



Office of Innovation

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



THE HOPE CLOSET

April 2026 Newsletter

Parent-Family-Community Engagements & Events



Autism Awareness Workshops

Thursday, April 2, 2026

9:00am-7:00pm

TPSS Family & Community
Event Center

711 W. Coleman Ave.
Hammond, LA 70403

Hybrid and In-Person Sessions Available



Soothe and Paint Adult Art Session

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

9:00am-11:00am

TPSS Family & Community
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711 W. Coleman Ave.
Hammond, LA 70403



Family Art Night

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

5:00pm-7:00pm

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Realtor Luncheon

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

11:00am-1:00pm

Florida Parishes Arena
1301 NW Central Ave,
Amite City, LA 70422



Money Matters

Financial Literacy Session

Thursday, April 23, 2026

9:00am-11:00am

TPSS Family & Community
Event Center

711 W. Coleman Ave.
Hammond, LA 70403



Parent/Family Meeting

Thursday, April 30, 2026

5:00pm-7:00pm

Natalbanu Baptist Church
48024 Parsonage Rd,
Natalbanu, LA 70451

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 Event 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 bridge the gap between:



Schools



Families



Communities

Clergy Bus Tours



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 this QR code:



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.



The April Family Focus

LEAP testing is here!

Below are 3 quick tips to ensure your child is ready for testing each school day:

1. Prioritize Attendance, "Brain Fuel", & Sleep

Make sure your child is present on test days; and remember that consistency is key during testing week. The brain requires significant energy to maintain focus for hours at a time during testing.

2. Keep the "High-Stakes" Talk Low-Key

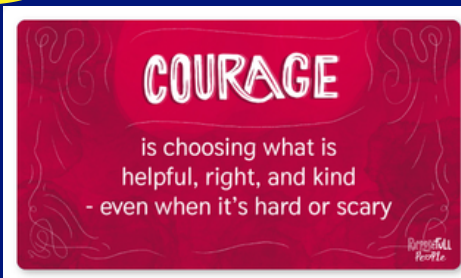
Reframe the test as a chance for the school to see what your child has learned, rather than a judgment of their intelligence.

3. Clear the Afternoon Schedule

Standardized testing is mentally exhausting! Even if they weren't physically active, your child will likely come home with "fried" brain circuits.

Social Emotional Learning (S.E.L.) Spotlight

The April Focus Trait:



Reflect:

- Why is it important for us to practice Courage?
- What does Courage look like for you today? What did Courage look like for you last year?

Meet the Office of Innovation Team!



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