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Strong Roots ST. BERNARD PARISH SCHOOL BOARD Bright Futures

Twenty years ago, our school system faced an unimaginable challenge. Hurricane Katrina devastated our parish, destroying buildings and scattering our families and employees across the country. What followed was a long and arduous journey - one marked by determination, unity, and a fierce belief in the power of public education.

Our schools and facilities today are more than places of learning. They are each a testament to the strength of a community that rebuilt its buildings, and its purpose. With deep roots planted in shared values and tireless efforts, we have cultivated something enduring: a school system that thrives.

This year's theme—Strong Roots, Bright Futures—reflects both where we've come from and where we are going. The roots run deep in St. Bernard, formed by years of hard work, belief in our children, and the unshakable dedication of our employees. Every bus route, every classroom, every meal served is part of the system of care that allows our students to grow. Because of that daily effort, our students rise—blossoming into scholars, athletes, artists, leaders, and kind young people ready to contribute to the world beyond us.



Thank you for your continued support of public education in St. Bernard Parish. With a strong foundation and a clear vision for success, we remain committed to helping every student reach their greatest potential.

Doris Voitier

Superintendent
St. Bernard Parish Public Schools

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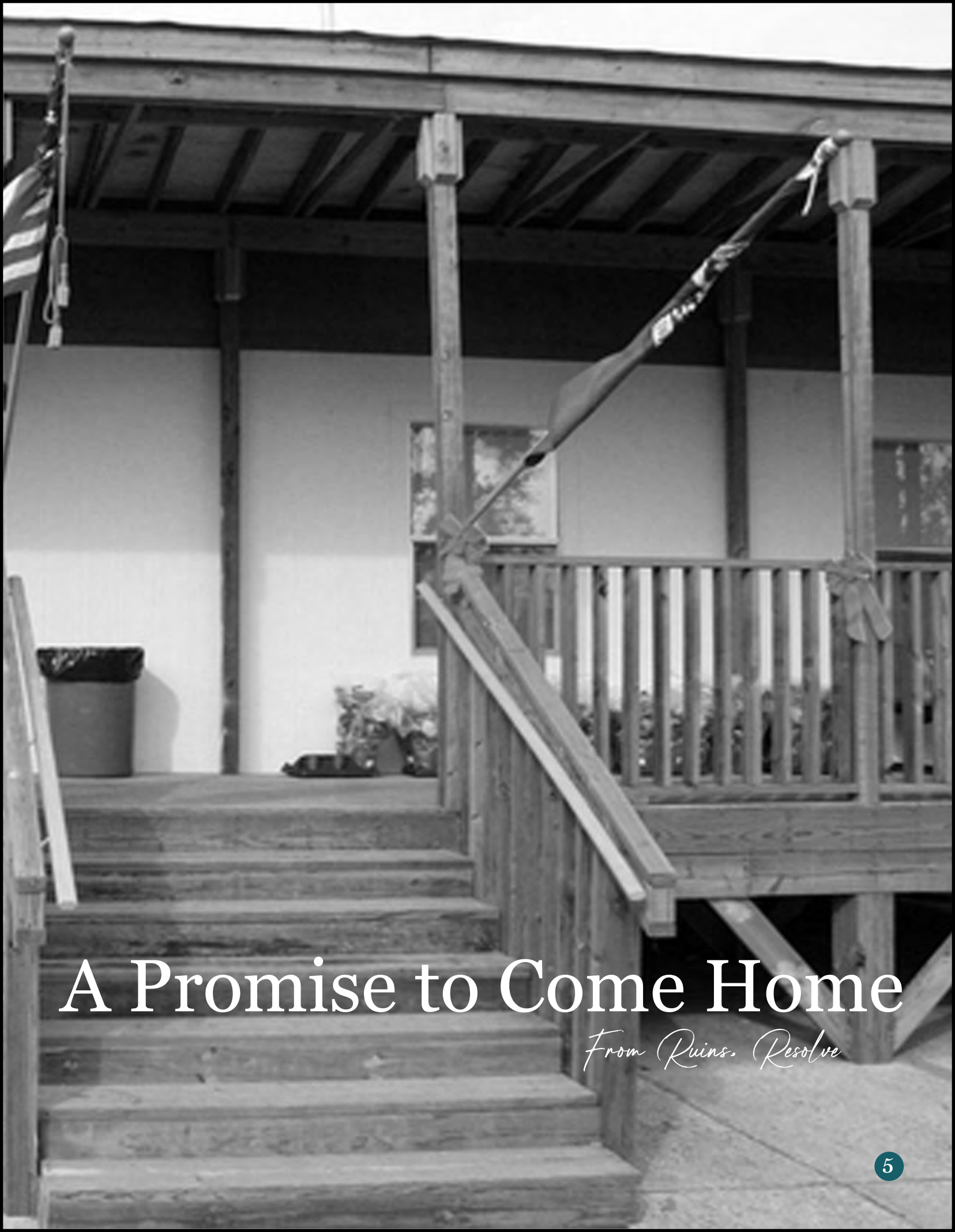


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School Board

Our 11 School Board members are elected to represent the values and views of our community, promote public education and collaborate with stakeholders in meeting the mission to provide quality instruction to our students in shaping them to become responsible, productive citizens and lifelong learners.


