items and full color photos. Check it out at www.caddomagnet.net

Also, we would like to include your news in the newsletter.

Anyone (parents, students, teachers, coaches, etc) may submit news and photos!

Please email Danielle Kinder at magnetnewsletter@gmail.com

A Letter from the Principal

- Miss Mary Rounds

Welcome back to a new school year! As you have returned to campus, you may have noticed several changes to our school. One change involves the addition of Data and Security Wiring. Each classroom will be installed with a system to support computers for students, the teacher, and for a support system, such as a SMARTBOARD. There will also be wireless access in the common areas. Later, students will be able to check in and out with the new system; and with the addition of more cameras, more security will be provided to the school. In addition to the infrastructure change, we have roof and canopy repairs in the common areas. The PAC is getting a new roof as will the JROTC building.

With the consolidation of schools, there was shifting of staff this summer. Although we lost valuable support personnel, we added some new faces, both professional and support, that will be great additions to the school.

Mrs. Judy Attaway is the new library clerk. Mrs. Attaway graduated in 1974 from Northwood High School. She worked for ten years in the medical field before she went to

work for CPSB in 1992. She worked for fourteen years at Donnie Bickham Middle School as a paraprofessional and then moved to the Library in 2006.

Mr. Jimmy Benton has been teaching for ten years now and currently teaches Psychology, Civics, World Geography and Sociology. Mr. Benton comes to us from Newton Smith Visual and Performing Arts Middle School, where he was the Chairman of the Social Studies Department and the 8th grade team leader. Mr. Benton is also a retired Air Force Physician recruiter and spent twenty years in the United States Air Force. He's a 1970 graduate from Springhill Senior High School. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Social Science education with a minor in Speech from Grambling State University.

Mrs. Nancy "Marabella" Dunn is our new art teacher! Mrs. Dunn attended LSUS, New York Studio School (Paris, France), Kansas City Art Institute, and University of Southwestern. She brings several years of experience that includes working at Southern Hills Elementary, Broadmoor Laboratory Middle School,
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Letters

Greetings from PTSA!

It's hard to believe we are almost in our third month of the 2011-2012 school year! By now the school year is in full swing and the PTSA is busy helping our school be the best it can be for students and teachers. Many thanks go out to volunteers who helped with Parent Orientations and served pizza at Great Expectations before school even started. We served the staff breakfast the first day of school, held our first PTSA meeting August 25th and by now have Back-to-School night and Freshman Speed Meet behind us!

I encourage you to be a member of the PTSA and become involved in whatever way your schedule allows. Please find a membership and volunteer form enclosed for your convenience. As a way to say thank you, each family with at least one membership, receives a Magnet Calendar. This Calendar is a mainstay in our home because it has useful phone numbers, teachers' schedules, and just about every event scheduled in the Magnet year.

We do have several spirit items for sell! If you were unable to purchase a T-shirt, magnet, yard sign or water bottle at Back-to-School Night contact Jina Goodwin jingood@bellsouth.net and she will take care of all your spirit item needs.

The PTSA is continually updating our communications. If you have not been receiving PTSA announcements and you are a member, please send your name and email address to Denise Durci at: dduci@comcast.net

The School Announcements and Counselor's News are sent out weekly via email as well. If you would like to be added to that gmail list please send your NAME, Your CHILD'S NAME and GRADE to: magnethighschool@gmail.com

Thanks for your support of Magnet PTSA! I look forward to serving beside you this year!

Susan Thomson
PTSA President

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Northside Elementary School, LSU Art Clinic and Project Talent. Mrs. Dunn also gives leadership in Staff Development and Teacher Training at LSU, Centenary College and Bossier Parish Community College. Mrs. Dunn has works of art hanging in private and corporate collections throughout the United States. She is co-director of the Annual Caddo Parish Art Teachers' Exhibition. She is the owner of *Marabella Dunn Art Services* and is an artist, art instructor, art consultant, framing designer, and painting restoration specialist.

Mrs. Willie Moore is our new counselors' clerk, replacing Mrs. Gloria Douglas. She is a graduate of Green Oaks High School. She brings to the table twenty years of experience at the School Away from School Alternative program, which changed to Oak Terrace/J. B. Harville Alternative School and is now known as Academic Recovery Center.

Mr. William Knox returns to Caddo Magnet after living in Baldwin County, AL for a year. Mr. Knox is certified in Speech and Drama, Social Studies, Educational Administration, Gifted Education, and is
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Maecenas

The Maecenas Society is pleased to announce the Mary Jane Malone lecturer for this year, **Garth Stein**. Mr. Stein, the New York Times bestselling author of the book "*The Art of Racing in the Rain*" (Harper 2009) will speak in the Kiper Performing Arts Center on Thursday, October 20, 2011.

