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"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." — Romans 8:28 (NIV)

# **COVID Vaccines, Boosters and Monoclonal Antibody Therapy Offered at St. Bernard Parish Hospital**

Research has shown vaccination is the best protection from hospitalization and severe illness caused by COVID-19. With the surge of the Delta variant and the newly discovered Omicron variant, vaccination, including a booster if eligible, is the key to stopping community spread, ending the pandemic.

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The booster shot is intended to "boost" the initial vaccine series' long-term protection. A booster shot will help strengthen protection against severe disease or complications from severe disease due to COVID-19. The Louisiana Department of Health has approved Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine booster shots for anyone 18 years or older meeting the following criteria:

- Completed the two-dose Pfizer or Moderna vaccine series six or more months
- Received the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine two or more months

Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. Some people may have a preference for the vaccine type that they originally received, and others may prefer to get a different booster. If a patient prefers to receive a booster dose that is different from their original COVID-19 vaccine series, federal and state regulatory agencies support this choice.

While vaccination remains the most effective and highest recommended prevention against COVID-19 St. Bernard Parish Hospital doctors have seen great success with the use of monoclonal antibody therapy in early disease.

Monoclonal antibodies are laboratory-made proteins that mimic the immune system's ability to fight off viruses and are given to help patients before they can mount an immune response. In other words, they are designed to provide you with passive immunity to COVID-19 for a short period of time. When you become infected or are vaccinated against a disease, your body naturally produces antibodies to give you immunity. However, that typically takes weeks. Monoclonal antibodies are ideal-

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# The MRGO Bridge: Getting Closer to Repairs and Painting

After recently meeting with DOTD officials, State Representative Ray Garofalo was informed the contract to perform maintenance and repairs to the LA 47 MRGO Bridge is finally getting closer to becoming a reality.

The contract was originally scheduled to be let next March, but Garofalo says based on the inspection and planning work completed thus far, it is unlikely that this date will be met. However, DOTD believes that it is realistic the contract will be let before the end of 2022.

When the work is finally underway, Garofalo explained he specifically requested the contract require the contractor to keep one lane open in each direction during the work. The only exception to this will be that if one of the steel beams that spans the entire width of the bridge has to be replaced (and at least one requires replacement), then the contractor will be allowed to fully close the bridge, but only on weekends, and with significant advance notice to the public.

Garofalo acknowledged what everyone really wants to know is

what color will the bridge be painted? "As of right now the decision on paint color is green," he says. However, he cautions there is one caveat, that being if the green paint is determined not to be as resilient as some other color, such as gray, then that decision may be overridden. "While I am strongly in favor of resiliency, I will continue to push for green."

DOTD will provide updates through 2022 to inform the public on the status of the project.







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111 Bethlehem Lane, Braithwaite Sun. School 8am, worship 9am Thu. Bible study 7pm

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Carolyn Park Presbyte-rian Church 7408 W. Judge Perez Dr, Arabi. 733-2326 • Sun. worship 11am

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Celebration Church 831-9673 • 7500 W. Judge Perez Dr., Arabi Sunday worship 9am &

Christ Lutheran Church D.S Grandberry Sr. (Senior Pastor) (504) 342-2830 Sunday Worship 10:00 am Bible Study Sunday 9:00 am

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5816 E. Judge Perez Dr, Violet • 324-4092 Sun. Service 8am Wed. Bible Study 6pm

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Mon. Bible Study 6:30 pm Thurs. prayer service 6:30 pm

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Cornerstone Church of God 504-382-1144 4905 E. St. Bernard Hwy., Violet Sunday services 9 & 11:15 am Discipleship classes 10:30 am Sun. Wed./Thurs. Bible study 7pm Fri. Prayer services 7pm Bus ride available.

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115 E. D'Amour St. • 271-3763 Sun. Service 11am

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Bible Study 10am Faith Baptist Church of Chalmette 682-1144 4825 E. St. Bernard Hwy. Sun. School 10am, Service 11am and 6pm • Wed. 7pm

First Asia Baptist

Church 432-2525 2408 Walkers Ln, Meraux Sun. School 10:30am, worship 8am Thur. Bible Study 7pm

First Baptist Church of Chalmette 504-277-2939 305 E. St. Bernard Hwy. Sun. Prayer Shield 8:30am Sun. Worldfield 10:45am & 6pm Sun. Children 15 Check Land Check us out on Facebook.