The St. Bernard
Unified School
Welcomes
Our Students HOME!



A Promise to Come Home

From Ruins, Resolve

As Hurricane Katrina barreled toward Southeast Louisiana in August 2005, the St. Bernard Parish Public School System, like the rest of the region, watched forecasts grow increasingly dire.
The school system, which used Chalmette High School as a shelter in times of crisis - spent Saturday and Sunday before the storm providing bus transport out of the parish in lieu of having citizens hunker down at the home of the Owls.

By Sunday however, as the storm made its final approach with so many still stranded, Chalmette High transformed into a shelter of last resort. Families and individuals from across the community were ushered into classrooms and hallways to ride out the storm. When the levees broke and the flood waters pushed inside of buildings across the parish, all those sheltered inside of Chalmette High fled to the second floor. Using the breezeway as a runway and the now iconic yellow chair as a step stool, school system leaders helped pull hundreds of survivors off boats and inside the building. By the time the water stopped rising, numbers had swelled. More than 1,200 people had taken refuge inside of Chalmette High.





Homes, schools, businesses - nearly every structure in St. Bernard Parish had been destroyed. The school system and surrounding community found itself submerged under the murky waters of the Mississippi.

Inside Chalmette High, conditions were less than ideal. Power failed. Running water stopped. Much of the food supply was lost on the first floor. In the absence of formal rescue, school staff and volunteers took charge - rationing canned goods, organizing sleeping areas, and providing care with what little remained. Peanut butter, crackers, and canned peaches sustained many for days.



At the center of this unfolding emergency was Superintendent Doris Voitier. Only in her second year leading the district, she was thrust into a catastrophe without precedent. A lifelong educator in St. Bernard Parish, she immediately began what would be some of the most critical and important work of her career: securing aid, locating displaced staff and students, and mapping a way forward in the wake of the devastation.

There was no guide for what came next. But the decisions made in those early hours - by everyday heroes - reflected the system's core values: care, courage, and a deep-rooted responsibility to serve the children and families of St. Bernard Parish.



In the aftermath of the historic storm, the St. Bernard Parish Public School System faced devastation at a scale few could have imagined. Every school building sustained catastrophic damage. Classrooms that once held laughter and learning were left in ruins - flooded, scattered, and silent.

Despite the destruction, a single question echoed throughout the community: *What now?* The School Board, administrators, and leadership understood that reopening the schools would be central to rebuilding the parish itself. Without functioning schools, families would not return. And without families, there would be no recovery. Together, they made the decision. *We will rebuild.*

School system administrators met with leadership across the community and state, wherever and however possible - to assess damages, communicate with displaced employees, and build a viable plan for reopening.



These early conversations were not abstract or theoretical. They were detailed, urgent, and driven by the reality that time was running out for many families deciding whether or not to return to St. Bernard.

Logistics were daunting. Insurance assessments and FEMA protocols moved slowly. Resources were scarce. What the school system needed was a bit of traction to get started, and it came from critical foresight days *before* the storm even made landfall. Employee and student data was transported offisite ahead of Katrina's landfall- an act of intuition that preserved the backbone of district operations. After the floodwaters receded, system leaders located a replacement mainframe and had it shipped into Baton Rouge, where the District set up at the Louisiana Department of Education. Against the odds, student and personnel records were recovered in full. This small miracle allowed the St. Bernard Parish Public School System to restore payroll and student information that were essential to operations - efforts that would have been impossible otherwise.

They had the possibility of students and staff, but what they didn't yet have was a place. A school. Somewhere to gather, to begin again. If they could build it, the rest would follow.





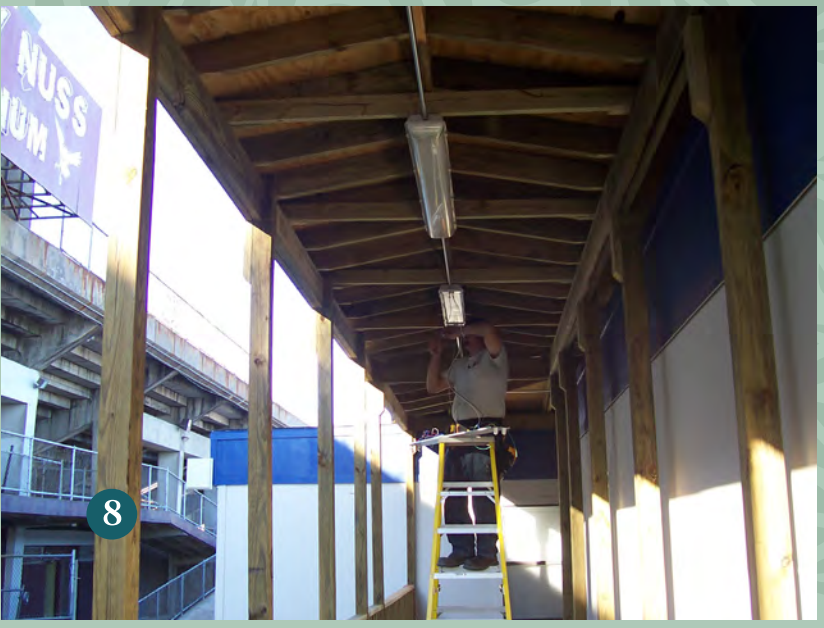
With student and staff records miraculously preserved, the St. Bernard Parish Public School System had its operational backbone—but no buildings in which to use it.

