

BI-WEEKLY NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 11, 2020



BBBS NEWS & UPDATES

We are excited to announce Big Brothers Big Sisters was featured in a national PSA during Thursday Night's NFL football game between the Green Bay Packers and San Francisco 49ers on FOX. The NFL produced the PSA to highlight their work with our organization as part of the league's social justice initiative, Inspire Change. This program focuses on how the Players Coalition, NFL teams and the League support programs and initiatives that reduce barriers to opportunity.

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE PSA!](#)



Inspire Change: NFL is proud to join organizations like Big Brothers Big Sisters of America in reducing barriers to opportunity

The NFL is proud to join organizations like Big Brothers Big Sisters of America in reducing barriers to opportunity. Join NFL players, clubs, and the league in ensuring that access to mentorship and achieving full potential is a reality for all. Visit nfl.com/inspirechange to learn more. #ItTakesAllOfUs #InspireChange



ACTIVITY IDEAS



POP-UP MARKET!

Homegrown Pop-Up Market, a 3rd Saturday Evening Market, at the McComb-Veazey Community House, 419 12th St, Lafayette, LA 70501. Enjoy vendors, music & healthy food!

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the Facebook event page!



SNACK ATTACK!

Learn to create some easy recipes! Amaze your friends and families with the snacks you can make. You could do this in-person with your little or watch together via zoom!

[More Information HERE!](#)



GET CRAFTY!

Those clear plastic ornaments that you can buy at almost any craft store are the best!

Here are 30 unique and fun things to fill your ornaments with to make easy DIY Christmas ornaments for the tree. You could do this in-person with your little or watch together via zoom! [More Information HERE!](#)



SEND US YOUR STORIES

Send us your stories! We love hearing how Bigs, Littles & Families are staying connected virtually. Stories & pictures can be emailed to Christie at choward@acadianabigs.com



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Opioid Prevention Resources & Education for Parents & Caregivers

[CLICK HERE TO
REGISTER](#)

****When registering,
your agency name is
"Big Brothers Big
Sisters of Acadiana"****

This training for parents and caregivers within Big Brothers Big Sisters of America will provide up to date information about what you can do protect against opioid abuse with your children. They will discuss current drug trends, safety around prescription medications, tips for effective conversations with children and teens and advice for what to do if you are concerned your teen might have a problem with opioids.



Feeding a big family can be hard & expensive! Check out Acadiana's Thrifty Mom each Wednesday to find grocery deals at your local supermarkets in Acadiana!



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

After careful consideration and deliberation, the Lafayette Parish School System has made the decision to begin the transition into Phase 3 as outlined in our Learn Lafayette Plan. Students in grades 6-12 will be returning to full-time attendance on a staggered timeline over the next two months



PHASE 3 Transition and Timeline

Transportation	Dismissal and Arrival times remain the same
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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Grades PreK-5	All PreK-5 students continue to report daily for in-person learning.
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MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

	Nov. 9	Nov. 10	Nov. 11	Nov. 12	Nov. 13
Grade 6	All Students Attend	All Students Attend	All Students Attend	All Students Attend	All Students Attend
Grade 7	A Day	B Day	All Students Attend	All Students Attend	All Students Attend
Grade 8	A Day	B Day	A Day	B Day	All Students Attend

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

	Weeks of 11/9-11/24	Weeks of 11/30-12/11	Weeks of 12/14-12/22
Grade 9	All Students Attend	All Students Attend	All Students Attend
Grade 10	A/B Blended Learning Continues	All Students Attend	All Students Attend
Grade 11/12	A/B Blended Learning Continues	A/B Blended Learning Continues	All Students Attend

As a reminder, this transition schedule does not apply to students enrolled in Lafayette Online Academy.

Although LPSS remains in Phase 2, LPSS will begin a mindful and strategic approach to Phase 3. As we work to transition to Phase 3, staff will continue to reassess and collaborate with health officials. Schedules are tentative and subject to change.



COMMUNITY RESOURCES



DAYS OF THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE OCTOBER 12 - NOVEMBER 13

Helping children and families meet their basic need for food during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Here's a list of food items that you can donate:

Beans (Dry/Canned)	Foil
Beets (Canned)	Mac-n-Cheese
Boxed desserts (Cake mix, brownie mix, icing)	Noodles
Boxed Mashed Potatoes	Oven Bags
Canned Fruits	Plastic Utensils
Canned Vegetables	Rice
Cornbread Mix	Sarah Wrap
Cranberry Sauce	Seasonings
Dish Soap	Stuffing (Boxed)
	Ziploc Bags

To make a monetary donation or view the Amazon Wishlist, visit www.unitedwayofacadiana.org/daysofthanksgiving

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FAMILY RESOURCES

We know many parents are feeling the stress of supporting & providing for their children over the weeks & months to come. It can be difficult to find a balance during this stay-at-home order. We will try our best to provide any resources we come across!

- If your workplace has temporarily closed or you have been told to take unpaid time off, you may be eligible for unemployment benefits through the [Louisiana Workforce Commission](#).
- A crisis text line has been activated to provide FREE, confidential support for people 24/7. If you need to talk to someone, you can get connected by texting REACHOUT to 741741 to reach a trained crisis counselor who will help de-escalate, identify coping strategies and use active listening techniques to support you.
- The Current has put together a user-friendly [dashboard of information & resources](#) for families in the Acadiana Area.
- Find the latest Lafayette Parish [COVID-19 UPDATES](#) in English, French & Espanol.



Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, concerns or requests!



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