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**Gethsemane Lutheran** Church 271-4254 2825 Paris Rd, Chalmette

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Living Cornerstone Church International 714 W. St. Bernard Pkwy., Braithwaite 228-6401 Sun. service 10am

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Miracle Baptist Catherdral (Adance the Kingdom of God) 913-9008
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Sunday School 10a-10:30a
Sun. Worship 10:30a-11:30a
Tue. 70-80

Tue. 7p-8p deandregrandberry@gmail.com deandresg@icloud.com

Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church 271-3441 2320 Paris Rd, Chalmette masses Sat 4nm • Sun 7am 8:30am

10:30am & 7pm (Spanish) 2pm Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church 682-7070 2621 Colonial Blvd., Violet Masses Mon., Wed., Thurs & Fri. 8:00am • Tues. 6:00pm • Sat. 4:00pm

Peace and Prayer Ministries 919-6625 2900 Oakridge Blvd., Violet

Poydras Baptist Church of St. Bernard Sun. Bible study 9:30am, worship

Praise Temple Fellowship (504) 650-1794 7517 E. St. Bernard Hwy., Violet Sun. 10:30am. Bible Study Thu. 7:00pm

Second Missionary Baptist Church 2109 Caluda Lane, Violet Services 8am Sunday. Sunday School 9:30am

St. Bernard Baptist Church 881-6723 2615 Jacob, Chalmette Sun, service at 11am

St. Bernard Catholic Church 281-2267 2805 Bayou Rd, St. Bernard masses Mon/Wed/Thu/Fri 8:30am, Saturday Vigil 4pm, Sun, 10am

St. Paul Ministries 7724 E. St. Bernard Hwy., Violet Sun. Service 8am • Thu. 6pm

St. Luke Baptist Church 682-3718 or 418-7492 126 Poindexter Lane, Braithwaite

**Third Missionary** Baptist Church 504-682-2201 Bayou Rd. • P.O. Rox 1012 St. Bernard, LA 70085

Trumpet of Truth Ministry 7451 W. St. Bernard Hwy, Arabi. Sun. School 9am ● Tues. & Thurs Bible Study 7pm

World Prayer Tabernacle 504-356-6901 4030 Paris Rd., Chalmette
Sunday 10am • Movement Youth
Service Wednesday 7pm

Senior Pastor Derek Bucherl

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# What's Happening INSIDE AND AROUND OUR BELOVED St. Bernard Parish



#### Submit Your Events to editor@thestbernardnews.com or call us at 504-832-1481.

#### **December 8**

• NARFE Vernon N. Landry Chapter 1398 Christmas Luncheon, 11AM, Sicilian Room of Rocky and Carlo's Restaurant, 613 St. Bernard Highway, Members would like to invite any ACTIVE/RETIRED federal and postal employees from the area interested in learning more about NARFE to join us. After lunch and a brief officer swearing in ceremony, we will enjoy cake and ice cream, caroling, and camaraderie; as well as a gift auction, with all proceeds being donated to the Alzheimer's Association. We hope to see you there!

#### **December 18**

• Christmas Story Drive Thru, 1-3PM, drive through any time between these hours, First Baptist Church-Chalmette, 305 East St. Bernard Highway, Chalmette, 70043. Free Christmas Story with Decorations and inter-active recording as you drive from decoration to decoratoin, treat bags, games, prizes! For more information, contact Debbie Smith at 504-400-4095.

#### Daily

- Battle of New Orleans Talk, Discover 1815's Battle of New Orleans with a ranger talk 10:45 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. daily. Free. Chalmette Battlefield of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, 8606 West St. Bernard Highway, Chalmette. 504-281-0510 orwww.nps.gov/iela.
- History Talk, Discover 300 years of New Orleans history and culture. 9:30 a.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Free. French Quarter Visitor Center of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, 419 Decatur Street, New Orleans. 504-589-3882 ext 221 or www. nps.gov/jela.
- Walk the Wetlands, Explore Louisiana swamp and marsh on a ranger-guided walk 10:00 a.m. Wednesday-Sunday. Free. Barataria Preserve of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, 6588 Barataria Blvd. in Marrero (near Crown Point). 504-689-3690 ext 10 or www.nps.gov/jela.

• Living History Recruiting Meeting, Join Chalmette Battlefield's living history reenactor team! Uniforms, equipment, and training provided. 10:00 a.m.-noon, Sunday, March 1 Free Chalmette Battlefield of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, 8606 West St. Bernard Highway, Chalmette. 504-281-0510 or www.nps.gov/jela.