In the absence of restored facilities and with projections showing months, if not years, before traditional campuses could reopen, district leadership understood one thing clearly: families could not wait that long. Students needed a school now.

And yet, FEMA and other federal agencies were overwhelmed. Support would come, but not quickly enough to meet the urgency on the ground. The Superintendent made a bold, unprecedented decision: the school system itself would create a temporary school - constructed from trailers and located in the parking lot of Chalmette High School - designed to serve every grade level under one roof. It would be called the St. Bernard Unified School.

The Chalmette High Campus was chosen for its centrality, its access to a natural gas line, and potable water - critical elements for utility restoration.

It was the school system—not federal agencies—that located, purchased, and delivered the trailers used for classrooms and for housing its employees. Orders were placed, permits were secured, and crews were hired directly by district leaders. It was a 24-hour operation. They just needed an opening date.



While in Baton Rouge for a radio interview at the Louisiana Department of Education, the Superintendent was asked, “When are you opening?” She glanced at her planner and answered: “November 14.” By the time the interview ended, her phone lit up with staff asking: “We’re opening when?” Her answer never wavered: “That’s the date.” And so, the entire system rallied.

In those 11 weeks, every person connected to the school system became a builder. With the Unified School as the goal, administrators, staff, and volunteers cleaned and prepped anything they could, including exploring destroyed school buildings to recover any salvageable materials for instruction. Furniture, textbooks, manipulatives and equipment were gathered for children of all ages.



FEMA employees, inspired by the sheer will and coordination of the school system and local teams, rolled up their sleeves and pitched in to help during their off hours. Supplies trickled in from national partners, neighboring districts, and private donors. No contribution was too small. Desks, books, food, clothing - the Herculean effort taking place was drawing attention.

Behind the scenes, the complexity was staggering. Staff worked around the clock to register students, arrange transportation routes across ravaged roads, and install basic infrastructure to the temporary trailers set up on Chalmette High’s campus. Still, despite the limitations, spirits were high. Everyone knew something historic was taking shape.

On November 14, 2005, the Unified School opened its doors to 334 children, just 11 weeks after the entire community of St. Bernard Parish had been underwater. That morning, buses, four-wheelers, and cars pulled onto the campus of Chalmette High. Families emerged from temporary housing, FEMA trailers, and storm-ravaged homes. Some children were sleeping on foundations where houses had once stood. Others had spent the night sleeping in truck beds. It didn't matter. They were together. The moment was euphoric.

The first meal served was spaghetti and meatballs, prepared on a kitchen barge and served in a tent - near the school trailers - that doubled as the cafeteria. There was warmth, structure, and hope. Students embraced each other in tearful reunions. Children looked to peers, saying, "I thought you were dead." Teachers stepped back into roles that expanded far beyond instruction - serving as counselors, caretakers, and lifelines.

It wasn't normal. But it was real. And it was enough to begin again.













In the months that followed, the Unified School steadily grew—not just in numbers, but in spirit. Enrollment climbed as families across the country learned that the St. Bernard Parish Public School System was open and welcoming any and all. Some drove hours from temporary housing each day. Others returned to empty lots just to be near their child's school. Every face represented a family choosing to believe in the future.



Inside the trailers, instruction resumed, bonds re-formed, and new routines took shape. Educators - many of whom had lost their own homes - crafted lessons from salvaged materials. They laughed with students. They held space for grief. They taught through uncertainty.



Administrators expanded capacity, adjusted staffing, and pitched in wherever they were needed. Bus routes were mapped through debris. More support arrived. And in the midst of it all, a rhythm reemerged.

Education had returned to St. Bernard Parish, in function and in spirit. And with every new student who walked through those doors, the heartbeat of the parish grew stronger.











The Unified School welcomed children from anywhere - any neighborhood, any background. Students from 27 different schools gathered in one place. The instructional day was extended to give parents time to manage the chaos of their lives. And still, more students came. Enrollment leapt from 334 to over 600 in just a few weeks.



A pattern was emerging- the Unified School was outgrowing its space. The administration pivoted immediately, launching the next phase of recovery. With the Unified School up and running, it was time for the next step.

Andrew Jackson High School was chosen as the location to shift focus. The administration put out an emergency bid, and Gibbs Construction answered the call. The Superintendent told the team, "We need this done by August 2006. There is no Plan B" - and 72 days later, against all odds, the building was ready. While contractors worked around the clock, 14 additional trailers were placed on the Andrew Jackson property, and there were over 2000 Pre-k-6th grade students onsite.

FEMA began to take notice. This wasn't just recovery—it was innovation, and St. Bernard was establishing a much needed blueprint for what can and should happen with a school system in the wake of disaster. Superintendent Voitier would eventually go on to receive the Kennedy Profile In Courage Award for her decisive leadership, unwavering resolve, and extraordinary commitment to rebuilding public education in the face of catastrophe.









