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Art Contest with a Cause

Natchitoches Parish Students Asked to Participate in Art Contest



The A+ Coalition is seeking entries for an art contest focused simply on the word: VOTE. The winning pieces will be used in a Promote the Vote campaign leading up to the School Board elections on November 6. Winners will be chosen in four age groups: Pre-K-2nd, 3rd-5th, Middle School, and High School. Entries must include child's name, grade, age, school, homeroom teacher, parent's name and phone number. Any medium may be used, but the size is restricted to either 8.5"x11" or 8"x10" and

must be submitted to the Chamber office by 4:00pm Thursday, October 18th. Good luck!

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Be Prepared for the Vote on November 6



Candidates Asked to Complete Questionnaire

The A+ Coalition is excited to see such a large ballot for seats on the School Board! With so many options for our voters, we have organized two ways to inform the public about the candidates and their platforms.

Each candidate was mailed the following questionnaire on October 4 with two weeks to return answers in writing to the Chamber office. Answers received by the deadline will be published on our website and through local media outlets.

1. What experience do you have with complicated budgets? When you are given a very lengthy budget for the district, what will be your process to determine if it is a good budget for the system?
2. In an era of more limited financial resources, how will you enlist support for bond issues or public-school spending from conservative voters or taxpayers with no children in the public schools? How can the school board prove itself accountable to those citizens?
3. In your view, what has the district done well over last five years? What has the district done poorly that you would change? Please provide specific examples.
4. You represent a specific part of Natchitoches Parish—how will you balance the needs of your specific constituents with the needs of the overall school district?
5. If a parent or a principal comes to you regarding, for example, a maintenance issue at a campus or a situation involving a particular teacher, how do you see your role as a school board member in resolving that issue?
6. Consider the goals of the A+ Coalition, listed on the attached cover letter; do you believe those are achievable goals? Why or why not? Are any of particular importance to you? Why?

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Candidates to Speak at Public Forum

The Coalition has also organized a Candidate Forum to take place on Tuesday, October 23rd at 6:00pm at the Natchitoches Arts Center Building located at 716 2nd Street in Natchitoches. Each candidate will be given 3 minutes to speak on Questions 3 and 6 of the questionnaire. The media will be present to live stream the Forum on social media.

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Important Dates to Remember

- Last day to register to vote or make changes is Tuesday, October 9 at 4:30pm (in person and by mail) and Tuesday, October 16 at 11:59pm (online voter registration).
- Deadline for requesting a mail ballot is Friday, November 2 at 4:30pm.
- Early voting will be October 23-27 and October 29-30 from 8:30am-6:00pm.
- Voting Day is Tuesday, November 6. Polls are open from 6:00am-8:00pm.

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Call for Academic All Stars

Nominees Sought for Teacher of the Month Program



There are some amazing teachers in Natchitoches Parish, and we'd like to highlight the amazing things they are doing with a Teacher of the Month award called the Academic All Stars. If you would like to nominate an Academic All Star, please click below. Winners will be surprised in their classroom with a certificate and an award provided by our Corporate Partners.

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[Nominate an Academic All Star](#)

Join the Movement



Become a Corporate Partner

Many organizations look to Natchitoches businesses for financial support throughout the year. The A+ Coalition seeks corporate partners not just to write a check, but to join the movement that will advance education in Natchitoches, a cause that we believe may be the most important investment you will make in our community.

[Partnership Info](#)

Become an Individual Member

The A+ Coalition recognizes that the responsibility to advance education in Natchitoches Parish relies not just on our educators, but on the entire community at large. Join today to become part of the movement that will make an impact on education today, tomorrow, and for years to come.

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