#### **Weekly, Tuesday**

Kiwanis Club of St. Bernard/Arabi Luncheon, college scholarships, Key Club, Builders Clubs, K-Kids, Read-to-Ride, Read Around the World, reading incentive program and the well known Terrific Kids and Terrific Teens programs in parish schools are a few of the projects. Anyone interested in learning more about or joining the Kiwanis Club community service organization can join them for lunch each Tuesday, noon at Rock & Carlo's Sicilian Room, or call Robby at (504) 616-7312.

#### Weekly, Wednesday

- Prayer Night, 6:30PM-7:30PM, Celebration St Bernard/Ninth Ward Campus, 7500 W Judge Perez Dr., Arabi, LA, 70032. Join us tonight for prayer as we come together with no agenda except to hear from God and encounter His presence! Bring your kids for our children's life group taken place in our kidztown classroom during prayer! www. celebrationchurch.org/ministries
- The Social Youth Ministry (8th Grade to 12th Grade), 6PM-7PM, Celebration St Bernard/Ninth Ward Campus, 7500 W Judge Perez Dr., Arabi, LA, 70032. The Social youth ministry is designed specifically for students from 8th to 12th grade. Our goal is to equip and disciple teenagers to learn how to have a genuine and personal relationship with God. This ministry is set in a welcoming, low-key environment where students can have fun, relax, and grow in their spiritual journey. www.celebrationchurch.org/minis-
- Telling Tales at the St. Bernard Parish Library, 6PM, 2600 Palmisano Blvd.,

Chalmette, and via Facebook Premiere on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Free story program for pre-readers and up.

#### Weekly, Thursday

- Men's Bible Study, 9AM-10:30AM, As men, we face unique challenges and need to be in the Word together, to share our struggles, and to challenge each other through accountability and prayer. That's why we provide a number of opportunities for men to join together to study God's Word, as we commit to becoming more like Christ. At First Baptist Church Chalmette, 305 East St. Bernard Highway, Chalmette, LA 70043, 504-277-2939
- Bible Study, 6:30PM, Bible study of various books and themes of the bible. At the Gospel Temple - non-denominational church. 301 E. Morales (behind Breaux Mart) every Thursday. Refreshments and fellowship following.

#### **Monthly, 4th Wednesday**

• St. Bernard Parish Hospital's Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group, designed to provide emotional, educational, and social support for caregiver's through regularly scheduled meetings. Participants develop methods and skills to solve problems. The group encourages caregivers to maintain their own personal, physical, and emotional health, as well as optimally care for the person with dementia, St. Bernard Parish Hospital first floor conference room, 2 PM.

#### **Events in Nearby Parishes**

• DECEMBER 7 - The Elf on the Shelf: A Christmas Musical. Mahalia Jackson Theater, New Orleans. This toe-tapping tale tells the story of one particularly impressive Scout Elf who must help his new, human family remember the importance of Christmas cheer. Can this tiny elf, along with a host of North Pole pals, make Christmas joyous for his family once again? Featuring an original story and score, dazzling sets and costumes, and heartfelt moments that will bring the family together, this joyous and uplifting celebration will leave audiences captivated by the splendor of the season. Tickets are on sale at ticketmaster.com.

# **Addiction Resource Program**

The St. Bernard Sheriff's Office Addiction Resource Program helps residents struggling with an addiction, whether it be substance abuse, or even gambling related, find the resources they need to better cope with their situation. The program provides individuals and/or their families with information on resources available to them, such as rehabilitation programs, detox centers, therapeutic plans of action and faith-based assistance. If you or someone you may know could benefit from this program and would like more information, call Stanley Simeon, program facilitator, at (504) 517-2944 or (504) 278-7659. Participation in the program is kept confidential.

St. Bernard Sheriff's Office

## **What's Happening**

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## THE SCALISE CAPITOL REPORT

#### Standing Up For the Right to Life

I joined a pro-life rally on the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court to advocate on behalf of the unborn. The Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization case, which could be the most significant Supreme Court decision about abortion since Roe v. Wade. I'm praying that the Supreme Court upholds Mississippi's pro-life law, and right the wrong that is Roe v. Wade.

## Awarding Ponchatoula Student for Excellence in Civil Air Patrol Training

I had the honor of presenting the Earhart Award to Cadet Captain Jackson Fogelman of Ponchatoula for his exceptional leadership skills and commitment to serving his community through the Civil Air Patrol. The Earhart Award is the second-highest award in the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program, and cadets who earn the award must live up to Amelia Earhart's standards of excellence. They must also pass comprehensive leadership and aerospace exams,

as well as a rigorous physical fitness test.

Cadet Captain Fogelman plans to join the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve after graduating from high school this year, and I applaud him for his dedication to our community, our state, and our country.