Even graduation looked different that year. An open invitation was issued: any senior who had attended school in St. Bernard Parish was welcome to graduate at home. Some had been displaced; others had finished the year at the St. Bernard Unified School. It didn't matter. The ceremony was a reunion - one final moment to stand with classmates who had shared so many years together, and now, a remarkable year apart.

Those in attendance were seniors from Chalmette High, Andrew Jackson, and St. Bernard High. Valedictorians and honor graduates were recognized. Students who came through the Unified School, no matter where they started, were also honored with a ceremony. Each cap and gown, each diploma, marked personal achievement and the return of something bigger.

Though never meant to be permanent, the Unified School left behind something lasting - something far greater than the trailers from which it was built. It gave shape to possibility. It proved that even in the face of unimaginable loss, learning could continue and community could endure.

In the years since, the St. Bernard Parish Public School System has grown into a thriving network of opportunity and collaboration. What stands today is a testament to the efforts of many, but most notably a determined few who looked out upon the wreckage left in the wake of Hurricane Katrina and refused to let the story end there. Individuals who believed, even then, that from the humblest of beginnings, something extraordinary could rise.

Enrollment grew from 334 in November to over 2,300 by the end of the school year.










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Centers of Innovation

12 Schools. One Vision

As families returned to St. Bernard Parish following Hurricane Katrina, the school system worked quickly to meet the growing and diverse needs of its students. The opening of the St. Bernard Unified School had been a critical first step - but it was just the first of many. A foundation.

In the two decades since that first critical step, the St. Bernard Parish Public School System has continued to expand upon that foundation.

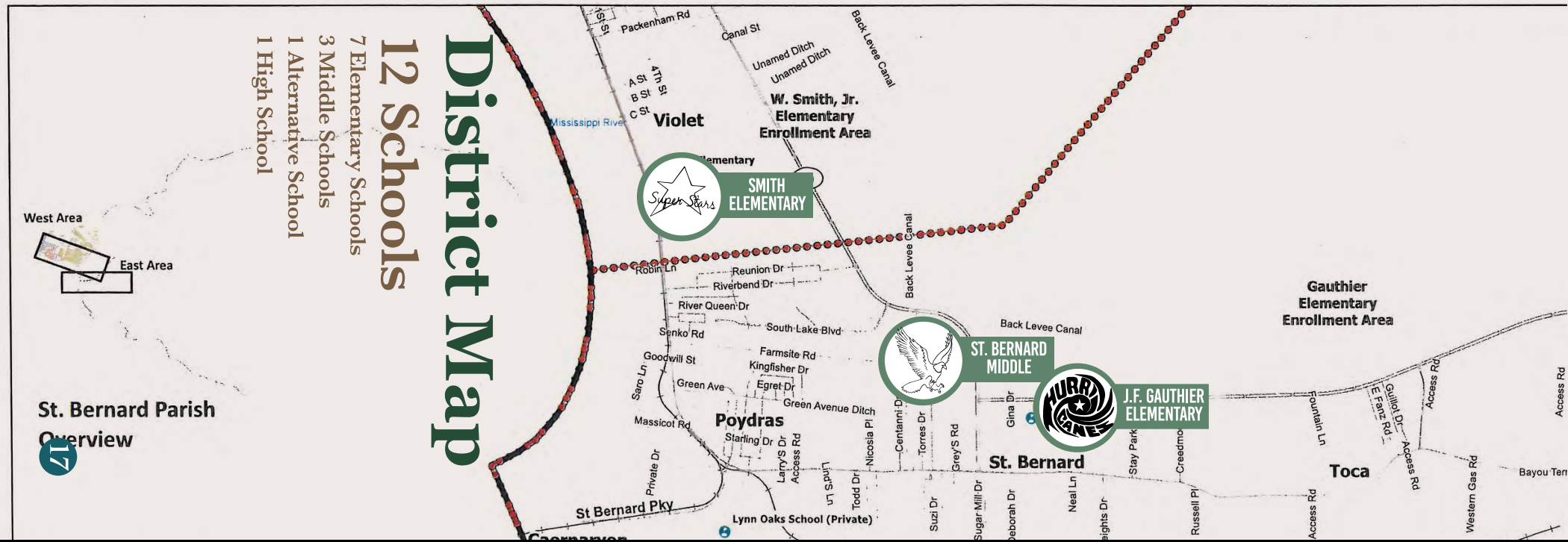
Today, students begin their educational journey within our school system with our universal, no-cost Pre-K program, which is available at every elementary school in the district. This early educational program provides equitable access and high-quality instruction to hundreds of children each year. These classrooms nurture curiosity, build early literacy and numeracy skills, and prepare students for the routine of school.

These early learners go on to continue their growth in our 12 premier schools—seven elementary schools, three middle schools, one alternative school, and one high school—each designed to support students at every stage of their individual academic paths.

