



EDW

Edward Douglas White Catholic High School

Impart the Catholic faith
Promote academic excellence
Enhance self-esteem

2023-2024



School History



Mount Carmel Academy

E. D. White
Catholic High School

Thibodaux College

Edward Douglas White Catholic High School has roots that extend deep into the soil of Bayou Lafourche.

Father Charles Menard introduced two religious communities to Thibodaux: the Sisters of Mount Carmel and the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. Consequently, in 1855, Mount Carmel Academy and Thibodaux College were established in Thibodaux. These two schools existed as separate institutions until plans were made for consolidation in the mid 1960s.

In 1965, Hurricane Betsy severely damaged Mount Carmel Academy and Thibodaux College and forced the new school, which was under construction, to be occupied earlier than planned. Parents, students, faculty, and friends pitched in to make the new building ready for use. During the first year, the school was known as Thibodaux Central Catholic High School.

In the spring of 1966, newly appointed Archbishop Philip M. Hannan announced that the school was to have a new name **Edward Douglas White Catholic High School**. This was to honor Lafourche native Edward Douglas White, a former Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court and a devout Catholic.

During the past 57 years, the school has experienced growth in its student body with a current enrollment close to 750.

A Message from the Principal

"I have countless reasons to love the school that has been home to me and my family for over 38 years. As an administrator, I encounter Christ on a daily basis in the students and faculty, as I witness the tremendous sacrifice and support from parents who want the very best for their children. I am blessed to call this amazing ministry my job."

Michelle R. Chiasson
Michelle R. Chiasson '86



Top 10 Reasons I Love E. D. White

- 1 Faith**
Endless opportunities to grow through personal encounters with Christ in the regular reception of the sacraments and religion class
- 2 Activities**
Wide variety of co-curricular activities allow students to build self-esteem
- 3 Facilities**
State of the art facilities including 4 science labs, Academic Enhancement Center, Media Center, Counseling Center, St. Theresa Music Hall, and Dr. Morvant Athletic Complex
- 4 A.E.**
Academic Enhancement Department servicing more than 150 students with learning differences
- 5 Technology**
Technological fluency for complete virtual learning needed to learn and work in the 21st century
- 6 Academics**
College preparatory curriculum with three academic tracks to meet the needs of all students
- 7 Sanctuary**
A safe and secure atmosphere where every student is welcomed, loved, and nurtured
- 8 Community**
An integral part of Thibodaux and the surrounding communities
- 9 Family**
Tremendous sense of family among students, faculty, parents, and alumni
- 10 Faculty**
Passionate and dedicated faculty and staff who love their ministry as Catholic school educators

Words from our Faculty, Alumni & Parents



"Teaching at E. D. White was not always something that was in my life plan. As a 2008 graduate of E. D. White, I quickly noticed a difference between myself and some of my fellow engineering students in terms of preparedness and intellectual maturity. It is difficult to convey to my students how lucky they are to be able to attend this school because it really does give them an advantage in their future schooling."

After working as an electrical engineer for eight years, my wife and I moved back to Thibodaux. My decision to become a teacher and coach at E. D. White is a testament to those who molded me as a student when I was here. It is a gift to be able to teach my students and prepare them for the future while also strengthening their Catholic faith, and I look forward to one day sending my children here so that they can become a part of the E. D. White family."

Nicholas Duet, class of 2008



"E. D. White will always hold a special place in my heart. It is where I grew into a confident and courageous young woman who can thrive in the next chapter of her life. Sitting in my

college classes today, I cannot express how grateful I am for how well EDW prepared me for advanced courses. The main reason I am able to thrive academically at university is because of how much the teachers and administration at EDW prioritized my learning experiences. I am now wholeheartedly in love with my faith because of all the opportunities EDW gave me to grow religiously during retreats, religion classes, Campus Ministry, and so much more. Overall, if it were not for EDW's ability to acknowledge my strengths and weaknesses while encouraging me to become the best person I can be, I would not be the woman that I am today."

