

Parish establishes ambulance service for residents

West Baton Rouge residents will soon have the comfort of knowing an ambulance is less than 10 minutes away if they have a medical emergency, thanks to a program developed through the WBR Parish Council administration and the WBR Fire Department.

"We started looking at providing this service about two years ago because of the need for better response times," said Parish President Jason Manola. WBR Fire Department calls increased by 57% between 2020 and 2024, and of that total 80 percent were medical calls.

Since then, the parish managed to get multiple grants totalling \$950,000 to purchase four ambulances and the needed equipment and supplies for the ambulances.

"We will have success stories the first week we are operational. Faster response time leads to better medical outcomes, and is critical in some cases."

Fire Chief Butch Browning

Fortunately, Fire Chief Butch Browning had experience in starting up an emergency response service, and while the process is complex, it moved quickly. Manola and Browning expect the service to be fully operational by September.

Dr. Phillip Padgett will serve as Medical Director, and Mike Chustz will serve as EMS Chief.

An additional 21 firefighters/EMTs are being hired for the 24-hour, seven day a week operation. All firefighters will be cross trained, and as they get more training to advanced EMTs and paramedics they will get paid more. At least one paramedic trained in advanced life support will be on all calls.

Manola said the parish has contracted with a billing company to handle billing and collection of payment from Medicare, Medicaid or residents' insurance for services. "We expect the payments to completely fund operations, so there is no out-of-pocket cost to residents," he said.

The parish was also required to have inspections and approvals from state agencies to begin the service, and that is now being completed.

Browning noted that the new service will also help the Fire Department in several ways. "It increases the number of firefighters in our department, increases morale and the opportunity for firefighters to advance, and helps the department in its goal of getting a lower fire rating," he said. Since fire ratings are a big factor in determining property insurance costs, lower fire ratings mean lower property owner insurance costs for local homeowners and businesses.

A unit with EMTs was operational for Juneteeth and the July 4th Fest this summer, and will also be operating at all local football games and large community events.



WBR Parish President Jason Manola and Fire Chief Butch Browning stand in front of one of the four ambulances that will respond to medical emergencies in the parish.

Benefits for WBR residents:

- Response time to medical emergencies in all areas of the parish will be cut to 10 minutes or less.
- At least one Advanced Life Support Medic will be on every ambulance 24 hours a day, so advanced life support care and better continuation of care to a hospital will be provided.
- Ambulances will be located in three areas of the parish: Erwinville, Port Allen, and Brusly/Addis.
- Acadian Ambulance will serve as a back-up service, being called as needed. Acadian will also continue to handle non-emergency transport for medical care.
- There is **NO** out-of-pocket cost or tax increase for this service to WBR residents. Insurances will be billed for services provided.
- Firefighters will be cross-trained as EMTs/paramedics. This will help morale of the Fire Department, provide more opportunities for firefighter career growth, and pay increases as firefighters advance in their medical training.
- Having more firefighters will help the parish reduce its fire rating. Lower fire ratings mean lower property insurance costs for homeowners and businesses.

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

WBR PARISH COUNCIL - Meets 2nd & 4th Thursday of month, 5:30 p.m., Parish Council Building, 225-383-4755, www.wbrCouncil.org

WBR PARISH SCHOOL BOARD - Committee meetings - 2nd Tuesday of month, 5 p.m. School Board meetings - 3rd Wednesday of month, 5 p.m., School Board office 225-343-8309, www.wbrschools.net

WBR PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION - Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of month, 5:30 p.m., Council meeting room, Parish Council Building.

WBR BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS - Meets 1st Tuesday of month. 5 p.m., Council meeting room in Parish Council Building.

TOWN OF ADDIS - Meets 2nd Tuesday of month, 6 p.m., Addis Town Hall. Phone: 225-687-4844, www.addisla.org

CITY OF PORT ALLEN - Committee meetings - 1st Wednesday of month, 5:30 p.m. Council meetings - 2nd Wednesday of month, 5:30 p.m. Port Allen City Hall 225-346-5670, www.portallen.org

TOWN OF BRUSLY - Committee meetings on 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Town Council meetings on 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m., Brusly Town Hall - 225-749-2909, www.bruslyla.com

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DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

WEST BATON ROUGE LIBRARY

Language learning, Parent TV added to on-line resources

The WBR Library has a variety of free digital resources. Mango Languages and Parent TV were recently added. Mango Languages offers immersive language learning for over 70 languages. Parent TV provides hundreds of on-demand videos to support the parenting and care of children from birth to teens.