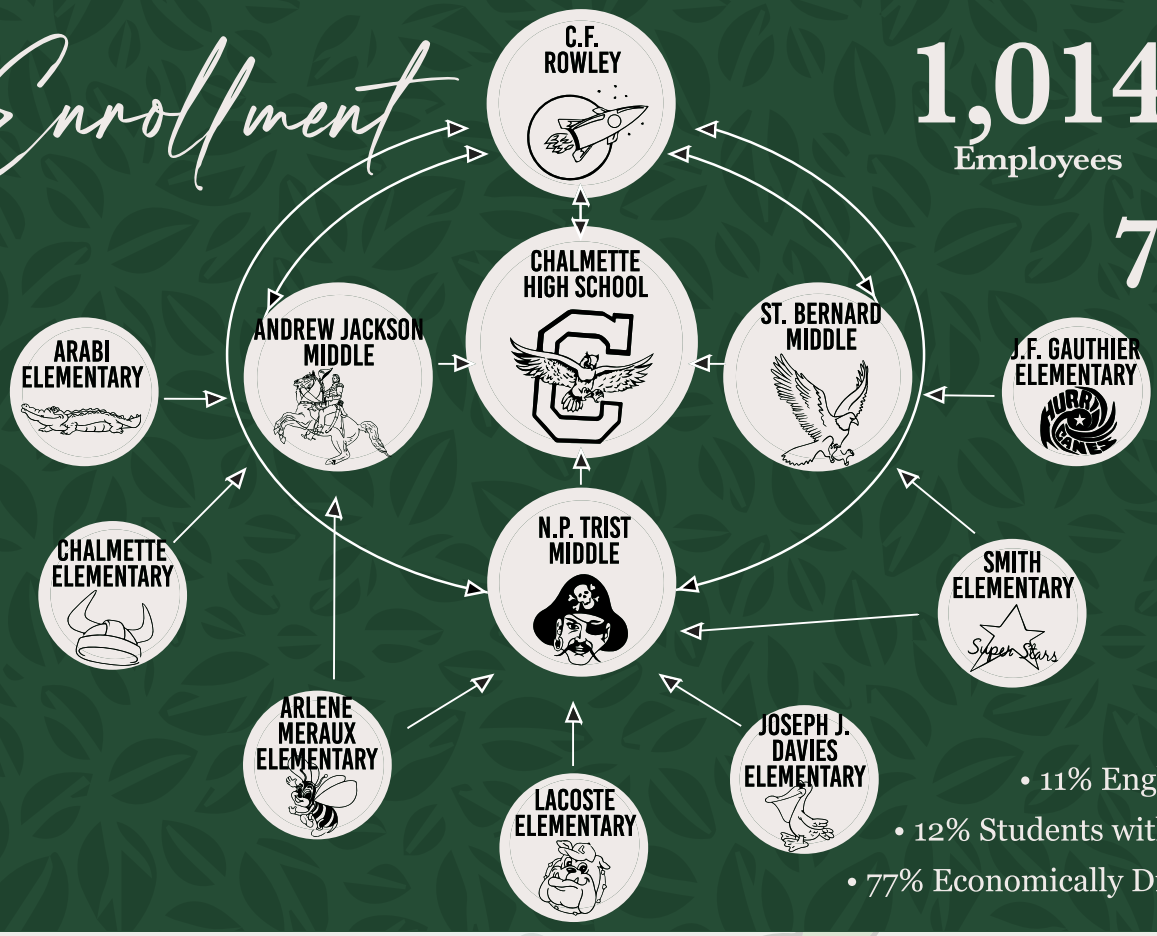
Spaces that Inspire




Meraux Elementary Enrollment Area
ARLENE MERAUX ELEMENTARY
Arabi Elementary Enrollment Area
ARABI ELEMENTARY
CHALMETTE ELEMENTARY
ANDREW JACKSON MIDDLE
C.F. ROWLEY ALTERNATIVE
LACOSTE ELEMENTARY
CHALMETTE HIGH SCHOOL
Joseph Davies Elementary Enrollment Area
JOSEPH J. DAVIES ELEMENTARY
N.P. TRIST MIDDLE
W. Smith, Jr. Elementary Enrollment Are
Nunez Community College
Our Lady of Prompt Succor Sch
Central Office
Andrew Jackson Middle Boundary
Trist Middle Boundary
E St Bernard Hwy
E Chalmette Back Levee Rd
W Chalmette Back Levee Rd
Meraux
Violet
Mississippi River
St. Bernard Parish (West Area)


District Map
12 Schools
7 Elementary Schools
3 Middle Schools
1 Alternative School
1 High School
West Area
East Area
St. Bernard Parish Overview
17
SMITH ELEMENTARY
W. Smith, Jr. Elementary Enrollment Area
Violet
ST. BERNARD MIDDLE
J.F. GAUTHIER ELEMENTARY
Gauthier Elementary Enrollment Area
Poydras
St. Bernard
Toca
Lynn Oaks School (Private)
Back Levee Canal
Mississippi River