Sarah Pate, class of 2023 Outstanding Graduate



"When faced with making the decision on where to continue the education of our girls, the choice of E. D. White was

easy. After visiting the school and seeing the passion and dedication of the staff and their commitment to provide faith-centered education, we knew E. D. White was the place for them. Holy Savior Catholic School in Lockport, LA laid the foundation of their Catholic education, and we are eager to see E. D. White continue to play an integral role in continuing their spiritual journey. We believe that the education being provided will lead them to be prepared for success in all areas of life."

Claire Douglas,
parent of two EDW students



"My experiences I had during my time at E. D. White will resonate with me the rest of my life. I am truly grateful that the school helped me grow spiritually, academically, athletically, and intellectually. I am a third-generation Cardinal, and E. D. White will always hold a special place in my heart. E. D. White allowed me to chart my own path and use my God-given talents to help those around me and those who will follow behind me. I am proud to be able to represent this school as an alumnus."

William Jackson, class of 2023



"When I graduated from EDW in 2002, I assumed I was closing the book on a brief but wonderful chapter of my life. I continued on to college and graduate school, and then began working as a public librarian. Shortly after getting married, my husband and I moved across the country, and I became a Catholic school librarian. Little did I know that this would plant the seed for what was to

come. Upon returning home to Thibodaux, new baby in tow, my family explored the possibilities of continuing to work in a school setting. "Returning to my nest," has been one of the greatest joys in my professional and spiritual life. I spend my days doing what I truly love: augmenting students' education through research and studying, all within the construct of my Catholic faith. I realize the importance of the intellectual and spiritual development fostered at EDW, and deeply appreciate the sacrifices my parents made for me to attend. I can see this work continuing with the current faculty and staff, of which I am blessed to be a part. Most importantly, I am confident that enrolling our son here will be one of our greatest accomplishments as parents, and I truly look forward to the day that he is a Cardinal with me."

Lauren Ledet Bordelon, class of 2002



"E. D. White is a local institution that holds a very special place in our hearts. As alumni, my husband, Michael (1996), and I are grateful of the time we spent there, along with the many lessons we both learned along the way. We are confident that E. D. White will continue to instill the same values of faith, hard work, commitment, and community into our three children. There is no other place we would want our children to grow academically and spiritually. Go

Marjorie Delatte Delaune,
class of 1998, parent of two EDW students

Our Campus



The Main Building

The Main Building is the hub of all activity on campus and is one of the original buildings completed in 1965. The administrative offices and faculty work areas are included on the first floor, along with six classrooms and a kitchen used for culinary classes. On the second floor are eleven more classrooms and the Jeanette Labat Science Corridor with four science labs.



Père Menard Hall

Père Menard Hall contains the Media Center, ten classrooms, the Sister Barbara Nell Laperouse Counseling Center, television studio, and the Giardina Academic Enhancement Center.



The Chapel

The Chapel is one of the original buildings on campus. Daily Mass is held three times a week, and Adoration is held every Wednesday. The chapel is open during school hours for reflection and quiet time.



The Grotto

Nestled between our campus and St. Joseph's, the Our Lady Of Mount Carmel Grotto And Devotional Garden is an incredibly peaceful and spiritually uplifting spot. With its beautiful design, the area is an open invitation for anyone to come and find serenity through prayer.



The Student Union

The Student Union serves as a gathering place for breakfast, lunch, club meetings, and assemblies.



T-Doug's

T-Doug's Spirit Store is your one-stop shop for school spirit. It is located in the Student Union with public access from East 7th St. Gear may be purchased in store or online at EDWHITE.ORG-look for **T-DOUG'S SPIRIT STORE** in the top menu.



The Band Room

The St. Theresa Music Hall is home to the Cardinal Music program. Students enrolled in the program gather in this hall for class and rehearsals. The music hall includes two offices for the directors, a choir room, a soundproof percussion room, and storage for band uniforms, instruments, and props.



The Stadium

The Harvey Peltier Memorial Stadium has served as the home of E. D. White Cardinal Athletics since 1950. The stadium includes a 2,000 seat grandstand providing ample room for fans to cheer on the Cardinals.