## ACT for ALS Bill Expected to Come to House Floor For Vote Next Week

It is great news that we were able to secure a House Floor vote next week on the ACT for ALS bill, and this is a strong step forward for so many people who are diagnosed with ALS. I am proud to be a cosponsor of ACT for ALS, and am honored to work with Steve Gleason, who also championed this bill as part of his tireless work to ensure people battling ALS have more opportunities when seeking treatment, cures, and independence to live their lives to the fullest.

That's exactly what this legislation does by advancing key research and advancing treatments, and this is a huge step forward to improve lives and inspire others to never give up.

It is an honor to represent you in Congress. For more information please visit my website, Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook pages.

God Bless,

Steve Scalise, House Republican Whip

# **Tips for Appealing a Decision from FEMA**

If you applied to FEMA for disaster assistance after Hurricane Ida swept through Mississippi, you may have already received a letter of determination -- and maybe you do not agree with the finding. You have the right to appeal the decision.

Often, these letters are sent when your application is missing some information. Maybe you didn't show proof of who you are, or proof you own or rent your home, or proof you lived in your home for a major part of the year before the disaster.

Here are some tips for writing a letter to appeal a FEMA decision. An important part of the process is knowing the deadline to plead your case: 60 days from the date of the determination letter.

FEMA might have said the application or assistance to you was ineligible, or that FEMA is holding off on deciding about your application. Often the reason is as simple as a lack of supporting documents or information. Read FEMA's letter from beginning to end to help you understand what the agency is asking you to do.

Your signed and dated appeal letter itself is not enough to get FEMA to reconsider its decision. You need evidence to support what you are claiming. You must provide the documents or information FEMA requests. Your appeal needs to be in writing.

Here's what to include with your letter:

- A copy of the FEMA letter saying you're ineligible for assistance, or that the agency didn't reach a decision, or the amount awarded that you feel is insufficient.
- Correspondence from your insurance company that shows you received just a fraction of what you need for repairs, not enough to help you temporarily move into another place, or not enough to replace certain belongings. Keep in mind that FEMA cannot give you an award for something your insurance company has already paid.
- A copy of a utility bill, driver's license, lease or rental agreement, bank statement, local school document, motor-vehicle registration, or employer's letter. All can be used to prove the damaged home or rental was your primary residence, meaning you lived there during a major part of the year.
- A proof of homeownership, like mortgage or insurance documents, tax receipts, deed, receipts for major repairs within the last few years, or a court document. If your papers were lost or destroyed, click on www.usa.gov/replace-vital-documents for information on how to replace them.

Sign and date your appeal letter. Don't forget to include your nine-digit FEMA application number on every page along with your disaster number (DR-4626-MS). Mail the package to:

FEMA National Processing Service Center, P.O. Box 10055, Hyattsville, MD 20782-8055, or fax it to 800-827-8112, Attention: FFMA

If you have set up a FEMA online account at www.DisasterAssistance.gov, you can upload the documents there.

You may receive a call or letter from FEMA asking for more information. Or FEMA may schedule another inspection of your home. In any case, you can expect a decision letter within 90 days after FEMA receives your appeal.

For the latest information on Mississippi's recovery efforts, visit www.fema.gov/disaster/4626. Follow FEMA on Twitter at https://twitter.com/FEMARegion4 and on Facebook at www.facebook.



# Ringing In The Holidays At The Library



Lady Chops.

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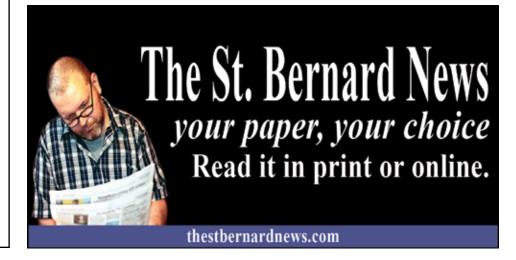
We're going to ring in the holidays at the St. Bernard Parish Library with the Arts... and the crafts! The library has two fun family events scheduled for the week of December 20th at its main location, 2600 Palmisano Blvd., in Chalmette. Bells will be ringing with glad tidings and lots of good cheer when Elizabeth Vidos, also known as, 'Lady Chops' performs on Monday, December 20th. She will present her new holiday show, "Here come the Bells, So Many Bells!" at 10:30 a.m. This free program is open to the public and has been made possible by a grant from the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, in cooperation with the Louisiana State Arts Council, as administered by the St. Tammany Commission on Cultural Affairs. Funding has also been provided by the National Endowment for the Arts, an Entergy Open Grant, a donation by Arlette and Wayne Nunez, and a matching gift from Shell Oil.

