



Office of Innovation

March 2026

Parent-Family-Community Engagements & Events



Read Across the Parish
Monday, March 2, 2026
4:00pm-6:00pm
ALL Tangipahoa Parish Libraries



Family Fun Night
"Shamrock Shake-Up"
Tuesday, March 17, 2026
5:00pm-7:00pm
Spring Creek Elementary
72961 LA-1061
Kentwood, LA 70444



Tangi Quest: Level Up Night
Wednesday, March 25, 2026
6:00pm-8:00pm
Southeastern Louisiana University
Sims Memorial Library,
2nd Floor
SGA Drive
Hammond, LA 70402

“ We're meeting the needs of families with innovative approaches. ”



THE HOPE CLOSET

The Tangipahoa Parish School System believes that no student should ever have to wonder where their next meal will come from. To make that belief a reality, we are proud to introduce "The Hope Closet Project" – a new initiative that is now available on all 34 school campuses across our parish as a result of our partnership with Crimestoppers and Transport Ministries. Each Hope Closet will be stocked with:



Food & Water



Hygiene Products



Medical Supplies

Our Innovative Initiatives

Key Initiative #1: Listening Tours

These tours are strategic initiatives to deepen partnerships with schools, families, and communities.

Key Initiative #2: Family Well-Being Teams

This is a collaborative group designed to strengthen the connection between schools, families, and the broader community.

Key Initiative #3: Community Partnerships

We value intentional community partnerships that provide direct support to students, families, and staff.

Key Initiative #4: District Partnerships

Our district is proud to begin development of a District-Wide Family Community Center.

Key Initiative #5: Innovative Parent/Family Engagements

Parents and families are offered opportunities to engage in workshops, learning sessions, engagement nights, and educational series.

Key Initiative #6: Be Register Ready Tangi

Register Ready Tangi is a districtwide initiative focused on simplifying and supporting student registration.

We support:



Schools



Families



Communities

Clergy Bus Tour

Our Innovative Action

Clergy Bus Tours

The Office of Innovation has been conducting Bus Tours throughout the parish to allow our clergy partners to visit our schools to experience the atmosphere of each campus and hear from the students, staff, and faculty. As a result of these tours, 16 schools have been adopted by clergy members!



Impact Questions

As part of our continued effort to strengthen family-school partnerships, we're launching "Impact Questions", a quick way for families to share feedback about their experience with their child's school. To show our appreciation, families who complete the Impact Questions will be entered into a monthly drawing for a prize!

To take our survey, scan the QR code below:



Family Engagement Designees (FEDs)

FEDs will act as a bridge between families, students, staff, and community partners, which will include the following:

- helping advance whole-child initiatives and family-school partnerships,
- ensuring families are co-creators, not participants, and
- promoting alignment with the TPSS Strategic Plan, Priority #6: Transparent Decision-Making.



Register Ready Tangi

Register Ready Tangi is a districtwide initiative with the following goals:

- create a more organized, equitable, and family-friendly registration,
- improve efficiency in registration processes,
- increase access for multilingual families, and
- ensure students are ready for school from day one.



Social Emotional Learning (S.E.L.) Spotlight The March Focus Trait:

COOPERATION

is working together
to reach shared goals

Reproducible



Reflection

- What are 2 ways we could grow our Cooperation skills?
- Do leaders need Cooperation skills? Why or why not?
- What does Cooperation look like at home compared to a small group in math class? What does it look like on the soccer field?



Meet the Office of Innovation Team!

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