The Main Gym

The Main Gym is one of the original buildings completed in 1965. The main gym holds all school Masses, assemblies, plays, and concerts, as well as varsity sport competitions. In addition, the main gym has girls and boys locker rooms and dressing facilities, and a room for performance groups.



The LeJeune Gym

The Preston LeJeune Gym includes two full-size basketball courts, drop-down volleyball nets, batting cages, and a weight room. The gym is used for 8th and 9th grade sports and is used extensively by the music program for winterguard and indoor percussion rehearsals.



The Weight Room

The Bollinger/Bordelon Strength And Conditioning Center is a 3,400 square-foot, state-of-the-art training facility. Students in physical education classes use the facility, as well as 500+ athletes.



The Card Yard

The Card Yard occupies the space between the Main Building and the Main Gym. Its central location makes it a primary gathering spot for students seeking an open and communal space to socialize and relax during breaks throughout the school day.

Imparting the Catholic Faith

Our students are encouraged to nurture and cultivate their spiritual well-being. E. D. White promotes spiritual growth through a relationship with the Church and one another. Through school sponsored Campus Ministry events, in conjunction with our diocesan church youth programs, mission work and trips, our students learn to lead as Christ leads.

Students develop a sense of compassion and empathy towards others through school liturgies, class retreats, and service projects.

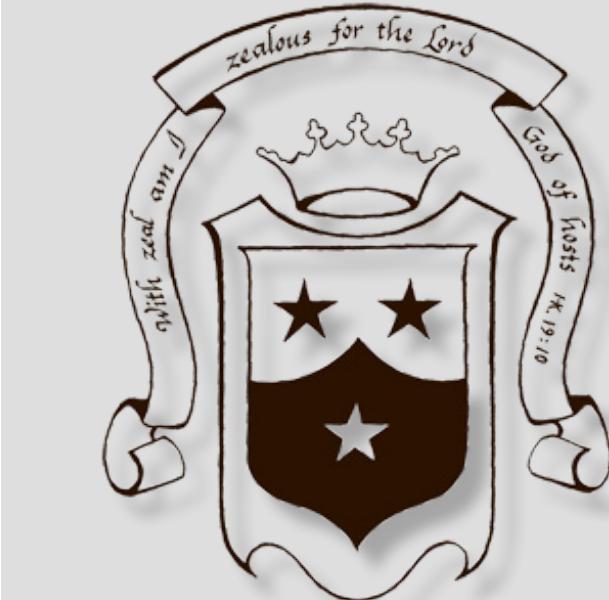
Our students graduate with a sense of self that is rooted in spirituality.

"This year, the Campus Ministry board chose the following Bible verse to represent the school year, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12). This verse really represents that even at our young age, we should strive to spread the Gospel. My hope is that the strong faith of this school year continues to progress towards a knowledge and love of Christ."



Mary Kate Smith
class of 2024
Campus Ministry President

Morning Mass in the Chapel and monthly celebration of school-wide liturgy



Spiritually focused student clubs and organizations



"While clearly teaching and explaining Catholic belief, doctrine, and practice, we recognize that faith development is a process and that through instruction, formation, and witness, we are called to help empower young people in our care to persistent commitment to and love of others."

- Partners in Mission



Promoting Academic Excellence

Academic Hopes

As a result of our commitment to academic excellence, we hope our graduates:

- are intellectually curious
- are prepared to meet the academic demands of college
- strive to reach their intellectual potential and use their intellectual gifts to serve others more effectively and generously

Three Academic Pathways:

- **Advanced Placement and Honors**—AP and honors courses are accelerated and require advanced levels of reading, critical thinking, writing, and/or mathematical skills. AP courses prepare students to complete College Board AP exams that could potentially lead to college credit in high school courses. Students are recommended for these courses by instructors.
- **College Preparatory**—College Prep courses are offered in core subject areas and are completed by most of the student population. While not as rigorous as AP or honors courses, these courses are intended to prepare students for success in college.
- **Skills**—Skills level courses are intended primarily for students who have experienced past academic struggles and/or have identifiable learning differences. Many students in these courses are part the Academic Enhancement program.