Mr. Stein was born in Los Angeles and was raised in Seattle where he co-founded Seattle7Writers, a non-profit organization comprised of prominent authors from the Northwest. As stated on his website, Seattle7Writers is "dedicated to creating connections between readers, writers, booksellers, and librarians to foster and support a passion for the written word." This is exactly what Mr. Stein does in "*The Art of Racing in the Rain*," a funny, yet uplifting story of family love, as well as car racing, as could only be told by a dog (Enzo). In addition, Mr. Stein authored "*How Evan Broke His Head and Other Secrets*" (Soho Press, 2005) and "*Raven Stole the Moon*" (Harper, 2010), which was his first novel. He is also noted for having written "Brother Jones," a full-length play.

During his visit, Mr. Stein will not only provide the evening lecture that is free and open to the community, followed by a question and answer session and a book signing, but will also speak at an afternoon session where he will have the opportunity to meet with winners of the Caddo Magnet High Essay Contest.

Caddo Magnet High is so fortunate to have such an accomplished author share his talents this season. Many thanks go to Kris Clements and Jill Carnie, who are the behind the scenes movers and shakers that make this event happen each year. The Mary Jane Malone lecture series is made possible annually through a grant from Mr. and Mrs. Farrell Malone in memory of their daughter, Mary Jane, who was a graduate of Caddo Magnet High.

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Highly Qualified in both LA and AL. He has a Masters in Education from Centenary College and a Bachelors of Arts in Marketing Communications from Loyola University; He attended Sam Houston State University, where he earned an Associate of Arts in Dramatic Arts from Paris Junior College (Paris, TX).

Mrs. Michelle Carruth is the newest addition to the school. She teaches health and social studies. Mrs. Carruth worked last year at Keithville Elem/Mid School, where she taught 6th grade math. Prior to that she worked in Biloxi, MS, teaching math, science, and social studies. She has worked as an Attendance secretary at the high school level and as the director of preschool ministries at the Ellerbe Road Baptist Church. Mrs. Carruth has a Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Physical Education and is a cum Laude graduate of Louisiana Tech University.

Mrs. Janet Wheat is our new registrar. She has twelve years of experience in Caddo Parish. She comes from Southwood High School, where she started out as a paraprofessional and was later promoted to Secretary.

Mrs. Debra Wilson is our new secretary. Mrs. Wilson is a high school graduate of Captain Shreve High School and a graduate from University of Louisiana-Monroe with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Radio/TV Management. She has fifteen years of experience as a school secretary/bookkeeper in Caddo Parish School System. She serves as Secretary for Steering Committee of CFT/PSRP.

Announcements

Magnet Freshman:

Get Ready For Fun And Excitement With Caddo Magnet HOMECOMING 2011 Freshman Ride & Dine

- Buy a ticket for the Homecoming Freshman Event - \$50.00 per person by October 8, 2011
- Arrive on October 29 at 4:45 Norton Art Gallery (for a quick photo opportunity)
- Board the chartered bus at 5:00
- Travel to Southern Trace Country Club for dinner
- Board the chartered bus
- Travel to LSUS for Homecoming Dance
- Board the chartered bus (one last time!)
- Travel back to Southern Trace Country Club for breakfast
- Parents pick up at Southern Trace no later than 12:15AM

Space is limited, so please send your money as soon as possible.

Once your reservations are made, you will be sent more detailed information about this evening.

Ride & Dine **does not** include your ticket to the dance nor the photographer at the dance.

Ride & Dine **does** include the cost of the bus, bus drive, dinner, and breakfast.

Dance tickets must be purchased at school – none will be sold at the door.

Cut here and mail this bottom portion with your check to reserve your spot.

Student's Name _____ Date's Name _____

Parent's Name & Address _____

Parent's Phone Numbers _____

(We must have a number where we can reach parents)

Parent's Email Address _____

(We will send detailed information to this email address)

Number of tickets: _____ x \$50.00 = Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to CMHS/FOM-Freshman Homecoming and mail to:

Sonya French

8402 W. Wilderness Way

Shreveport, LA 71106

If you have any questions, please feel free to call: 868-1493, 469-7793



MAGNET PTSA

2011 – 2012 VOLUNTEER FORM

Parent(s) Name: _____

Student(s) Name and Grade: _____

Home address: _____

Email address(es): _____

Phone numbers: Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Middle School Attended: _____

What PTSA activities did you participate in at your child's previous school? _____

Please indicate areas where you are willing to volunteer:

