

J.B. Martin Middle School

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Principal's Message:

Each year, March kicks off the final and busy stretch for JBM heading into summer. Our teacher of the year, Holly Dauzat, is being honored at the SCPPS banquet this month. Softball and baseball seasons are wrapping up, with Track starting soon after. Band and Choir are wrapping up their competition schedules and scoring extremely well. Our dance team took home several 1st place awards at their state competitions. There are so many great things going on around JBM to be proud of.

Our students and staff have been working hard all year, and we want to finish strong. The 3rd quarter ends on March 14 and the 4th Quarter begins on the 17th. This is the final push to make sure that our students are successful in their studies here at school. Although we won't have formal conferences scheduled for the remainder of the year, if you would like to set up a conference with your child's teacher, don't hesitate to contact them by email or phone. Please stay on top of your child's classes, homework, and grades this last quarter!!

There are several things that we would like to make sure that families know for the 2nd semester:

- 3rd quarter ends March 14
- It is so important to view PowerSchool weekly so that you can stay on top of your child's grades. This is the main way that teachers communicate with parents about grades. You can see if your child has any missing assignments/grades that need to be made up
- Check your child's Google Classroom accounts as well for assignments

Sincerely,

Steven Gutterrez

Principal

J. B. Martin Middle School

District Credo

Our Core Business...

Teaching and Learning

Our Focus...

Continuous Improvement

Our Commitment...

Learning for Life

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Collective Commitments (Values/Beliefs)

In order to fulfill our fundamental purpose and become the school we describe in our vision statement, all members of the staff commit to the following:

- ✓ We will be positive, contributing members of our collaborative teams to work together to achieve our SMART goals.
- ✓ We will teach the essential standards within the agreed upon Tier 1 curriculum.
- ✓ We will monitor each student's learning on a continual basis through common, team-developed assessments.
- ✓ We will use evidence of student learning to guide our whole group, small-group, and individual instruction to accelerate and extend student learning.
- ✓ We will provide families with resources, strategies, and information to help students succeed.

J.B.M. Mission Statement

*Ensuring high levels of
achievement for ALL*

PARENT'S NEED TO KNOW . . .

Important Dates:

March 3-7 – Mardi Gras Holidays
March 9 – Daylight Savings Time – clocks “spring forward”
March 10-13 – JBM Cheer Tryouts
March 13 – End of the 3rd Quarter
March 17 – Start of the 4th Quarter
March 21-22 – Cougar Classic - Softball/Baseball Tournament
March 21 – Report Cards sent home
March 27 – SCP Special Olympics
March 31 – JBM Choir Concert @ LPAC 6:30pm



HOMEWORK ASSISTANCE OFFERED THROUGH STATE LIBRARY OF LOUISIANA

The State Library of Louisiana offers homework assistance services to parents and scholars at www.homeworkla.org. HomeworkLouisiana offers free online tutoring and academic resources from Tutor.com for Louisiana residents from kindergarten scholars through adult learners. Get help in math, science, social studies or English from a live tutor. The services can be accessed from a Louisiana public library, your home computer or your mobile device.

UPCOMING FRIDAY ROTATIONS:

March 14 – A-Day
March 21 – A-Day
March 28 – B-Day
April 4 – A-Day

4H STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Nollie Arcement

- Nollie came out first in his cooking category for wild game for the 4 H class cooking competition; he cooked spicy orange bison meatballs: this is the second time this year that he has placed first in a cooking category; in May, he will attend the state cooking competition
- Nollie used orange marmalade, Grand Marnier and orange zest for his sauce along with water and rice wine vinegar and sriracha; a reduction sauce
- Nollie also came out first in the month of December in his category, as did his little sister; Nollie cooked a kale goat cheese sweet potato frittata

CONGRATULATIONS NOLLIE!

LIBRARY NEWS

Please begin returning any books that you have completed or those that have reached their due date.