Academic Enhancement Program

The goal of the Academic Enhancement Program is to provide services to students with learning differences. All students receiving modifications to their academic program must take part in the Academic Enhancement Program. The program offers accommodations, modifications, skills classes, and special monitoring of academic progress. An additional fee is assessed for those enrolled in this program.

Admission to the program begins by contacting the Academic Enhancement coordinator, Mrs. Fran Naquin. A recent professional evaluation is essential and is the parent's responsibility. For the purposes of scheduling, evaluations should be submitted by March 08, 2024. Evaluations are accepted after this date; however, placement in skills classes is not guaranteed. Please note that students who do not require skills classes can participate in the AE program and receive recommended modifications. Many students in the program are active in various student organizations, athletics, band, and performing groups.

The Academic Enhancement Program requires teamwork. Students, teachers, parents, and Academic Enhancement personnel work together to promote student success. Please contact Mrs. Fran Naquin at (985) 446-8486 ext. 112 or fnaquin@htdiocese.org for additional information.

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E. D. White
Class of 2023 Average

18.2

State Average

19.5

National Average

ACT Scores



15

Honors & AP Courses in English, mathematics, science, and social studies



149

students currently enrolled in the Academic Enhancement Program



21:1

student to teacher ratio

Technology in the Classroom

Examples of websites and applications used to accomplish daily and long-term objectives in the classroom:

 Blooket game based learning platform	 Keynote create designs and presentations
 Canva create designs and presentations	 Laudate comprehensive Catholic resources
 Delta Math interactive math games	 Naviance research college options
 Duolingo game based language platform	 Notability note taking and organizing
 edPuzzle guided video instruction	 Pages word processing tool
 FORMED online Catholic resources	 PhET science-based simulations and experiments
 GimKit game show-based interactive assessments	 Quizizz interactive assessments
 Google Classroom comprehensive educational platform	 Quizlet game based interactive assessments
 iCivics covering political current events	 Showbie view, discuss, and submit work
 Kahoot game based interactive assessments	 Vocabulary.com adaptive vocabulary games

Courses Offered by Grade Level (2024-2025)

Other Electives Offered by Grade Level (2024-2025)

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Culinary Arts I (1/2)	Accounting (1/2)	Accounting (1/2)	Accounting (1/2)
FACS (1/2)	Business Management (1/2)	Business Management (1/2)	Business (1/2)
Mythology (1/2)	<i>Computer Science (1/2) V</i>	<i>Computer Science (1/2) V</i>	<i>Computer Sc (1/2) (V)</i>
Speech I/II (1)	Culinary Arts I/II (1/2)	Culinary Arts I/II (1/2)	Culinary Arts I/II (1/2)
Study Skills (1/2 or 1)*	FACS (1/2) <i>Game Design (1/2) V</i>	FACS (1/2) <i>Game Design (1/2) V</i>	FACS (1/2) <i>Game Design (1/2) V</i>
	Intro to Engineering (1/2) Law Studies (1/2)	Intro to Engineering (1/2) Law Studies (1/2)	Intro to Engineering (1/2) Law Studies (1/2)
	Leadership [Hope Sq] (1/2) Multimedia I (1) Mythology (1/2)	Leadership [Hope Sq] (1/2) Multimedia I/II (1) Mythology (1/2)	Leadership [Hope Sq] (1/2) Multimedia I/II (1) Mythology (1/2)
	Psychology I/II (1/2) Speech I/II (1)	Psychology I/II (1/2) Publications I (1)	Psychology I/II (1/2) Publications I/II (1)
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<i>*Open to Academic Enhancement students only</i>			Nicholls ES (NC) Work 8 (NC) Office Work (NC)
<i>V= Virtual, independent study during school day</i>			

Enhancing Self Esteem



"We demonstrate genuine interest in all students, their families and their concerns with the intent of providing selfless, compassionate service to students."
- Partners in Mission