- Board Member** - serve on the _____ committee (listed below) and attend monthly Board meetings
- Back-to-School Night** – help setup, decorate and cleanup for BTS night in September
- Bake or Cook for Various Events**
- Beautification / Landscaping** – assist with planting and campus cleanup
- Classroom Monitor** – Help in the classroom if teachers need to be away
- Counselors' Brunch** – Assist with brunch for area Middle School Counselors
- Donate \$\$\$, Gift Cards or Paper Goods** – Will be called throughout the year to help
- Freshman Activities** - Organize and implement activities for freshman students and parents
- Birthday Celebrations** – help provide teacher refreshments 3 times a year on request.
- Luncheons:** Back to School Holiday Spring
- Newsletter** – Assist with collecting information from teachers and office for newsletter
- Office Volunteer** – help in the office, answering phone, assisting students, etc.
- Public Relations/Media Relations** – Send press releases every 2 weeks to the media
- Recruitment** – help with Informational Parties/Meetings, and help with refreshments, setup and clean up at Open House
- Receptions:** National Honor Society JROTC Awards Senior Breakfast
 Distinguished Scholars Veteran's Day Senior Reception
 ROTC Awards Junior Ring Ceremony
- School Tours** – assist with school tours for prospective students and parents
- Teacher Appreciation** – provide refreshments and help serve lunch during Teacher Appreciation Week

Do you have an area of expertise or a business that would be willing to donate resources such as printing, postage, food service, plants, computer assistance, etc? _____

Comments, ideas, and suggestions for PTSA: _____

Mail completed form to CMHS PTSA, 1601 Viking Dr, Shreveport, LA 71101 or bring to school office.

Campus News



Ashley Anderson was commissioned to create the official poster of the Krewa of Gemini XXIII. After seeing Ashley's artwork in her home, Krewa Captain Jeff Free hired Ashley to bring

to life their theme, the "Bad Boys of Gemini XXIII." Her poster was successfully auctioned off at the Krewa of Gemini Coronation Ball in August, where Ashley was also presented as a Krewa Princess. Ashley drew upon lessons learned from years of art classes with CMHS's art teachers, Shirlene Alexander and Mirabella Dunn, from Project Talent, a Caddo Parish talented art class, and from her grandmother, Betsy Anderson, a professional artist in Virginia. Ashley is planning on majoring in Animation in college.

Connor Dunlap, Brice Lepow, Kurt Vardaman, and Cole Weinland spend a Saturday being ticket takers at



Independence Stadium to raise money for *Magnet Boys Lacrosse*. Boys Lacrosse will also continue the tradition of selling Blue Bell Ice Cream at the *Red River Revel*, October 1-8. Come on out and support Magnet Boys Lacrosse and the Red River Revel.

Mrs. Ruby Blackwell is the recipient of the *Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Training (PAEMST)*. As a 2011 Louisiana Finalist, one of only five in the state, Mrs. Blackwell will be recognized by the Governor at the mansion later this month. Mrs. Blackwell is a Master Teacher whose skills have been emulated by numerous educators. We are grateful that she is a part of our staff.



The 6th Annual Freshman Speed Meet was held Friday, September 10th in the Magnet Cafeteria. A huge thanks to all parents who helped by chaperoning or providing food or gift cards.

The Freshman Talent Show will be held Friday, October 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC. Auditions are scheduled for Monday, October 10, at 3:45. Contact Mr. Trudeau or Mrs. Marks for more information.

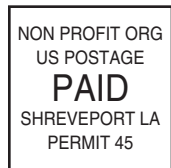
Upcoming Caddo Magnet PTSA Meetings

October 13th
November 17th
December 8th

All meetings will be held at noon in Room T8 unless otherwise notified

Caddo Parish Magnet High School

1601 Viking Drive
Shreveport, LA 71101



Magnet Information Nights

November 1, 2011 6:30 pm* PAC
January 5, 2012 6:30 pm* PAC

***There will be a Gateway Information meeting at 6:00 pm in the Library.**

Magnet PTSA will host two *Magnet Information Nights* in the next few months for prospective students and their parents. 8th grade students and their parents are invited to meet on our campus in an informal setting to learn what Magnet has to offer. Current Magnet students and parents will be available to share information and answer questions about our school. An invitation to these events will be mailed to the parents of local 8th grade students. Please help us spread the word about these events, and encourage any prospective students and their families to come!

PTSA Needs Your Help!

We have scheduled Informational Meetings for prospective students, and the PTSA is seeking donations of \$5 and/or \$10 gift cards to be given out as door prizes for students attending the meetings. If you can help, please send or drop off your gift cards, in an envelope labeled "Recruitment", to the front office. We will accept donations up until the day of our first meeting. Thanks for supporting the CMHS PTSA!

Coming in 2012 Magnet Open House

On January 22, 2012, Magnet will host its annual Open House to welcome prospective students and their families to tour our campus and speak to the staff and faculty. Look for opportunities soon to be involved in this exciting event!