Upcoming Holiday Closures:

Labor Day – Monday, September 4th
Columbus Day – Monday, October 14th



The new WBR Library South Branch, off La. Hwy. 1 in Brusly, is shown above and is now open.

South Branch Library opens

The West Baton Rouge Library now has two locations to better serve you. Be sure to visit the new South Branch, off La. Hwy. 1 in Brusly.

Annual Family Halloween Event on Friday, October 18th at the WBR Museum sponsored by the WBR Library and WBR Museum. Join us at this free event for candy, fun activities, live music, etc. More details are forthcoming.

The Family Color Run will be on Saturday, September 7th. More details are forthcoming.

For more information about these programs and a full listing of all offerings, be sure to swing by the library, check out our website, or follow us on Facebook.



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Parish gets new logo

A new logo has been adopted by West Baton Rouge Parish Government (shown above). It replaced the out-dated logo, which was more than 20 years old. The new logo will be implemented over time on signage. Watch for it!

Aware of lead water service lines? Call WBR

West Baton Rouge Utilities Department is asking homeowners and business owners who are aware of any existing lead service lines located on their property or within the customer owned portion of their water line to notify the WBR Utilities Office at 225-336-2406.

The department is proactively ensuring safe drinking water by partnering with GEC to conduct a comprehensive Lead Service Line Inventory (LSLI) across the parish. Calls from property owners about lead service lines will help with this inventory.

This initiative is in response to an Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) mandate outlined in the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR), with a deadline set for October 16, 2024.

The inventory will include both system-owned and customer-owned portions in the Parish's water distribution system. The Parish will utilize state of the art GIS-based technology to efficiently collect all necessary data. This data will then be securely stored in an electronic database, guaranteeing a thorough and up-to-date lead service line inventory.

Do your part to end litter in WBR

- Bag your household trash before placing in a covered can at the curb.
- Keep a litter bag in your car and boat.
- Use a portable ashtray.
- Keep your truck bed clean.
- Secure your load for safer, cleaner roads.
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- Use reusable grocery bags to prevent plastic bag litter.
- Report littering at 888.LITRBUG.
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Water system improvements 70% complete

The \$2 million north end water improvement project is moving toward completion. Shown above are scenes from work on the project, which includes new water lines and the installation of fire hydrants in the Erwinville/Rougou areas. In addition, the parish expects to start work on construction of a new water well at the WBR Multi-Purpose Arena by 2025. The additional well will supplement the two wells the parish has, and by rotating them will assure that residents have water supply even if a well needs repairs. It will also extend the life of the wells. Over the past six years, the parish has spent over \$12.3 million on water system upgrades across the parish, with \$5.5 million of that total being grant funding.

\$1.27 million road overlay project begins

The parish's annual road overlay program began in July. Overlays are set for these roads: Colonial Drive, Dixie Drive, Confederate Drive, Kingstone Avenue, Windsor Avenue, Gremillion Road, Brantford Drive, Welland Avenue, Edmonton Avenue, Vancouver Drive and Sid Richardson Road (east side of highway), along with the Williams and Lee Park and Rivault Park parking lots. The project totals \$1.275 million.

Peak West Nile Virus period is underway

Mosquito samples have recently begun testing positive for West Nile Virus (WNV) around the state. In Louisiana, July and August are typically the peak months for WNV activity in mosquitoes, and the risk for disease transmission to humans is also highest. WBR Mosquito Control urges citizens to take precautions and avoid being bitten by mosquitoes. Go to www.wbrCouncil.org for more information on mosquitoes and like our Facebook page for constant updates on areas with positive samples and spray truck schedules. Mosquito larvicide tablets are available for the public at 3147 Ted Denstel Rd. Port Allen. They are free to the public.