2022-2023 Athletic Achievements

FALL

Football
District Champions
State Semifinalists

Boys Cross Country
District Champions

Girls Cross Country
District Champions
State Runners Up

Boys Swimming
District Champions
State Champions
*6 yrs. in a row

Girls Swimming
District Champions
State Champions
*4 yrs. in a row

Volleyball
District Champions
State Finalists

WINTER

Boys Basketball
State Regionals

Girls Basketball
District Runners Up
State Regionals

Boys Soccer
District Runners Up
State Quarterfinalists

Girls Soccer
District Champions
State Quarterfinalists

SPRING

Girls Track
District Champions
Regional Champions
3rd place at State

Boys Track
District Champions
Regional Champions
3rd place at State

Baseball
District Champions
State Champions

Softball
District Champions
State Quarterfinalists



Co-curricular Activities

E. D. White offers a variety of co-curricular organizations, activities, and programs that encourage students to develop their leadership skills and talents. The purpose of these organizations is to broaden students' sense of religious, personal, and social responsibilities. Opportunities for service to peers, school, church, community, and family enable students to put into practice the values taught at E. D. White and to allow for personal development and a sense of self-worth. During the previous academic year, more than 400 students participated in at least one club, more than 500 students competed on at least one athletic team, and 177 students showcased their talents in at least one performing group.

Clubs and Organizations

SPIRITUAL

Right to Life
Sisters in Christ
Brothers in Christ
Music Ministry
Campus Ministry

SERVICE

Key Club
Student Ambassadors
Student Council
HOPE Squad

ARTS

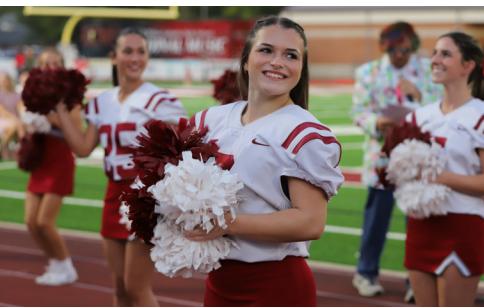
Art Club
Cardinal Music
Concert Choir
Drama Club

ACADEMIC

4-H
Academic Team
National Honor Society
Science Olympiad

PERFORMING

Cheerleading
(Jr. High and Varsity)
Dance Team
(Jr. High and Varsity)