SPRING BOOK FAIR

The JBM Library will be hosting a Spring Book Fair. The dates are April 14 – 18. Parents, if you would like to volunteer to help during lunches, please contact Mrs. Phelan via email – rphelan@stcharles.k12.la.us

TEAMS, ADMINISTRATORS AND COUNSELORS

Here at JBM, we practice Teaming, where scholars at each grade level are placed on a Team. 6th Grade is split between Teams 1 and 2, 7th Grade between Teams 3 and 4, and 8th grade between Teams 5 and 6. Every scholar on a Team attends classes with that core group of teachers on the Team (ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies).

6th Grade = Tiffany Matthews (counselor) and Aubrey Hager (Assistant Principal)

7th Grade = Corinne Heffron (counselor) and Tricia Growl (Assistant Principal)

8th Grade = Jenny Vial (counselor) and Chase Petit (Assistant Principal)

If you have any questions regarding your child, don't hesitate to contact one of these individuals or your child's teacher.

HELPFUL LINKS

Middle school is a time when we want to build more responsibility within our scholars. However, we also want to better provide parents with information so that you can stay informed about the tests, assignments, news and events here at JBM. As we move more and more of the classroom assignments, notes, etc. to the Google Classroom platform, this is becoming the best place to go for parents to see what's going on in their child's classes. Our school website also has grade level and teacher pages for you to check your child's test and assignment schedules.

JBM Homepage

[To view the J.B. Martin Homepage please click this link](#)

Direct Links to grade level pages

6th Grade - [6th Grade Family Information Guide](#)

7th Grade - [7th Grade Family Information Guide](#)

8th Grade - [8th Grade Family Information Guide](#)

JBM Parent Article Club


February - May 2025

★ Join the Parent Article Club! ★

Are you a parent looking to learn, share, and grow together?


Join our Parent Article Club – a unique opportunity to connect with other parents and engage with school professionals to explore helpful topics that can support your parenting journey.


Meeting Details:

 **When:** Tuesdays at 6:00 pm

March 11, 2025: "Understanding and Guiding Your Middle Schooler"

April 8, 2025: "Helping Your Middle Schooler Find Balance"

 **Where:** J. B. Martin Middle School **OR** Virtual

 **RSVP:** gbourque@wearescpps.org

How It Works:

- **Pick an Article:** Choose at least one of thought-provoking article on parenting or education each month. Articles are found on our website under "For Families, Parent Reading Club"
- **Read It:** Take some time to read it on your own-don't worry, it's brief and easy to digest!
- **Discuss:** Join our meeting **in person** or **virtually** to discuss the article(s) with other parents and school professionals. Share your thoughts, ask questions, and get expert advice!
- **Take Action:** Leave each meeting with new ideas and actionable tips to apply in your own parenting practices.

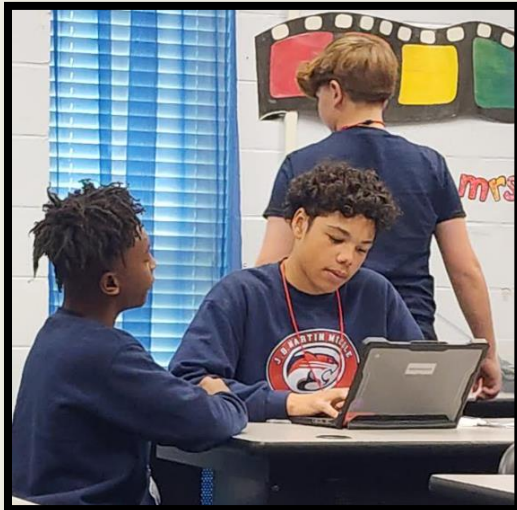
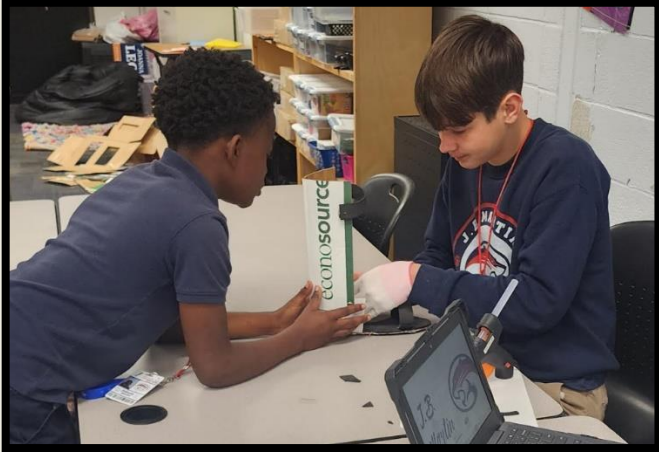


