

STEAM Connections

St. Martin Schools STEAM

Magnet Academies

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A STEAM-POWERED WELCOME FROM OUR MAGNET ACADEMIES PROGRAM COORDINATOR, DR. JON DOWNS!

Greetings, STEAM Families of Innovators and Creators!



As we ignite the engines of our STEAM magnet schools for the 2024-2025 school year, I'm thrilled to welcome you aboard this unique journey of discovery and creativity.

Our STEAM curriculum is designed to spark curiosity and fuel young childrens' passions for learning, offering a diverse array of opportunities—from coding and 3-D printing to dance, theater, and environmental science. These experiences are not just classes; they're launchpads for their imagination!

Through our unique STEAM electives, hands-on projects, and community partnerships, we're not just building knowledge; we're engineering futures. And as we dive into this year, remember that every challenge they tackle, every experiment they try, and every project they complete is a step toward unlocking their full potential.

So, get ready to explore, create, and connect in ways that will propel our students toward success. Together, we're not just learning about the future—we're designing it.

Welcome to a year full of possibilities!

COMING SOON...

- Magnet Academies Advisory Board Meeting
- School-Based Magnet Advisory Council Parent Applications
- PERFECT For Parent Center
- Family STEAM Nights and Community Events
- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Questions, Comments, Suggestions?

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Three...Two...One...
Blasting off into the world of STEAM!



Exciting Launch of Our STEAM Magnet Schools for the 2024-2025 School Year!

We are thrilled to announce the successful launch of our two STEAM Magnet Schools for the 2024-2025 school year! Our students are embarking on an incredible journey filled with unique opportunities to explore their interests and passions through a wide array of STEAM electives. From the cutting-edge world of 3-D printing and coding to the expressive realms of dance, visual arts, and theater, our curriculum is designed to ignite creativity and innovation. Robotics enthusiasts will have the chance to build and program their own creations, while budding environmental scientists will dive into hands-on projects that explore the natural world.

But the STEAM experience doesn't stop there! Our students will also participate in enriching field trips and forge valuable connections through community partnerships that will further expand their learning horizons. These partnerships are key to bringing real-world applications into the classroom, giving our students a front-row seat to the future of technology and the arts.

Beyond academics, our STEAM Magnet Schools are all about building diverse and rich relationships. Through after-school clubs that focus on STEAM, students will collaborate, create, and connect with peers who share their interests, fostering a sense of community and teamwork that will last a lifetime.

We are confident that this unique and high-quality STEAM experience will not only elevate our students' academic achievements but also help them develop the skills and relationships needed to thrive in an ever-evolving world.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead as we STEAMline our way to success!





SCREAM the THEME: STEAM-ifying Our Schools!

Our two STEAM magnet schools have undergone an exciting transformation to welcome students, families, and staff with open arms! Through our "SCREAM the THEME" initiative, where STEAM is the theme, we've partnered with local talent to bring our vision to life.

Renowned St. Martin Parish muralist and Magnet Academies Advisory Board member Jessalyn Newton and her team have decorated our walls with stunning STEAM-inspired murals, while a local graphics company installed vibrant door and window wrappings that bring energy and creativity to our campuses.

The local garden club also lent their green thumbs to beautify the landscaping, creating inviting outdoor spaces for our community. To top it all off, we redesigned the auditorium at the Early STEAM campus, transforming it into the Community Performing Arts Center, where we'll host a variety of magnet events for both schools.

Our schools are now not only centers of learning but also showcases of art, innovation, and community spirit!

Check out a few photos. You can also visit our website to access a virtual tour of our renovations and beautification efforts!





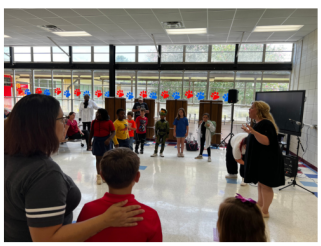






Magnet Academies Open House - A Celestial Success!

On Friday, July 12, 2024, our Magnet Academies hosted an exciting Open House event, marking the grand finale of the Summer 2024 NASA Astro Camp. The celebration was packed with STEAM-related hands-on activities, where students and families explored the wonders of science and space. Attendees enjoyed an engaging presentation, followed by tours of the newly upgraded STEAM facilities at both magnet schools. The event was a tremendous success, with a large number of applications received for the launch of our two new magnet schools this year. We are thrilled by the enthusiastic response from our community and look forward to an incredible year ahead!


Blast Off with Summer 2024 NASA AstroCamp!

This July, our K-5 students embarked on an out-of-this-world adventure at the Summer 2024 NASA Astro Camp! This incredible program, hosted annually by NASA, gave our young explorers the chance to dive deep into the wonders of space using STEAM principles and elements. The highlight of the camp was a real-time virtual meeting with a NASA Astronaut, where students had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to ask questions and learn directly from a space expert. Throughout the camp, students engaged in hands-on activities that sparked their curiosity and fueled their passion for science. It was a cool, unforgettable experience that brought the excitement of space exploration right into our classrooms!









St. Martin STEAM Academy Soars with GUMBO 2.0 Broadband Initiative!

Exciting news for St. Martin STEAM Academy! We're proud to be a recipient of the Governor's GUMBO 2.0 broadband initiative. This transformative program will expand access to high-speed internet, opening up new possibilities for our STEAM curriculum and programming. Last week, two of our 5th graders, along with our principal Mrs. Erica Pitre, joined the Governor and other recipients for a press conference at the State Capitol in Baton Rouge. Our students had the chance to meet with Senator Beth Mizell, State Superintendent of Education Dr. Cade Brumley, and several other lawmakers, sharing how much they appreciate not having cellphones at school so they can focus on building strong relationships with their peers and also what their favorite subjects are - Science and Math, of course! Our STEAM academy students even visited the House and Senate chambers and learned about the legislative process firsthand. With enhanced connectivity, our students will have even greater opportunities to explore, innovate, and excel in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. Thank you, Governor Jeff Landry, for empowering our students and community!