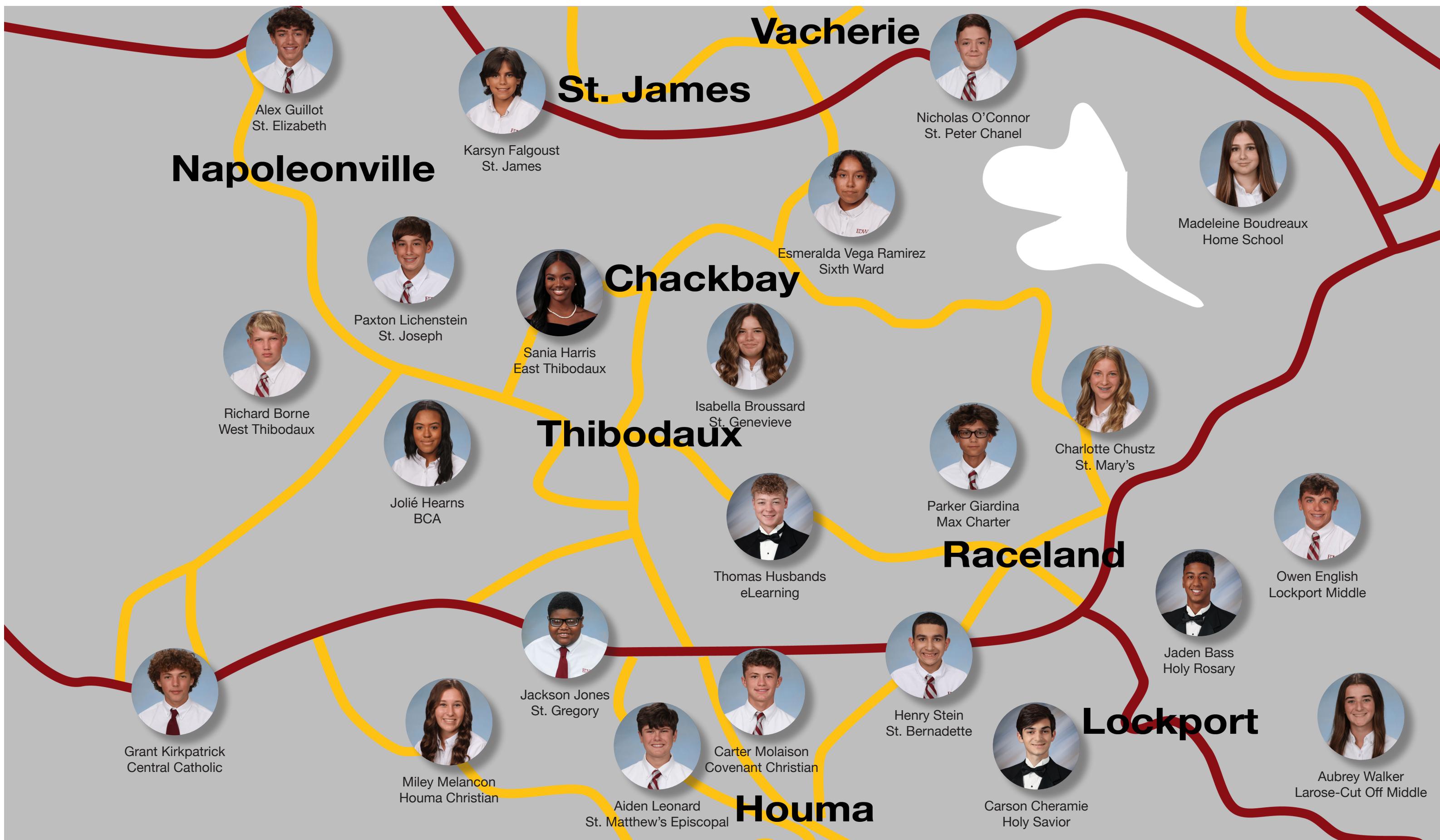


GO CARDINALS!

	8th	9th	Jr. High	JV	V	Tryouts	Girls	Boys
Baseball	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Basketball	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bowling				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cross Country			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Fishing Team							✓	✓
Football	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
Golf					✓		✓	✓
Gymnastics					✓		✓	✓
Indoor Track					✓		✓	✓
Powerlifting					✓		✓	✓
Rodeo					✓		✓	✓
Soccer	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Softball				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Swimming					✓		✓	✓
Tennis				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Track	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Volleyball	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

We are E. D. White

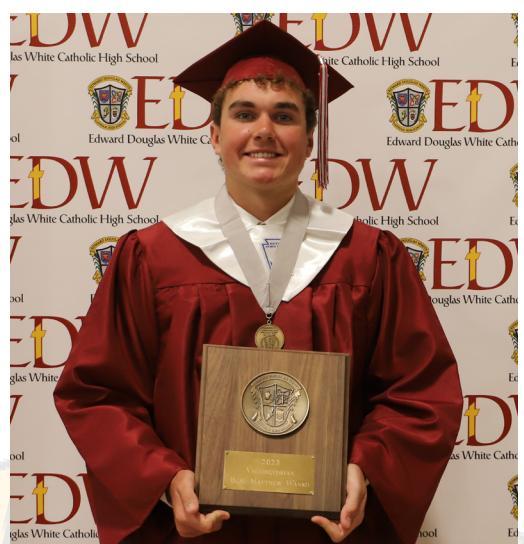
We are Cardinals



Promoting Total Growth



Outstanding Graduate Class of 2023
Sarah Pate



Valedictorian Class of 2023
Beau Wanko

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR 2023

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

1 FINALIST 1 COMMENDED STUDENT

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

6 AP COURSES OFFERED
90 STUDENTS COMPLETED ONE OR MORE AP EXAMS
165 AP EXAMS GIVEN
12 PERFECT AP EXAM SCORES OF FIVE
89 AP EXAM SCORES OF THREE, FOUR, OR FIVE
267 HOURS OF COLLEGE CREDIT EARNED AS A
RESULT OF SCORES ON AP EXAMS
13 AP SCHOLARS
2 AP SCHOLARS WITH DISTINCTION