Lady Chops is a one wompercussion powerhouse. Her seasonal show is energetic, interactive, and fun for all ages. Participants will see and play cool instruments, learn fun facts, and rock the library with holiday hits! Lady Chops is a local legend among libraries. She was born and raised right here in southern Louisiana. She began her percussion career with pots, pans, spoons, and bongos. Her parents supported her desire to learn to play the drums by saying 'Yes' to lessons which led to Elizabeth's percussion dreams coming true. Following her college graduation, she traveled to New York to audition for a spot in the NYC Stomp Company. Her talents were recognized and she joined the group and toured the world with them for 10 years. Today, Lady Chops incorporates her percussion talents into her work as a Recreation Therapist for at-risk teens. She spends the rest of her time traveling across Louisiana visiting more than 80 libraries annually sharing her highly interactive drumming show, "Drum Roll Please" with kids of all ages.

Keeping the holiday spirit going will be the return of the library's traditional Christmas Craft Open House event. On Wednesday, December 22nd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. families are invited to drop by the library to make and take seasonal crafts. Crafts are designed to be relatively frustration-free, but smaller children will need some grown-up assistance! All materials will be provided.

Events are currently scheduled to be in-person and held in the library's foyer. We are asking families visiting the library to be mindful of safe Covid practices. While masks are not required, they are strongly suggested as social distancing may be difficult

The St. Bernard Parish Library is excited to share these two programs with its library families. Anyone with questions is invited to stop by the library or call us at 504-279-0448. Everyone is encouraged to like the library's Facebook page and to bookmark our website at mysbpl.org for updates.



# St. Bernard Parish Public School System Recognizes Students of the Year

The St. Bernard Parish Public School System celebrates eleven outstanding scholars who were recently named Students of the Year. This honor, awarded to one deserving student at each school, recognizes academic excellence, leadership, extracurricular involvement, and citizenship.

This year's winners include:

#### **Elementary School Students of the Year**

- Arabi Elementary School | Lily Bell Lozes
- Arlene Meraux Elementary School | Natalia Hendrickson
- Chalmette Elementary School | Dustin Petit
- Joseph J. Davies Elementary School | Kinleigh Gioia
- J. F. Gauthier Elementary School | Payten Perez
- Lacoste Elementary School | Ramy Dali
- W. Smith, Jr. Elementary School | Terrione Brazil

#### Middle School Students of the Year

- Andrew Jackson Middle School | Kiany Montes Hernandez
- N. P. Trist Middle School | Jackson Nunez
- • St. Bernard Middle School | Madelynn Roussell

#### **High School Student of the Year**

Chalmette High School | Avani Miller

Superintendent Doris Voitier said this year's Students of the Year hold a special place in her heart.

"Our students have faced unprecedented challenges over the last year and a half," she said. "Despite the adversity they continue to face, they also continue to excel. I am so proud of their work ethic and their commitment to education. Congratulations to these very deserving students."

School winners will also compete at the district level when community leaders and educators conduct interviews to select an elementary, middle, and high school district winner. Those winners then compete for statewide consideration.

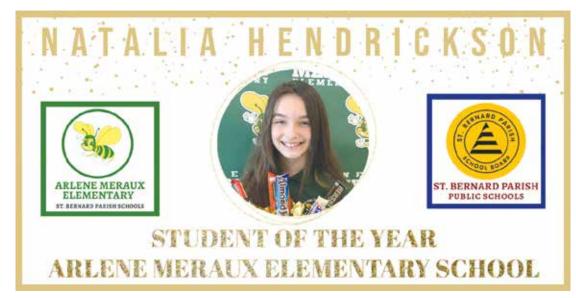
St. Bernard Parish School Board President Diana Dysart commends these exceptional students.

"Congratulations to these young people who truly represent all of the good things taking place in our classrooms. The St. Bernard Parish Public School System is proud of you!"









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ly administered within the first three to four days of the onset of symptoms and have been shown to be most effective when given in the first 10 days.

The treatment, under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), is available in the outpatient setting by infusion or by injection—not by mouth. Subcutaneous injection, offered at St. Bernard Parish Hospital, is used as an alternative when infusion is not feasible or would cause a delay to treatment. Administration takes about an hour. Monoclonal antibody therapy has been approved for use in patients 12 and older and in both vaccinated and unvaccinated patients with mild-to-moderate COVID-19 symptoms that doctors feel will become more severe. It is not authorized for patients who are already hospitalized due to COVID-19.