Enjoying Potato Bar Day in St. Charley's Cafe



STEAMY NEWS

In STEAM, the 7th grade students were put to work to complete an instant challenge. As a team, they had to design an ankle foot orthosis for a cerebral palsy patient. This performance-based learning allowed them to problem solve and discover the importance of communication and teamwork.



The Importance of Honoring Dignity

As we continue the new year, it's crucial for our community to reflect on our progress and future, acknowledging that our diverse perspectives strengthen us.

JB Martin is a reflection of St. Charles Parish's diversity, where students from various backgrounds learn and grow together academically and socially. Diversity —encompassing race, experiences, religions, cultures, and more— is our strength and a source of pride. However, it is how we utilize and respect our diversity that truly matters, ensuring everyone feels included.

At JB Martin, fostering a sense of belonging is a priority, as research indicates it leads to better social and academic outcomes. We expect everyone on campus to treat each other with dignity. To help students understand this concept, we have emphasized that dignity is an inherent right, unlike respect which is often seen as earned. Through quarterly reviews of our dignity framework during Cougar Time, we educate students on the importance of dignified language and conduct.

We encourage parents to discuss appropriate language with their children, highlighting the impact words can have. Inappropriate language or actions that make others feel excluded are not tolerated, and students are held accountable for their choices. For example, students may feel it is ok to repeat certain derogatory words or phrases they hear in popular music and some might say it's ok for them to use it because their friends do or their friends say it's ok. Please remind your student that language that violates the dignity of others is never tolerated in an academic setting, especially at JB Martin. We can all attest to news stories of individuals losing their jobs and livelihoods because of the language they choose to use.

Diversity is our strength, and a sense of belonging is essential for student success. We have high expectations for all students and rely on our community to support these values by advocating for dignity and inclusion.

Thank you for your commitment to making JB Martin a place where diversity is celebrated, dignity is respected, and high expectations are the norm for everyone.



2025 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

J.B. MARTIN 2025 BASEBALL SCHEDULE						
DATE				OPPONENT	TIME	SITE
TUES	FEB	11		ST. JAMES	3:30	ST. JAMES
MON	FEB	17	*	LUTCHER	4:00	W.B. BRIDGE PARK
FRI	FEB	21		LUTCHER TOURNAMENT	TBA	LUTCHER H.S.
SAT	FEB	22		LUTCHER TOURNAMENT	TBA	LUTCHER H.S.
MON	FEB	24	*	BELLE CHASSE	4:30	W.B. BRIDGE PARK
TUES	FEB	25		RKS	5:30	W.B. BRIDGE PARK
THURS	FEB	27	*	HURST DH	4:00	W.B. BRIDGE PARK
TUES	MAR	11	*	CAMMON DH	4:00	W.B. BRIDGE PARK
THURS	MAR	13	*	RKS	5:30	W.B. BRIDGE PARK
FRI	MAR	21		J.B.MARTIN TOURNAMENT	TBA	W.B. BRIDGE PARK
SAT	MAR	22		J.B.MARTIN TOURNAMENT	TBA	W.B. BRIDGE PARK
WED	MAR	19		ST. JAMES	3:30	ST. JAMES
TUES	MAR	25		LUTCHER	4:00	LUTCHER H.S.