THE CLASS OF 2023

29.7 AVERAGE ACT OF HONOR GRADS
6% RECEIVED AN ACT COMPOSITE SCORE OF 30+

97% OFFERED POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL ACCEPTANCES
3% ENLISTED IN THE MILITARY OR ENTERED THE WORKFORCE

EARNED A TOTAL OF
\$3,152,884 IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

83% ELIGIBLE FOR THE TOPS SCHOLARSHIP
57% OF THOSE RECIPIENTS QUALIFIED FOR THE
TOPS PERFORMANCE OR HONORS AWARD

"We are confident that based on their experiences as students in a Brothers of the Sacred Heart school, our graduates are becoming well-rounded, faith filled, self disciplined, compassionate, and academically prepared men and women who respond to God's love."

-Partners in Mission

Preparing for the Future

E. D. White graduates of the Class of 2023 were offered admissions to the following colleges and universities:

Auburn University
Duquesne University
Fletcher Technical Community College
Florida State University
Louisiana State University
Louisiana Tech University
Loyola University New Orleans
McNeese State University
Millsaps College
Mississippi State University
Nicholls State University
Northwestern State University
Notre Dame College
Rhodes College
River Parishes Community College
Samford University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Southeastern Louisiana University
The University of Alabama
The University of Mississippi
The University of Southern Mississippi
University of Arkansas
University of Arkansas Monticello
University of Louisiana Lafayette
University of South Alabama
Xavier University



LSU



*The 2023 graduates attend the colleges and universities that are bolded.

National Merit Scholarship Program

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an annual academic competition among high school students for recognition and college scholarships. United States high school students enter the National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which serves as an initial screen of over 1.3 million entrants each year, and by meeting published program entry and participation requirements.

Three E. D. White seniors-Carson Cheramie, Paul Toups, and Max Trosclair-have been recognized as Semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program. This places them among the top 16,000 highest-scoring participants nationally and distinguishes them as the foremost scorers in their respective states. From a pool of 1.3 million entrants, Carson, Paul and Max are now eligible to compete for one of the 7,250 Merit Scholarship awards to be presented in 2024.

In addition to the Semifinalists, two more students from the E. D. White class of 2024, Thomas Block and Joy Patten, have been recognized as Commended Students in the program. This designation places them among approximately 34,000 commended Students nationwide, highlighting their notable academic promise. Their achievements position them among the top 50,000 highest-scoring participants from the initial pool of 1.3 million entrants.

These successes underscore the dedication, hard work, and commitment to learning fostered at E. D. White Catholic High School. The institution eagerly anticipates the future achievements and contributions of these promising students.



CARSON
CHERAMIE



PAUL
TOUPS



MAX
TROSCLAIR

Semifinalists



THOMAS
BLOCK



JOY
PATTEN

Commended Students

By the Numbers

3 Number of state sponsored scholarships accepted



Our students come to us from

21 different zip codes.

42%

Percentage of faculty members who have a master's degree

747 Co-ed enrollment in grades 8-12

Founded in **1965** by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart & the Sisters of Mt. Carmel

38 different schools.

168 Over 168 years of Catholic education in Thibodaux

Our 8th grade Cardinals **16** come from 16 different schools.

100%
Graduation rate Class of 2023

64 SPORTS TEAMS

21 CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

8 PERFORMING GROUPS

341 Number of faculty, staff, or administration who are EDW alumnae

Admissions

Financial Information

- Tuition for 2023-2024 is \$8,450 for Catholic students living in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux
- Prepaid tuition program
- Tuition assistance program for families who apply and qualify
- Three state sponsored scholarships: ACE, ARETE, Louisiana Scholarship Program (LSP)
- Scan the QR code to access the online application



"We make use of opportunities both in and out of the classroom to emphasize the respect that we are called to have for the physical, mental, social, and spiritual well-being of ourselves and others."

