



AUGUST 2024

"THE NEWS"

CASA OF WEST CENLA



Words from the Director



As summer ends, I extend my warmest wishes to the Fort Johnson, Beauregard Parish and Vernon Parish communities for an exciting new school year. This time brings fresh starts and new opportunities for learning and growth. Our children will have the opportunity to develop and continue friendships that can last a lifetime.

I admire the dedication of families and educators. Your efforts will create a nurturing and stimulating environment for our children. This year creates another great opportunity for the growth and education of our children. Our community has a history of producing incredible community members, community leaders and strong families.

Students embrace this academic year with enthusiasm and an open mind. Your hard work and dedication will pave the way for a bright future.

Parents and guardians, thank you for your unwavering support. Your involvement is crucial to your children's success. Stay engaged and support your children as they navigate this journey.


Educators and staff, your passion and dedication form the foundation of our school community. We are grateful for your commitment to our students' growth and well-being.

CASA Volunteers, Board Members and staff, you all are essential to the strength of our community. You play an important role as you advocate for children that are assigned to CASA of West CenLA.


Let us work together to create a positive, respectful, and collaborative atmosphere. Here's to a fantastic start to the school year filled with hope, learning, and success.



~Tommy



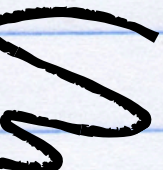
SUPERVISOR TIPS



CASA Information Gathering Checklist



Part 2

Interaction with Caregiver:



Get specific information from foster parent about the child's daily life and about the child's behavior related to:

Child's daily functioning

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- Behavior: problems and strengths
 - Details of children's services and any barriers to participation
 - Contacts made by parent through letters, phone calls, etc.
 - Child's adjustment to separation and loss Activities, extracurriculars
 - Child's sleeping habits
 - Child's eating habits
 - How does the child behave around pets?
 - Child's interactions with other household members
 - Child's school performance and attitude toward school
 - Adjustments in school
 - Does the caregiver report any concerns or outstanding needs?
 - Do caregivers work? Is after school care required? What are the details? Daycare?
 - Caregiver's views on permanency (at the appropriate time later in the case)



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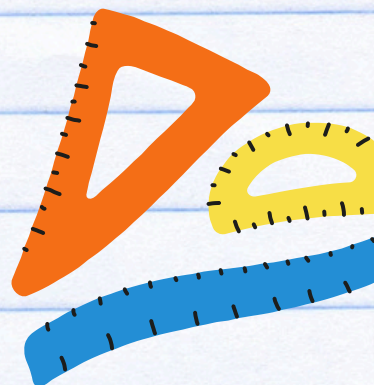
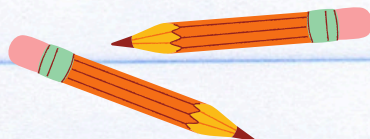
Medical records & resources

- Does caregiver have a current medical card for the child?
- Is the caregiver in touch with any medical specialists?
- Does the caregiver have a copy of the child's current medical records?
- Has the caregiver identified a "medical home" for the child (a consistent primary care provider who sees and knows the child over time)?
- Medication
- Details of meds and dosing.
- Next psychiatrist appointment



Health Status

- Physical health: immunizations, well visit status, DCFS required medical exams, medical issues
- Dental
- Hearing, vision



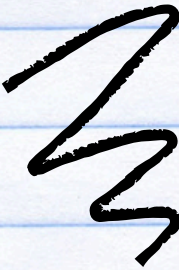
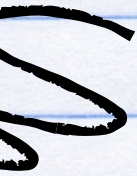


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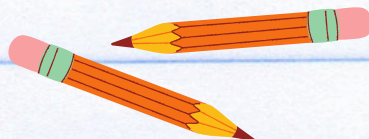
Interaction with caseworker or other professionals providing services

- Progress towards overall goal, including parents' participation in services
- Concurrent planning, if any
- What services were recommended for the children and which are they receiving?
- Frequency
- Progress
- Concerns
- Barriers to delivery of services
- Who provides those services?
- Visitation plan (NPs and siblings)
- Compliance with visitation plan
- Any recommended services as yet unmet or unscheduled?