Enrollment



1,014
Employees

7,500+
Students

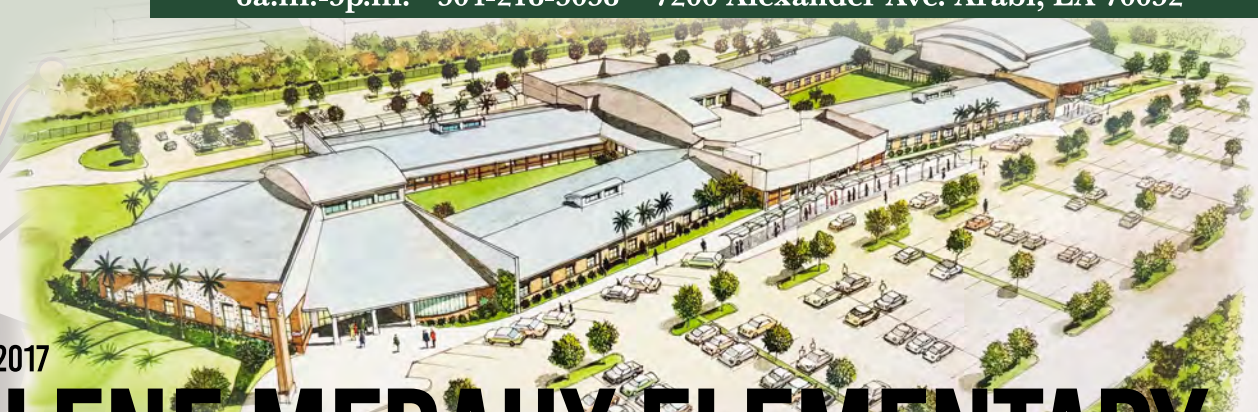
- 11% English Learners
- 12% Students with Disabilities
- 77% Economically Disadvantaged



OPENED 2010

ARABI ELEMENTARY

8a.m.-3p.m. • 504-218-5058 • 7200 Alexander Ave. Arabi, LA 70032



OPENED 2017

ARLENE MERAUX ELEMENTARY

8:40a.m.-3:40 p.m. • 504-556-0900 • 4004 Paris Rd. Chalmette, LA 70043



OPENED 2010

CHALMETTE ELEMENTARY

8:40-3:40 p.m.• 504-304-0370 • 75 E Chalmette Cir. Chalmette, LA 70043



NEW LOCATION OPENED 2011

J.F. GAUTHIER ELEMENTARY

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. • 504-272-0700 • 1200 LA-46. St Bernard, LA 70085



OPENED 2008

JOSEPH DAVIES ELEMENTARY

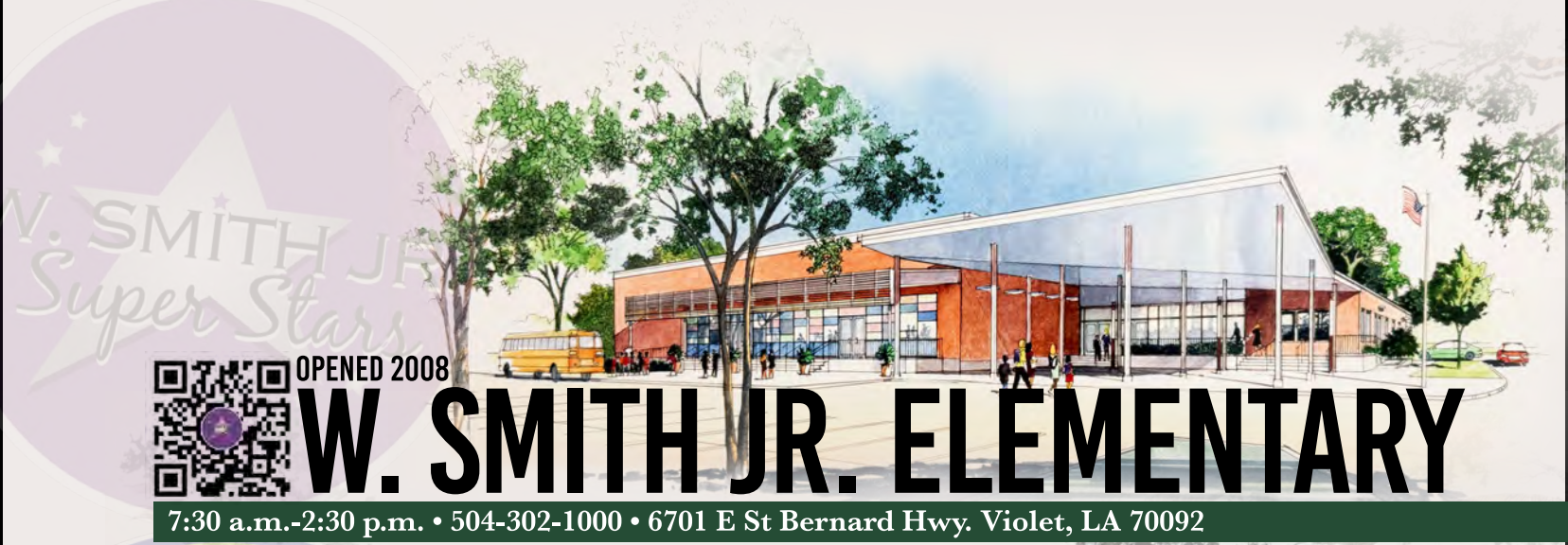
8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. • 504-267-7890 • 4101 Mistrot St. Meraux, LA 70075



OPENED 2012

LACOSTE ELEMENTARY

8:40 a.m.-3:40 p.m. • 504-304-5747 • 1625 Missouri St. Chalmette, LA 70043



OPENED 2008

W. SMITH JR. ELEMENTARY

7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. • 504-302-1000 • 6701 E St Bernard Hwy. Violet, LA 70092