Bourgoyne named Public Works Director

Brandon Bourgoyne, PE, has been named the new WBR Public Works Director. A 2015 graduate of Brusly High School, he earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from LSU in 2019. As a Licensed Professional Engineer, he spent the past five years at Waggoner Engineering (formerly Sigma Consulting Group), focusing on roadway and drainage engineering. He interned with the WBR Public Works Department for a year during his senior year at LSU, where he gained hands-on experience.



Brandon Bourgoyne

Fall youth sports to begin

Youth Contact Football: Registration is open for two teams - the Brusly Panthers and Westside Bulldogs. Open to boys age 5-12. Registration is \$50. Games are played on Saturday mornings beginning in September.

Soccer: Registration opens by first week in August for boys and girls, age 4 to 14, for soccer. Cost is \$40. Games are played on Saturday mornings beginning in September at the WBR Soccer Complex.

Boys/Girls Flag Football: Registration opens first week in August for ages 4 to 12. Cost is \$20. Games are played on Sundays beginning in September/October.

For info on these programs: WBRRECREATION.ORG or [FACEBOOK.COM/WBR ParksandRec](https://FACEBOOK.COM/WBRParksandRec)

Senior Spirit Dance

Live Music 11:30 am - 2 pm
2nd Wednesday of each month
Addis Community Center
\$5 admission
Lunch provided 11 am - noon
No alcohol served

Wednesday, August 14:
Iris Callegan

Wednesday, September 11:
Tet Dur

Wednesday, October 9:
Denver Mayeux & Justin Cornett

Residents cautioned about scams

Sheriff Bergeron urges everyone, especially our senior citizens, to be vigilant against scams targeting our community. The West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office will **NEVER** call you for money to resolve ANY criminal matter.



We have observed cases where scammers claim you are in contempt of court and instruct you to resolve it by sending large amounts of cash, money orders, green dot cards, checks, gift cards, bitcoins, Venmo, Apple Pay, PayPal, etc.

If you receive a phone call from someone claiming to be from the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office asking for banking information or money, HANG UP immediately and report it to your local law enforcement agency.

These scams circulate frequently and are often based in foreign countries. You may see the number appearing to be a local (225) number—this is called "Spoofing," where the caller deliberately falsifies the information transmitted to your caller ID to disguise their identity.

We don't want anyone to fall victim to these scams. Your safety is our priority. Please share with your elderly friends and family!

If you need to contact our office, we can be reached at 225-343-9234.

Be ready for hurricane

The 2024 hurricane season is underway. Make a plan now. Go to www.getagameplan.org for resources and information to get started. Sheriff Bergeron encourages your friends and family to do the same!



Jeff Bergeron sworn in as WBR Sheriff in June



District Judge Kevin Kimball swears in Jeff Bergeron as Sheriff while his wife, Brandi Bergeron holds the Bible.

Sheriff Bergeron says thanks

I am deeply grateful and humbled to be sworn in as the Sheriff of West Baton Rouge Parish. This role is a profound responsibility, and I am committed to serving every member of this remarkable community.

I extend my deepest thanks to my family, friends, colleagues, and the people of West Baton Rouge for their unwavering support and trust. Together, we will work tirelessly to uphold our values of integrity, respect, and community, ensuring safety and fostering a brighter future for all.

Thank you, and may God bless West Baton Rouge.

Sheriff Jeff Bergeron

TOWN OF ADDIS

Langlois appointed interim Police Chief

Jason "Possum" Langlois was appointed interim Chief of Police by a unanimous vote of the Addis Town Council in May. Chief Langlois will fill the unexpired term of former Chief of Police Richard Anderson, who retired effective April 30th.

Langlois has served as Assistant Chief of Police since December 2021. He is a proud, lifelong resident of Addis and a 21-year veteran of the Addis Police Department.

Please join us in congratulating Chief Langlois!



Police Chief Jason "Possum" Langlois



Officer M. Franklin (third from left) recently graduated from the Capital Area Regional Training Academy (CARTA). Franklin joined the Addis Police Department in January, and began the field training program for uniform patrol. From February to June, he attended the CARTA POST Academy and will now complete the field training program before being assigned to uniform patrol. Shown in the photo are Detective Landry, Corporal; Detective Allen, Officer Franklin, Lieutenant Lejeune and Motors Corporal Graves.