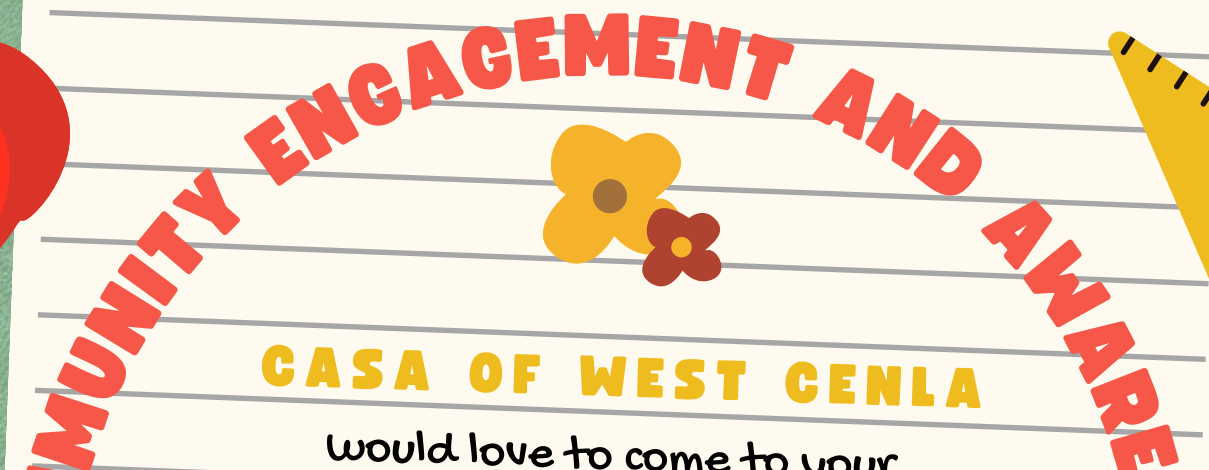
Part 3 September 2024

Interaction with therapists or other mental health providers
Interactions with schools and daycares





CASA OF WEST GENLA



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND AWARENESS

CASA OF WEST GENLA

would love to come to your organization, club, agency, business, etc. to present CASA to your members or employees and let you know what CASA is all about.

If you would like to have CASA present to you please contact us:

CASA of West GenLA

337-462-4667

337-239-1970





Pre-Service Training Schedule

CLASS DATES:


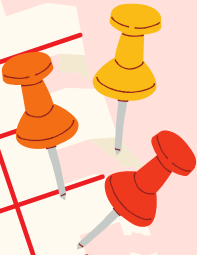


September 3, 2024
September 10, 2024
September 17, 2024
September 24, 2024
October 1, 2024

TIME:

5:30pm-8:45pm

LOCATION:



Leesville CASA Office
113 S. 3rd Street

**For more information
please contact:**

CASA of West CenLA

420 McMahon Street
DeRidder, LA 70634
337-462-4667

113 S. 3rd Street
Leesville, LA 71446
337-239-1970





Educational Advocacy

When children come into foster care they lose about 3 months worth of education for each foster home move they make. They have to get used to a new family, new school, and new friends. A CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteer role is crucial in supporting children, especially when it comes to their education. Children with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) or 504 plans require special attention to ensure they receive the necessary accommodations and services in school. Tutoring can be a valuable resource for these children, providing them with the extra help they need to succeed academically. Advocating for their educational rights involves working closely with school staff, attending meetings, and ensuring that the child's needs are being met according to their IEP or 504 plan. The dedication of an advocate can make a significant difference in the educational outcomes for these children, helping them to achieve their full potential.

2024-25 - Vernon Parish School Board Calendar

August 14, 2024

August 15, 2024

August 16, 2024

August 19, 2024

September 2, 2024

October 3, 2024

October 4, 2024

October 14, 2024

November 5, 2024

November 11, 2024

November 22, 2024

November 25 - 29, 2024

December 19, 2024

December 20 - January 3, 2025

January 6, 2025

January 7, 2025

January 20, 2025

February 17, 2025

February 28, 2025

March 3-4, 2025

April 11, 2025

April 14 - 21, 2025

May 16, 2025

Testing Windows

April 2 - May 14, 2025

April 2-4, 2025

April 7-8, 2025

New Teacher Induction

Professional Development at School Site (Para Workday)

Teacher Workday at School (Para Workday)

First Day of School for Students

Labor Day (Student and Staff Holiday)

Virtual Day/Parent/Teacher Conf. (Paras Off)

Fair Day (Student and Staff Holiday)

Columbus Day (Student & Staff Holiday)

Election Day (Student and Staff Holiday)

Veteran's Day (Student and Staff Holiday)

½ Day Early Dismissal

Thanksgiving Break (Student and Staff Holiday)

½ Day Early Dismissal

Christmas/Winter Break (Student and Staff Holiday)

Teacher Workday

Students Return

Martin Luther King Holiday (Student and Staff Holiday)

President's Day (Student and Staff Holiday)

Virtual Day/Parent Teacher Conference (Paras Off)

Mardi Gras (Student and Staff Holiday)

½ Day Early Dismissal

Easter/Spring Break (Student and Staff Holiday)

Last Day for Students/Teachers (1/2 Day for Students)