While the results are encouraging, reducing hospitalization or death in non-hospitalized COVID patients by 70%, health care providers still recommend vaccination as a first and best defense. Monoclonal antibody therapy is not a substitute for vaccination. In fact, patients who receive monoclonal antibodies should get a COVID-19 vaccine 90 days after treatment.

Again, vaccination is the best defense against COVID-19. However, if you do contract COVID-19, talk to your health care provider early in your diagnosis to find out whether monoclonal antibodies are the appropriate course of therapy for you.

Monoclonal antibody therapy is available at St. Bernard Parish Hospital Monday through Friday, by appointment only. Patients must have a referral from a physician to receive this treatment. For more information or to make an appointment, please call 504-826-9500. COVID vaccines and boosters are also available.

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or contact LaToya Hardy, House Manager, 504-581-8395



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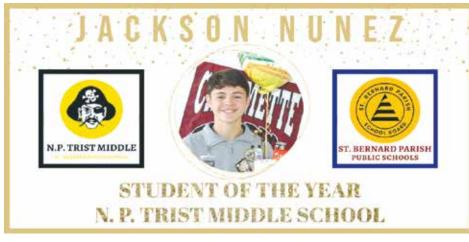




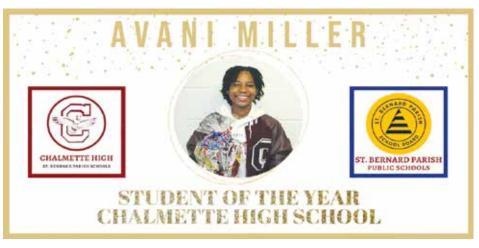














### Donald Joseph Henritzy, Sr.



Donald Joseph Henritzy Sr. passed away at his home on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at the age of 80. He was the cherished husband of the late Ann Fleetwood Henritzy for 56 years. Loving father of Donald Henritzy Jr. (Gina Russell) and Donna Henritzy Scholl Pruett (Derek Pruett). Proud grandfather of Kurt Scholl Jr., Kourtney Scholl (Jerimi Topey), Haley Henritzy and Connor Russell. Fondly remembered by his only great grandchild Jaxyn Topey. Brother of Judy Savarese and the

late Ray Henritzy.

Donald was born on February 27, 1941 in New Orleans, LA and was a lifelong resident of St. Bernard Parish. He was a talented wallpaper contractor and retired after many years of dedication in the industry. Donald will be forever remembered and deeply missed by his family, friends and all of those whose lives he touched.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Memorial Visitation to be held at OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR CATHOLIC CHURCH, 2320 Paris Rd., Chalmette, LA from 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM on Friday, December 10, 2021. A Memorial Mass will begin at 10:00 AM. Inurnment will follow in St. Bernard Memorial Gardens.

To view and sign the family guestbook, please visit <u>www.stbernard-memorial.com</u>.

#### Willard Hooter

Willard "Joe" Hooter passed away peacefully at his home at the age of 68 on Sunday, November 28, 2021. He was the loving husband to the late Josephine "Josie" Scorsone Bourgeois. Proud father of Brandi H. Sauviac, Magen Hooter and Adam Hooter. Willard was the grandfather of 5 grandchildren; brother of Ann Hooter, Eric Hooter, Gary Hooter and Kevin Hooter. He was preceded in death by his parents Ray and Gloris Hooter.

Joe grew up in New Orleans area and graduated from East Jefferson High School. Afterwards, he went on to become an electrician with LP&L and later worked for Entergy. He spent his later years in St. Bernard Parish where he worked. Joe loved hunting, fishing and enjoyed all things Cajun. His memory will live forever in our hearts.

### Elaine Mary Kivell



Elaine Mary Kivell passed away peacefully at 1:57 PM on November 30,2021at the age of 83. The Lord opened his arms to welcome his beloved daughter Elaine into Heaven. Elaine is now joined with her loved ones in heaven. She was the loving daughter of the late Milton Harold Kivell Sr., and Maggie Elizabeth Banner Kivell. Loving sister of the late Elise Theresa Kivell Eber (Edward Jr.), Claudia June Kivell Smith (Larry Sr.), Mildred Louise Kivell Stouff (Craton Jr.), Milton Harold Kivell Jr., Freder-

ick Harold Kivell, Richard James Kivell, Lawrence Joseph Kivell-Banner Sr. (Odile Chaplain).