Sewer plant improvement to help in heavy downpours

The Town has recently completed a boat intra-channel expansion in one of the clarifiers at the sewer treatment plant. This will allow the plant to handle and treat high peak flows more effectively.



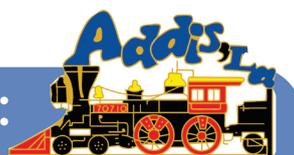
Toups elected LMA District VP

Mayor David Toups was elected as District H Vice President at the Louisiana Municipal Association District H meeting in June. Toups has served as an LMA District H representative. This position allows him to voice the concerns of Addis and other municipalities with the LMA Board of Directors, and also provides opportunities for networking and support among mayors across the state.



TOWN MEETINGS:

Town Council - 2nd Tuesday of month, Town Hall, 6 pm
Planning & Zoning - 1st Tuesday of month, Town Hall, 6 pm



Phases 2 and 3 underway in town's sewer upgrade project

Phase 1 of a \$5.7 million project to improve and update the town's sewer system is complete. A second 5,000 feet force main line was laid from the Live Oak lift station to facilitate pumping wastewater to the Brusly Wastewater Treatment Facility.

With the additional 10" line the town doubled its pumping capacity to the treatment facility. During severe weather, such as a hurricane, tropical storm or an extreme heavy rain event, the town can get inundated with surface water that will infiltrate the sewer system. This new line will help get the wastewater to the treatment facility quickly, significantly reducing the chance of a sewer system overload.

Also underway are Phases 2 and 3. They include upgrading the South LaBauve and Bourgeois Street lift stations, which are problem-prone; and replacing the old duckweed system at the sewer treatment facility.

The lift station upgrade would be a full replacement of the old pumps with new above ground pumps, along with all the electrical stations. These pumps will be easier to maintain, and the town will no longer have to hoist submersible pumps from the raw sewerage to work on them. That provides a much more sanitary and maintenance-free system.

The duckweed system at the treatment facility will get a new modular cover system that will help with heat retention, odor control, algae elimination, TSS removal and wildlife mitigation. Once installed, the town will no longer spend 80 hours quarterly harvesting duckweed, and will not have constant repair on an antiquated boat used for that purpose. In addition, two LEMNA polishing reactors will be installed to remove ammonia and phosphorus BOD, two things the town must sample every week.

The projects are funded with \$4.3 million grants, plus approximately \$850,000 in federal ARPA funds, and \$450,000 in town funds.

SAVE THE DATE!

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Friday, December 6

5:30 pm

St. James Park

Jump houses, live music, face painting, Santa, and more!



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WBR CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

West Baton Rouge CVB gets new logo

A new logo for the WBR Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB), shown below, has been adopted, and will be incorporated in all the CVB's new materials and signs.



"It was time for a fresh look," said Kathy Gautreau, Director. "The old logo was out-dated." It will be incorporated into use over time because it was cost prohibitive to change out all the Bureau's signage.

OLDIES FEST CHANGE:

A change in staging of Oldies Fest is coming in September. Instead of having the BBQ Cook-Off and the live music/car show on the same weekend, the Cook-Off will be Saturday, Sept. 7. The Oldies Fest will be held on Sunday, September 15, with live music, antique cars and crafters. "It was beneficial to change it up this year, so we are going to see how this scheduling works out," Gautreau said.

UPGRADES COMING:

The project to add 14,000 square feet of concrete parking area to park and unload for events behind the WBR Convention Center will be completed by August. "This will be very helpful for our vendors for events, who have had problems in the past maneuvering in limestone, especially in muddy conditions after a rain," explained Gautreau. "This will also provide additional parking for big events at our facility."

Meanwhile, the CVB is still working with the La. Department of Transportation and Development on beautification plans for the La. 415 exit off Interstate 10 in front of the WBR Convention and Visitors Bureau. "The plan is to add a welcome sign with flowers in the median," she said.