Grades 4 -12 LEAP 2025 - Computer Based Testing

Grade 3- Paper Based Testing, ELA and Math

Grade 3- Paper Based Testing, Science and Social Studies

1st Semester

1st - 9 weeks

2nd - 9 weeks

2nd Semester

3rd - 9 weeks

4th - 9 weeks

August 19, 2024 - January 10, 2025

August 19, 2024 - October 18, 2024

October 21, 2024 - January 10, 2025

January 13, 2025 - May 16, 2025

January 13, 2025 - March 14, 2025

March 17, 2025 - May 16, 2025

82 Student Days

79 Student Days

Vernon Parish School Board

201 Belview Road. Leesville, La, 71446

337-239-3401

James Williams, Superintendent

**BEAUREGARD PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
5 DAY HYBRID SCHOOL CALENDAR
2024-2025**

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS	Monday, August 5, 2024 Tuesday, August 6, 2024 Wednesday, August 7, 2024
Students Report to School	Thursday, August 8, 2024
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY	Monday, September 2, 2024
Progress Reports Issued	Friday, September 13, 2024
Student Half School Day	Fair Parade, Tuesday, October 1, 2024
FAIR DAY HOLIDAY	Friday October 4, 2024
End of first Quarter	Friday, October 11, 2024
Virtual/Conference/PD Day – PreK-12/Report Cards Issued	Friday, October 25, 2024
Virtual Day	Tuesday, November 5, 2024
Progress Reports Issued	Thursday, November 7, 2024
VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY	Monday, November 11, 2024
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY Dismiss Thursday, November 21, 2024 Students Return Monday, December 2, 2024	Monday, November 25, 2024 through Friday, November 29, 2024
End of Second Quarter/Semester 1	Thursday, December 19, 2024
CHRISTMAS/WINTER BREAK Dismiss Thursday, December 19, 2024 Students Return Monday, January 6, 2025	Monday, December 23, 2024 through Friday, January 3, 2025
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	Friday, January 3, 2025
Virtual/Conference/PD Day-PreK-12 Report Cards Issued	Friday, January 17, 2025
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY	Monday, January 20, 2025
Progress Reports Issued	Wednesday, February 5, 2025
MARDI GRAS HOLIDAY Dismiss Thursday, February 27, 2025 Students return Wednesday, March 5, 2025	Monday, March 3, 2025 Tuesday, March 4, 2025
End of Third Quarter	Wednesday, March 12, 2025
Report Cards Issued	Thursday, March 20, 2025
Progress Reports Issued	Thursday, April 10, 2025
EASTER/SPRING BREAK Dismiss Thursday, April 17, 2025 Students Return Monday, April 28, 2025	Friday, April 18, 2025 through Friday, April 25, 2025
Last Day for Seniors	Thursday, May 8, 2025
Virtual/Conference/PD Day	Friday, May 16, 2025
Last Day for Students	Thursday, May 22, 2025
Last Day for Teachers /Report Cards Mailed	Friday, May 23, 2025

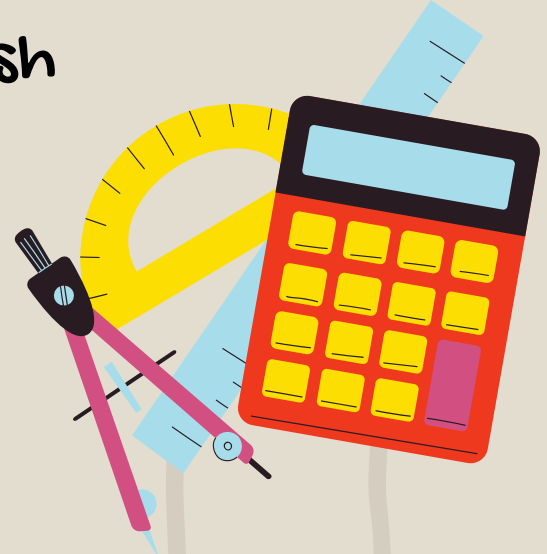
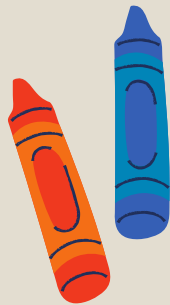
Staff Development Days are Non-Student Days
VIRTUAL DAYS/CONFERENCE/ PD DAYS are Non-Student Days
Friday School Days: August 9, 16, 23, 30. September 6, 13, 20, 27. October 11, 18. March 7.
In case of an emergency, student make-up days will be on April 11, May 2, and May 9, 2025.
Revised 2/19/2024

**BEAUREGARD PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
4 DAY SCHOOL CALENDAR
2024-2025**

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Vernon Parish



August 10, 2024

8am – 2pm

**Derby Car Races
Classic Car Show**

Music by

**Whiskey Chitto Ramblers
Market Vendors**

Water Fun & Games

*Water Slides, Foam Party, Derby Crawl, Hot Wheels Derby
Watermelon Seed Spitting, Dunking Booth*

School Supplies Giveaway

from Donations Collected by Jump for Joy Inflatables

Derby Queens



Celebrate NNO Week

With the DeRidder Police Department &
the Beauregard Parish Sheriff's Office
Meet our officers before the BIG event

NIGHT OUT
BOOKS WITH THE BLUE
WEDNESDAY JULY 31ST 10:30AM
NAT THE KNIGHT
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
READING BOOKS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT

Police officers and Sheriff's officers will be reading books to the kids. Come meet the officers and ask questions.

