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Ascension Parish High Schools implement new schedule change

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Starting the 2025-2026 school year, Ascension Parish High Schools, including St. Amant, Dutchtown, Prairieville and East Ascension, have all implemented a new, district-run bell schedule.

The schedule change was necessary across the four schools due to the hundreds of students in the CTE program. Each school had their own bell schedule, which caused a lot of issues regarding the arrival time of the students in their respective CTE programs. Students would arrive a few minutes late to their classes when coming from one of the other schools. “The kids are able to get to class in an efficient manner,” said assistant principal, Mrs. Angela Boudreaux. Typically, a CTE class is a class where the students need to get certified, so it is important that the students arrive on time to their class and get their full instructional period in order to pass the certification.

Although only being a five minute difference from STA’s old schedule, the new schedule sill takes some getting used to. Not only has the bell started ringing five minutes earlier on a normal day, but advisory days have also faced a change. Advisory is now held every Wednesday after second block. Clubs that hold meetings before school begins will now also have the choice to push their

 <i>Regular</i> BELL SCHEDULE	
7:25 ENTRY BELL	
7:30-9:05 1ST BLOCK	
9:10-10:45 2ND BLOCK	
A LUNCH	B LUNCH
10:45-11:15 LUNCH	10:50-12:25 3RD BLOCK
11:20- 12:55 3RD BLOCK	12:25-12:55 LUNCH
1:00-2:35 4TH BLOCK	

meeting time up or hold shorter meetings. However, if a club decides to push their meeting time ahead, the club could risk losing some participants due to buses not letting out until their usual time of 7:10 am.

“The schedule I have been accustomed to for the last three years was broken by the loss of the five minutes,” said senior Jessika Graham. However, some students enjoy the earlier schedule because it allows for students who work after to be able to get to work on time and not risk getting fired. Overall, the transition between a 7:30 schedule to a 7:25 schedule has been fairly smooth, with a few small hiccups, like being tardy due to the unfamiliar schedule.



Chase Cagnolatti marches in Phantom Regiment

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This summer, St Amant senior and trumpet player, Chase Cagnolotti, was presented the opportunity to be a part of a national band: Phantom Regiment. Cagnolotti first got into band because his sister and dad played in high school.

Cagnolotti has been a part of the St. Amant band since his freshman year and has been in the all-district honor band all three years. He's been an all-state band member twice, and he's made a lot of different regional and state honor bands. He’s one of the very few people who were first chair trumpet as a freshman, a rare feat. Soon after, he managed to secure an audition at Planet Texas, and then it was during his callback in Rotner, Illinois, that he was granted a provision contract. Following this, he was granted a full position in April.

Cagnolatti described some of his favorite and most memorable moments during his summer tenure, such as his time in Tennessee. He enjoyed the stop because of its scenery surrounded by mountains. "There wasn’t a lot of wind; it was a really pretty place to be,” Cagnolatti said. He described how those he met during his experience being smarter, older and younger allowed him to connect and learn from people who are different from him, but have similar interests to his.



Moreover, he found that the crowds never seemed to startle him. Cagnolotti said, “I never really noticed the crowd... the organization that I joined already had such a high reputation, so a lot of our rehearsals even had big crowds of people.” He also then mentioned how even when they were rehearsing outside, they had to practice like they were performing because



there was still a crowd watching.

Joseph Nassar describes Cagnolotti as super hard-working, really polite and kind, and he's a really good friend and mentor to a lot of younger people. "He is one of the best students we have here. He's got just such a great attitude," Nassar said. "One thing that most people wouldn't think about him is that he's humble; he doesn't brag about himself." Congratulations, Chase! We are so proud of your accomplishment!

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Ascension announces Career and College Expo for students

Ascension Public Schools will hold its annual district-wide high school career and college expo on Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2025 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Lamar Dixon Expo Center in Gonzales. Students and parents from all Ascension Parish public and private schools in grades 8 through 12 are invited to attend.

The expo will showcase a wide range of career paths, including agriculture, architecture, arts, business, health sciences, hospitality, IT, law, manufacturing, and more. Various in-state, out-of-state, and technical colleges will also participate.

Last year, about 3,500 students and parents attended the event, which featured 115 businesses and 46 combined colleges & technical schools. The Expo will be held at 9039 S. St. Landry Ave., Gonzales, LA 70737.

For more information visit AscensionSchools.org



New Teacher Spotlight: Kyndall Holmes

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St. Amant High School welcomes a first-year biology teacher, Ms. Kyndall Holmes. Ms. Holmes attended LSU for four years and recently earned her Bachelor's Degree in Biology.

Teaching has been something that she has aspired to do since she was young. Ms. Holmes is most excited “to see how the kids will succeed and their progress overall.”

On top of that, she has a goal to attend each sporting event, even though she is not a fan of the outdoors.

Ms. Holmes is also excited to build new connections with the students and watch them succeed. Due to her experience as Mrs. Correll’s student teacher in the 2024-25 school year, Ms. Holmes is looking forward to her first year teaching.



STA gets a new look

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St. Amant begins the new year with a new look by updating the halls around school to show off school spirit with new art work. The Gator mural can be found next to the Library, the St. Amant banner is located near the Main Office, and the Success through Actions is located in the Cafeteria.



Meet the Gators

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On August 25, 2025, St. Amant High School hosted their annual “Meet the Gators” event, focusing on the fall sports. St. Amant High recognized the 900 student-athletes who represent STA daily across sports and thanks the STA Booster Club for their continuous support. Geaux Gators!



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