J.B. MARTIN 2025 "B TEAM" BASEBALL SCHEDULE						
DATE				OPPONENT	TIME	SITE
THURS	FEB	17	*	LUTCHER	4:00	W.B. BRIDGE PARK
FRI	FEB	21		LUTCHER TOURNAMENT	TBA	LUTCHER H.S.
SAT	FEB	22		LUTCHER TOURNAMENT	TBA	LUTCHER H.S.
TUES	FEB	18		HURST (DH)	4:00	W.B. BRIDGE PARK
MON	FEB	24	*	BELLE CHASSE	4:30	W.B. BRIDGE PARK
FRI	MAR	21		J.B.MARTIN TOURNAMENT	TBA	W.B. BRIDGE PARK
SAT	MAR	22		J.B.MARTIN TOURNAMENT	TBA	W.B. BRIDGE PARK
TUES	MAR	25		LUTCHER	4:00	LUTCHER H.S.





JB Martin Softball - 2025



A Team Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Team	Home/Away	A or B
Tuesday, January 14, 2025	3:10 - 5:00	Westbank Bridge Park	Practice		
Wednesday, January 15, 2025	3:10 - 5:00	Westbank Bridge Park	Practice		
Tuesday, January 21, 2025	3:10	JB Martin	Practice		
Wednesday, January 22, 2025	3:10	JB Martin	Practice		
Thursday, January 23, 2025	3:10	JB Martin	Practice		
Monday, January 27, 2025	3:10	JB Martin	Practice		
Tuesday, January 28, 2025	3:10	JB Martin	Practice		
Wednesday, January 29, 2025	3:10	JB Martin	Practice		
Thursday, January 30, 2025	3:10	JB Martin	Practice		
Monday, February 3, 2025	3:10	JB Martin	Practice		
Tuesday, February 4, 2025	3:10	JB Martin	Practice		
Wednesday, February 5, 2025	3:10	JB Martin	Practice		
Saturday, February 8, 2025	TBA	Alexander Park	Brusly Tournament		A
Monday, February 10, 2025	3:10	JB Martin	Practice		
Tuesday, February 11, 2025	4:30	Bayou Country Sportsplex	Houma Christian	Away	A
Thursday, February 13, 2025	5:00	Riverside	Riverside	Away	A
Monday, February 17, 2025	3:10	JB Martin	Practice		
Wednesday, February 19, 2025	3:10	JB Martin	Practice		
Thursday, February 20, 2025	5:30	Westbank Bridgepark	Cammon	Away	B
Monday, February 24, 2025	4:30	Westbank Bridgepark	Belle Chasse	Home	A
Tuesday, February 25, 2025	4:00	Westbank Bridgepark	Lutcher	Home	A
Tuesday, February 25, 2025	5:30	Westbank Bridgepark	RK Smith	Away	B
Wednesday, February 26, 2025	3:10	JB Martin	Practice		
Thursday, February 27, 2025		Westbank Bridgepark	Hurst	Home	A & B
Monday, March 10, 2025	3:10	JB Martin	Practice		
Tuesday, March 11, 2025		Westbank Bridgepark	Cammon	Home	B
Wednesday, March 12, 2025	3:10	JB Martin	Practice		
Thursday, March 13, 2025	4:00	Westbank Bridgepark	Riverside	Home	A
	5:30	Westbank Bridgepark	RK Smith	Home	B
Friday, March 14, 2025	TBA	University Park	Monroe Tournament		A
Saturday, March 15, 2025					
Monday, March 17, 2025	3:10	JB Martin	Practice		
Tuesday, March 18, 2025	4:30	Belle Chasse Middle School	Belle Chasse	Away	A
Wednesday, March 19, 2025		Westbank Bridgepark	Hurst	Away	A & B
Thursday, March 20, 2025	3:10	Practice TBA			
Friday, March 21, 2025	TBA	Westbank Bridgepark	JB Martin Tournament		A & B
Saturday, March 22, 2025					