- Partners in Mission



Back to School Night



Junior Olympics

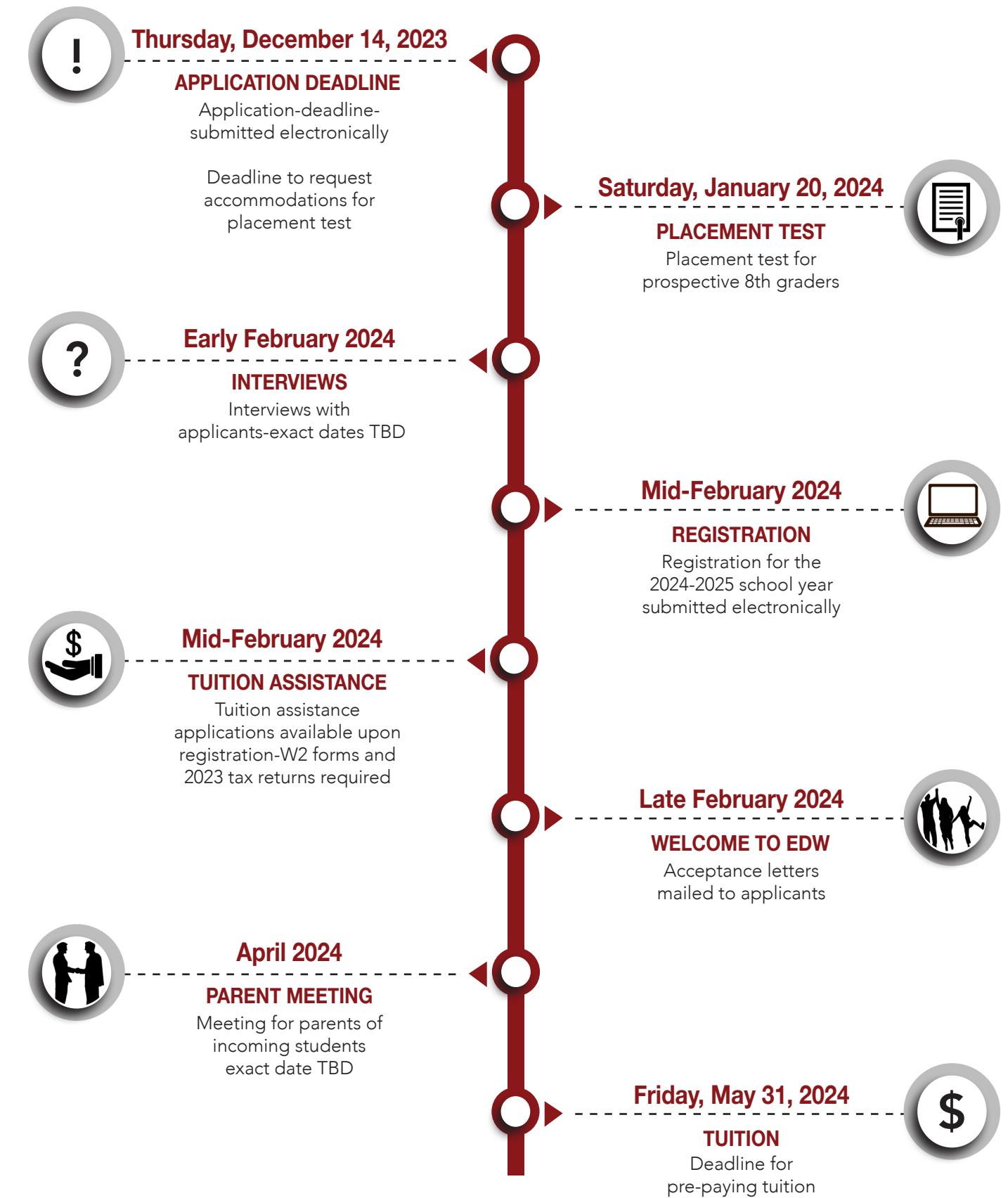


Concert Choir



Orientation Day

Admissions Timeline



Alma Mater

written in 1967 by
R. Gibbens Robichaux '47

*All hail to thee, our Alma Mater,
Edward Douglas White.*

*We love those hallowed halls and spirit
to do what is right.*

*In God we base our goals in life,
and then we carry on.*

*All hail to thee, our Alma Mater,
Edward Douglas White.*

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E. D. White Catholic High School is open to all students and does not discriminate on the basis of race or national origin.