2024 OLDIES BUT GOODIES FEST & BBQ COOK-OFF

SATURDAY - SEPT. 7

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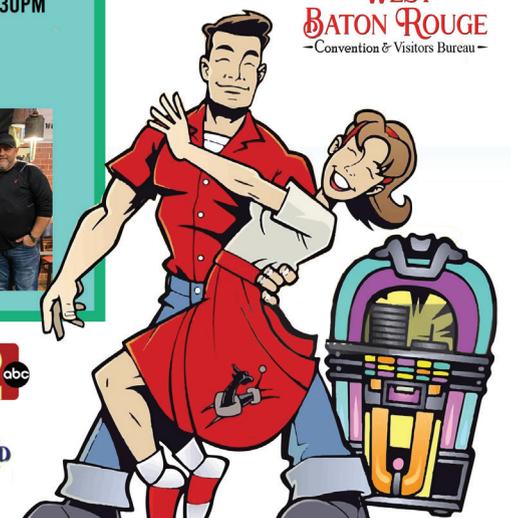
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Thank you to the citizens of the 18th Judicial District for the vote of confidence and support of the District Attorney's Office in the April 28th election. I am humbled by the trust you have placed in me and my staff. I can assure you, we take this trust very seriously and will continue to be guardians of our citizens.

We have much to do to establish the Law Enforcement District Initiative that you approved, but I promise you that we will be good stewards of this funding, and will operate this office efficiently and with the highest ethical and accounting standards.

In the coming months I will be working hard to implement this initiative. I am energized and committed to providing you with the best District Attorney's Office possible, always remembering that our residents deserve nothing less. Thank you again!

Tony

Proceeds will be used for:

- Technology upgrades
- Prosecution & trial costs: Expert witnesses, DNA analysis, Victim testimony expenses, etc...
- Salaries, insurance, training, and benefits of prosecutors, investigators, and staff
- A designated mobile phone data expert to monitor cell phones of criminals.
- Sex and Narcotics Divisions to prosecute sexual assault cases, often against children, and Fentanyl/opioid distribution cases.
- Tracking division that monitors gang activity in the district's 3-parish area.
- Tri-Parish Intelligence Center to share & coordinate investigation activities.
- Tri-parish task force and a prosecutor in each parish to intervene with youths who get in trouble to re-direct and educate these juveniles.
- Assistance to programs that help our juveniles and families, such as CASA, FINS and truancy programs to keep kids in school.
- Conflict resolution programs to teach kids how to resolve conflicts without violence

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT THE WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM

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GENEALOGY

August 10, 10:30 - Noon
Andrew Capone on
Louisiana's Italian Immigrants

September 14, 10:30 - Noon
Jay Schexnaydre on
Louisiana's German Coast

October 12, 10:30 - Noon
Dr. Christophe Landry on
Louisiana Creoles

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august 16 - Jemini Venture

september 20 - Florida Street
Blowhards

october 18 - Merry Not Scary
Halloween event

6:00 - 8:00 PM

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Re-valuation 2024: What property owners should expect

The West Baton Rouge Parish Assessor's Office is currently wrapping up work on its 2024 quadrennial re-valuation as mandated by Louisiana Constitution Article VII, Sect. 18(f) and Louisiana R.S. 47:2331.

With property values remaining strong across the entire parish, many property owners should expect to see increases in value with some property owners seeing substantial increases in value.

The Assessor's Office, in accordance with Louisiana R.S.47:1987, will be mailing out Notifications of Value (NOV's) to all property owners who will see an increase in value due to the 2024 quadrennial re-valuation. NOV's should be in the mail to all affected property owners by the end of August. Also of note, the Assessor's Office open book review period will run from August 30th through September 15th and the final date to appeal values is October 3rd.

Assessor Guerin also wants to remind property owners there is still time, before the new 2024 values are locked in, to apply for homestead exemptions and special assessments(value freeze).

The value freeze is subject to an adjusted gross income limitation of \$100,000 and is available to property owners over age 65, veterans with service connected disability ratings of at least 50% and any person deemed totally disabled by a judgement of court or certified by a state or federal administrative agency.

In light of the expected property value increases, the Assessor's Office will once again elect to take a reduced property tax rate to fund office operations. For 2024 the Assessor's Office will levy 1.24 mills which is 1/2 of its constitutionally approved 2.47 millage rate.