OPENED 2006

ANDREW JACKSON MIDDLE

8 a.m.-3 p.m. • 504-301-1500 • 201 8th St. Chalmette, LA 70043



OPENED 2007

N.P. TRIST MIDDLE

8 a.m.-3 p.m. • 504-872-9402 • 1 Pirates Cove. Meraux, LA 70075



OPENED 2008

ST. BERNARD MIDDLE

8a.m.-3p.m. • 504-267-7878 • 2601 Torres Dr. St Bernard, LA 70085



OPENED 2007

C.F. ROWLEY ALTERNATIVE

7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. • 504-301-4001 • 49 Madison Ave. Chalmette, LA 70043



OPENED 2005

CHALMETTE HIGH SCHOOL

Main Campus • 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. • 504-301-2600 • 1100 E Judge Perez Dr. Chalmette, LA 70043



OPENED 2011

CHS CULTURAL ARTS CENTER

9th Grade Academy • 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. • 504-272-0300 • 1100 E Judge Perez Dr. Chalmette, LA 70043



OPENED 2015

MAUMUS CENTER

8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. • 504-301-0239 • 721 Friscoville Ave. Arabi, LA 70032

Behind every student, a system that grows with them.

In the days following Hurricane Katrina, the St. Bernard Parish Public School System operated with a small but determined team—just enough people to begin the work of reimagining what the district could be. Today, that dedicated team has grown into a network of more than 1,000 employees, each one playing a vital role in supporting student success and strengthening the district from the inside out.

Professional development is key to this ongoing progress. Through district-wide training and individualized support, our Staff Development team equips teachers with tools to grow in their craft and adapt to evolving educational best practices.







One such effort—TEACH St. Bernard—provides an alternative pathway for aspiring educators, combining hands-on experience with mentorship and certification support. This program, along with a network of teacher residency partners, ensures a steady pipeline of passionate, prepared professionals for our classrooms.

Technology has also become a pillar of the modern learning environment. With more than 15,000 computing devices in use and a Chromebook for every student, the district's Technology Department ensures safe, functional, and forward-thinking digital spaces for students and staff alike. Cybersecurity, infrastructure, and daily support are all managed to keep learning ongoing.

Equally critical to the foundation of our school system are the departments that work behind the scenes—Human Resources, Maintenance, Transportation, and Business & Finance. These teams handle everything from hiring, to budgeting, to making sure students get to school safely each day. Our Business Office has been recognized for over 30 consecutive years for excellence in financial reporting, a testament to its transparency, planning, and stewardship.

Together, these departments form a support system as strong as the students and schools they serve—a living example of how far we've come.















The St. Bernard Parish Public School System has always held a deep commitment to meeting children where they are and providing the tools they need to thrive. From the earliest days after Hurricane Katrina, even amidst great uncertainty, that mission never wavered. As our school community stabilized and buildings came back online, we were able to fine-tune and expand essential services that support academics, as well as health, safety, and overall well-being of our students.

The School-Based Health Center at Chalmette High School represents one of the most impactful expansions of that vision. Staffed by a full team of medical and mental health professionals - including nurse practitioners, counselors, and social workers—the center offers accessible health services on campus. It is funded in partnership with the Methodist Health System Foundation and Louisiana's Office of Public Health and reflects our deep commitment to the well-being of every student.

Mental health services extend beyond CHS. The MHSF and LSU Medical School partnered with C.F. Rowley Alternative School to provide intensive, one-on-one therapy for our most at-risk students. Licensed counselors help students navigate challenges and transition successfully back to traditional school settings.









Across all schools, our counseling services foster emotional resilience and support students in managing their mental health. This holistic approach is strengthened by our Child Welfare and Attendance program, which works directly with families to remove barriers to education and improve attendance.

Nutrition and Food Services supports student health and learning by serving balanced meals, aligned with USDA guidelines through the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs. These meals fuel students for success.

Student Services and School Resource Officers complete the circle of care—creating secure, nurturing environments where students can truly thrive.

From health and safety to emotional well-being, we are committed to caring for the whole child - because when students thrive, our community thrives









The St. Bernard Parish Public School System has continuously grown, shifted, and adapted—always with a focus on offering the very best to our learners. Our academic programs are built on a strong foundation of rigorous curriculum, responsive instruction, and a belief that every child can succeed.

The Curriculum and Instruction Department leads this work, ensuring that all classroom teaching aligns with state standards and equips students for success on assessments like LEAP. Across all grade levels, literacy and mathematics remain core priorities. Students engage with tools like Lexia and i-Ready to build foundational skills, while teachers use performance data to tailor support. In science and social studies, hands-on exploration and critical thinking help students make sense of the world around them.

Cultural arts—including visual art, music, and physical education—are integrated into the school day to develop creativity, expression, and wellness. These classes are more than enrichment; they are essential parts of a well-rounded education.



















Our commitment to special education and support services underscores our dedication to inclusivity, providing personalized resources for students with diverse learning needs through individualized education plans (IEPs).

We serve over 1000 exceptional students each year. Our programs include talented art, talented music, speech therapy, occupational therapy, social work services, counseling services, psychological services, adapted physical education, orientation and mobility, braille, assistive technology services, educational services, gifted education, and transportation services.