For more information please contact:
Beauregard Parish Library
205 South Washington Street, DeRidder LA
Phone: (337) 463-6217

Events before
National Night Out:

July 31st—10:30am

Books with the Blue

August 1st—2pm

Cones with the Cops

August 5th
War Memorial
Civic Center

The Price is What? Show

Evening event—6:30 pm

FREE event for ALL AGES!

Come on Down!!

DERIDDER NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

August 6th

DeRidder Fairgrounds

5:30pm—8:30pm

CONES WITH THE COPS
National Night Out
Thursday, August 1st
2:00pm

NIGHT OUT

Dairy Queen
410 Mahlon Street - DeRidder, LA

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
CAR SHOW

NIGHT OUT

JUDGING STARTS 9:30PM
6
AUGUST

TOP THREE PEOPLE'S CHOICE

DERIDDER FAIRGROUNDS
FOR MORE INFO CALL (337) 348-6885
NO ENTRY FEE REQUIRED!

COME ON DOWN
THE PRICE IS WHAT?

WAR MEMORIAL CIVIC CENTER
MONDAY 5 AUGUST 2024 6:30PM
FREE ADMISSION
DOORS OPEN AT 6PM
BRING YOUR PHONE TO PLAY
\$200 IN PRIZES AWARDED
DOORS OPEN AT 6PM | DERIDDER NATIONAL NIGHT OUT | GAME SHOW FUN



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SATURDAY, AUGUST 24



6:00 PM: SOCIAL TIME
 6:30 PM: DINNER SERVED
 7:15 PM: POWERBALL
 8:00 PM: LIVE AUCTION
 9:00 PM: MECHANICAL DINO COMPETITION

DURING OUR SOCIAL TIME, YOU CAN EXPECT:
 LIVE BAND & DANCING
 MECHANICAL DINO RIDES
 CHARITY BLACKJACK TABLE
 APPETIZERS & DRINKS SERVED IN "THE WATERING HOLE"
 MEXICAN DINNER SERVED AT THE CANTINA

GALA TICKET PRICING:
 \$30: INDIVIDUAL TICKET (1-PERSON) OPEN SEATING
 \$100: BRONZE TICKET PACKAGE (12-PERSON) RESERVED MIDDLE ROW SEATING INCLUDES 2 T-SHIRTS, 2 GIFT BAGS, , SMALL TABLE SIGNAGE, DIGITAL SIGNAGE AT EVENT, SOCIAL MEDIA RECOGNITION
 \$400: SILVER TICKET PACKAGE (4-PERSON RESERVED SEATS) MIDDLE ROW SEATING WITH MEDIUM TABLE SIGNAGE, 4 GIFTS BAGS, DIGITAL SIGNAGE ON 70 INCH SCREEN AND SOCIAL MEDIA SPONSORSHIP RECOGNITION
 \$600: GOLD TICKET PACKAGE (6-PERSON RESERVED SEATS) FRONT ROW SEATING WITH LARGE TABLE SIGNAGE, WITH 6 T-SHIRTS & 6 GIFT BAGS, DIGITAL SIGNAGE ON 70 INCH SCREEN, SOCIAL MEDIA RECOGNITION.

ALL TICKETS INCLUDE A BIDDING CARD!

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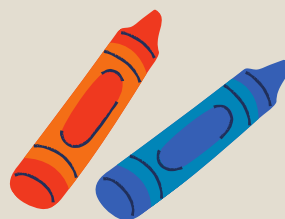
ADDITIONAL AUCTION PURCHASE OPTIONS:
 \$50 "WATERING HOLE" RAFFLE CUP (INCLUDES 10 DRINK TICKETS)
 \$25 "WATERING HOLE" RAFFLE CUP (INCLUDES 5 DRINK TICKETS)
 \$50 POWERBALL BASKET DRAWING
 TICKET DROP TICKETS ARE \$1 EACH (WRITE BIDDER NUMBER ON TICKET)
 *****RAFFLE CUPS CAN BE PRE-PURCHASED AT THE CHAMBER*****

Ms



Beauregard Parish

Name





Vernon Parish
Octavia