Savings To Property Owners From Assessor's Actions

Assessor's Office taking reduced rate 2008-2023	\$5.5 million
Assessor's Office taking reduced rate 2024	\$1.0 million
Total Savings to WBR property owners	\$6.5 million

Assessor Chris Guerin stated, "Our office is in control of a very small fraction of the property tax rate in West Baton Rouge Parish, a little more than 1% of the parish-wide rate. In nine of the last sixteen years, 2008 – 2023, our office has opted to take a reduced rate to fund our office operations. In doing so we have saved property owners approximately \$5.5 million dollars. By electing to take a reduced rate in 2024 to operate our office we will be saving residential, commercial and industrial property owners approximately \$1 million dollars."

Assessor Guerin further stated the Assessor's Office has zero influence or control over the property tax rates levied by other taxing jurisdictions in the parish.

As always, the Assessor's Office website is available 24/7 for access to valuable parcel information including ownership data, assessed values and legal descriptions as well as aerial photography and digital maps of West Baton Rouge Parish.

You can visit the site at www.wbrassessor.org. For more information, call the WBR Assessor's Office at 225.344.6777.



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- Port of New Orleans
- St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District
- Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District

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Schools get upgrades this summer

Summers are spent not only getting prepared for the next school year, but also making upgrades to school facilities while staff and students are away from the schools. The following are some of the upgrades being completed at WBR schools before they open in August:

- Brusly Elementary School** - new roof installed, cafeteria interior and Pre-K hallways painted, new kitchen floor installed in the cafeteria
 - Brusly Middle School** - New glass walls installed by front office for added security for students, and a new 8 classroom addition was completed
 - Brusly High School** - Installed speed bumps in driveways, signage added as safety measures
 - Caneview** - Outdoor classroom coming soon, canopy at bus loading area repaired from storm damage
 - Cohn Elementary** - New faculty restroom added in administrative building, reconfigured work room to provide more storage, new flooring in counselor's office, overgrown shrubs removed
 - Lukeville Elementary School** - New fences installed in bus loading area for better security
 - Port Allen Elementary** - New drainage installed on playground, stage and other areas of the school painted.
 - Port Allen Middle School** - new kitchen floors installed in cafeteria, remodeled and painted classroom building
 - Port Allen High School** - painted common area, offices, classrooms; installed new flooring in restrooms at football field, added speed bumps and signage
 - Career Technology Center** - completion of this new facility is expected by late August
- Demolition of the old school board office and pupil appraisal building is underway.



Photo above shows a new roof being installed at Brusly Elementary School, and at right, the old flooring at Port Allen Middle School was removed to prepare for a new floor.

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Renee Aymond
Brusly Middle School



Shannon Girod
Lukeville Elementary School



Jared Robinson, M.Ed
Cohn Elementary School



Kelly Savant
Brusly Elementary School

New principals take reins of four WBR schools

Four West Baton Rouge Parish schools will have new leadership this year. The new school principals are: Renee Aymond, principal of Brusly Middle School; Shannon Girod, principal of Lukeville Elementary School; Jared Robinson, Principal of Cohn Elementary School; and Kelly Savant, principal of Brusly Elementary School.

Aymond has been in education for 18 years, serving as a middle and high school math teacher, an instructional coach, assistant principal at the middle and high school level, as well as a St. Landry Parish School Board Member.

Girod has over 19 years of experience in education, working with multiple grade levels in various capacities, including classroom teacher, math interventionist, math and science instructional coach, and assistant principal. She is also a proud graduate of Port Allen High School.

Robinson has been in education for 13 years. He most recently served for two years as assistant principal at Brusly Upper Elementary School. He has been with WBR Schools for five years, and was named the Teacher of the Year in 2021-22. He also taught music at Port Allen Elementary School.

Savant has dedicated 14 years to teaching, with 13 years as a kindergarten teacher and one year with third grade, followed by seven years in administration, including serving as an Interim Principal in East Baton Rouge Parish. She has participated in leadership programs and successfully led three schools to achieve an early childhood performance rating of excellence during her time as an administrator.

SCHOOL CALENDAR August-January

August 8	First day of school for students
September 2	Labor Day holiday
September 30	Professional Development Day - students off
October 21-23	Fall break
November 4	Professional Development Day - students off
November 25-29	Thanksgiving holidays
December 23-Jan. 3	Christmas holidays
January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day