Elaine was affectionately known as Lanie to her loved ones. She was born in New Orleans, LA and a lifelong resident of St. Bernard. The family of Elaine Mary Kivell would like to send our sincere thank you to Dr. David Myers and the Ferncrest Manor Staff for taking care of our aunt Elaine. She was blessed with many nieces and nephews who loved her dearly. Elaine will be greatly missed by us all.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a visitation to be held at ST. BERNARD MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME, 701 W. Virtue St., Chalmette,

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LA on Monday December 6, 2021 from 9:00AM- 11:00AM. A Funeral Mass will begin at 11:00AM. Burial will follow in St. Bernard Memorial Gardens.

To view and sign the family guestbook, please visit <u>www.stbernard-memorial.com</u>.

#### Monroe James Riviere



Monroe James Riviere passed away on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at the age of 76. He was the loving husband to the late Linda Hernandez Riviere; proud father of Tracy Riviere Stout (Terry) and Stacy Riviere Morlier (Jeffrey); a loving pawpaw to Austin Stout, Emily Stout, Abigail Morlier and Molly Morlier; caring brother of Shirley Calhoun and Barry Riviere. He is preceded in death by his parents, Ondolph Joseph Riviere and Rose Parker Riviere; his siblings Marie Barnes, Doris Au-

gustine, Thelma Riviere, Britten Riviere and Ondolph Riviere Jr.

Monroe was born in Lacombe, LA and a resident of St. Bernard for over fifty years. He was a member of the Antique Auto Club of St. Bernard. Monroe enjoyed hunting, gardening and spending time with his family and friends. His greatest pleasure was lending a helping hand to others; he gave of himself freely and generously. He will be missed by us all.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a visitation to be held at ST. BERNARD MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME, 701 W. Virtue St., Chalmette, LA on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 from 9:00AM- 11:00AM. A Funeral Mass will begin at 11:00AM.

To view and sign the family guestbook, please visit <u>www.stbernard-memorial.com</u>.

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## What's Happening

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- DECEMBER 21 Sarah Brightman, A Christmas Symphony. Saengar Theatre, New Orleans. Accompanied by orchestra and a choir, Sarah decks the halls with show-stopping renditions of classics from the Christmas canon, along with personal holiday favorites and her greatest hits. The US tour kicks off on Friday November 26 in Bethlehem, PA at Wind Creek Event Center, and concludes on December 21 at Saenger Theatre in New Orleans, LA. A Christmas Symphony is sure to be an unforgettable Christmas spectacle during the most wonderful time of the year. Tickets available at https://sarahbrightman.com/tours/.
- DECEMBER 23 Mannheim Steamroller. Saengar Theatre, New Orleans. This year's show will feature all of your favorite original classic Christmas hits from the first Mannheim Steamroller Christmas album, along with multimedia effects in an intimate setting. Davis will direct and co-produce Tour performances with MagicSpace Entertainment. Mannheim Steamroller Christmas by Chip Davis is co-produced by MagicSpace Entertainment. The company is headed by Lee D. Marshall, Joe Marsh, John Ballard, Steve Boulay, Dave Stinson and Kristy Maple and has been producing and presenting national tours, Broadway shows, concerts and museum exhibits worldwide for over 35 years. Tickets are available at ticketmaster.com.
- JANUARY 19, 2022 Elton John's Farewell Yellow Brick Road Tour. Smoothie King Center, New Orleans. Ticketholders for all postponed performances will receive new event information shortly and all original tickets will be honored at the rescheduled performances. For more information or to purchase tickets and VIP packages, please visit EltonJohn.com. These exclusive VIP offers can include premium tickets, on-stage photo opportunities at Elton John's piano, backstage tours, limited-edition lithographs, custom merchandise, and much more.

# **Academic Games Off To A Strong Start**

Just as athletes are rewarded for their achievements on the field, Academic Games recognizes outstanding academic excellence. Recently, St. Bernard Parish Public School students convened at the Maumus Center in Old Arabi to compete in On-Sets, a math game based on Set Theory where each level of competition introduces increasingly more difficult mathematical concepts for the players.

When the scores were tallied, those with perfect scores for the three rounds of play were recognized and honored. This year's winners of the On-Sets tournament include:

#### **Middle Division:**

- Connor Dewey, grade 7, Andrew Jackson Middle School
- Maya Dufrene, grade 8, N. P. Trist Middle School
- Christian Miller, grade 8, N. P. Trist Middle School

#### **Elementary Division:**

- Ella Schroeder, grade 5, J. Davies Elementary School
- Preston Senez, grade 5, J. Davies Elementary School
- Bryce Watson, grade 5, J. Davies Elementa-



MIDDLE PERFECT SCORES [L-R]: Connor Dewey (grade 7), Andrew Jackson Middle School; Maya Dufrene (grade 8), N. P. Trist Middle School; and Christian Miller (grade 8), N.P. Trist Middle School.

#### **Learners Division:**

- Aiden Buuck, grade 4, Arabi Elementary School
- Grace Dewey, grade 4, Lacoste Elementary School
- Autumn Higgenbotham, grade 4, Lacoste Elementary School
- Tyler Nata, grade 4, Arabi Elementary School
- Brayen Nation, grade 4, Arabi Elementary
- Deylah Pritchard, grade 4, J. Davies Elementary School

Tournament organizer Gena Asevado said competitors must blend skill and strategy to succeed.

"Playing Academic Games forces you to think creatively, critically, and quickly," she said. "It also challenges students to use higher-order thinking skills in each of the games."

Asevado said the return of in-person competition is a welcomed one. She was also quick to credit the coaches for their continued efforts in getting their players tournament ready.

"We are happy to have students compete in person again. It truly is a team effort, and we look forward to the rest of the season as we gear up for our national tournament this spring."



**ELEMENTARY PERFECT SCORES [L-R]: Ella Schroeder (grade 5),** J. Davies Elementary School; Preston Senez (grade 5), J. Davies Elementary School; and Bryce Watson (grade 5), J. Davies Elementary Schooll.





LEARNERS PERFECT SCORES [L-R]: Aiden Buuck (grade 4), Arabi Elementary School; Grace Dewey (grade 4), Lacoste Elementary School; Autumn Higgenbotham (grade 4); Lacoste Elementary School; Tyler Nata (grade 4), Arabi Elementary School; Brayen Nation (grade 4), Arabi Elementary School; and Deylah Pritchard (grade 4), J. Davies Elementary School.

# St. Bernard Parish Public School System Congratulates This Year's District-Wide Teachers of the Year

A trio of outstanding educators was recently named as the district's parish-wide Teachers of the Year. Alecia Desselle of Chalmette Elementary School, Heidi Scharfenstein of St. Bernard Middle School, and Justin Templet from Chalmette High School were chosen by a panel of judges to represent the district in the upcoming regional competition for Louisiana Teacher of the Year.

Desselle, a fifth-grade math and science teacher, is a 7-year classroom veteran. A great motivator and role model, Desselle is an active part of the school and a positive influence on its culture. She is the cheer coach, the sponsor for 4-H and the garden club, and a member of the district's diversity board. She said that education equity is a passion and appreciates her school family who recognizes the importance of teamwork. "Each child has a heart and mind ready to be molded," she said.

Heidi Scharfenstein, an eighth-grade ELA teacher, is a graduate of the Teach St. Bernard Alternative Certification program. After years in the private sector, Scharfenstein joined her sisters by becoming a certified teacher in St. Bernard Parish. She said she is so happy to be in the classroom and works to help every child. "The thoughtfulness and attention to detail that goes into helping students reach their goal is a skill that teachers must adapt, constantly keeping in mind that EVERY student — no matter the back-

ground or demographic — is of equal importance and deserves as much opportunity as the next child."

Templet is this year's parish-wide High School Teacher of the Year. He teaches tenth and eleventh-grade English III, AP Language and Composition and has been working at his alma mater for five years. In addition to his classroom duties at Chalmette High School, Templet sponsors the school's literary magazine and co-sponsors the drama club and the ambassador program. He also works as an English instructor at Dillard University through Educational Talent Search. He refers to each of his students as a Templet Teen. "With that title comes the personal responsibility to ensure that each high school student in my room is provided with the individual means with which to succeed."

Superintendent Doris Voitier said she appreciates the community leaders who served on the panel to select this year's winners.

"The judges told me how impressed they were with each of our nominees," she said. "I think this is a testament to the incredible work taking place in all of our schools. In a time when attracting and retaining good teachers is crucial, these school winners represent the best of the best. We are proud of each of them and congratulate our three district-wide winners who will represent us well in the regional competition."







Each of our Teachers of the Year are pictured with Doris Voitier, Superintendent of St. Bernard Parish Public Schools.





# DTS Direct Appliance Showroom Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting

DTS Direct Appliance Showroom held its grand opening ribbon cutting on December 6th in Chalmette. On hand for the ribbon cutting was owners Jeanne & Chris Wehlen, Parish President Guy McInnis, Representative Ray Garofalo, Councilmember Kerri Callais, and Assessor Jaylynn Turner.

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