At Chalmette High School, career and technical education (CTE) programs prepare students for high-demand careers in fields like healthcare, childcare, and skilled trades. Dual Enrollment opportunities, including academic and technical pathways, allow students to earn college credits and industry credentials before graduation. There are currently 654 Chalmette High students enrolled in these programs.

From early learning to graduation, our instructional programs are designed to challenge, support, and inspire—helping every student discover their strengths and build a strong future.







Strong Roots, Bright Futures

Celebrating Successes and Looking Ahead

Every year, the St. Bernard Parish Public School System experiences a remarkable journey of achievement, showcasing the exceptional talents and dedication of our students and staff. As a small district, we have consistently proven that we can shine on the big stage at local, state, regional, and even national levels. The trophies, scholarships, ribbons, certifications, and awards collected throughout the year are not just accolades; they symbolize the hard work and perseverance of everyone involved in our educational community.

Our students have distinguished themselves through various prestigious programs, such as the Posse Foundation and National Merit Scholarships, which have opened doors to some of the finest institutions in the country. The Meraux Scholars program continues to foster academic excellence and leadership among our youth, and our myriad of Chalmette High scholarships highlights the numerous opportunities available for our graduates to further their education.



QuestBridge Scholarship

Norman Morales, Kimberly Quintanilla, and Kristion Thomas were named as winners of the QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship, a program that connects high-achieving high school seniors with full four-year scholarships to some of the nation's most prestigious universities.

Norman now attends Yale University in Connecticut to study ethics, politics, and economics as part of his pre-law track. Kimberly was accepted into Dartmouth University in New Hampshire where she is studying anthropology as part of her pre-med pursuits. Kristion, also in pursuit of a medical degree, is majoring in biology at the College of the Holy Cross in Massachusetts.

Meraux Scholars



The recipients of the annual Meraux Scholars program represent an array of talent and academic prowess. The charity awards 60 scholarships each year: 50 for academic achievement, four for artistic accomplishment, and six for Career Technical Education (CTE).



CHS Class of 2025 Valedictorians



2025 Posse Scholars were Trey Meyers and Adison Tregle. Both attend Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) in Ohio. Trey is pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering, while Adison majors in biology in pursuit of a medical degree. Chalmette High has had Posse Scholars every year for over a decade.





American Legion Award Trey Meyers





Chalmette High's ProStart Management Team won 1st Place at the National Prostart Invitational

7 graduates from the Class of 2025 also earned an Associate Degree:

Shalom Alexander *Associate of Applied Science, Aerospace Manufacturing*

Claire LeBoeuf *Associate of Applied Science, Aerospace Manufacturing*

Nereda Richard *Associate of Applied Science, Aerospace Manufacturing*

Sara Braniff *Associate of Science, Teaching 1-5*

Randi Lynn Rhoden *Associate of Science, Teaching 1-5*

Macy Robinson *Associate of Arts, Louisiana Transfer Degree – Humanities*

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To date, the Meraux Foundation has awarded over 1,000 scholarships to St. Bernard Parish public high school graduates, valued at over $4 million.

The Chalmette High School Class of 2025 earned over $21M in scholarships, more than any other graduating class in the school's history

- High Flying Owls Award
- Business and Professional Women's Club Scholarship
- Lauren Saubat Memorial Student Council Award
- Rotary Club of St. Bernard Service Scholarship
- DAR Award
- Trudy Foret Science Award
- Candy Zeairs Mathematics Award
- David Senez Jr. Foundation Scholarship
- St. Bernard Retired Teachers' Scholarship
- Sterling Joseph "Joey" Cardone III Scholarship
- Jacqueline & Lynn Dean Scholarship
- John Richard Bienvenu Key Club Service Scholarship
- Gulf Coast Bank Key Club Scholarship
- Ethel Pourciau/SBH Memorial Scholarship
- Distinguished Athlete Award
- Scholastic Excellence Award
- LRAEF Prostart Invitational
- Bert Coulon Memorial Scholarship
- St. Bernard School Board Employees Federal Credit Union
- St. Bernard School Board Members' Scholarship
- Joseph Accardo Scholarship
- Betty Polk Moody Award
- CHS Faculty Award
- Voices Foundation Performance Award Scholarship
- CHS Alumni Association Award
- Firefighters Association Award
- MWM Award
- Golden Owl Award
- St. Bernard Chapter of the Louisiana Volunteers for Family and Community
- Spirit of St. Bernard Foundation Scholarship
- Joseph Davies Scholarship
- Spirit of St. Bernard Foundation Glenn Borne Key Club Leadership Scholarship
- Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence
- Al Waller Memorial Award
- Dufrene Building Scholarship
- Helen and Martin J. Campo, Jr. Scholarship
- Blood Drive Scholarship

Recognition Programs

- Arabi Elementary | Jesse Malone
- Arlene Meraux Elementary | Alydia Hemstreet-Moss
- Chalmette Elementary | Parker Casbon
- J. F. Gauthier Elementary School | Jolie Duhe
- Joseph Davies Elementary | Aubri Fernandez
- Lacoste Elementary | Dominick Shreve
- W. Smith, Jr. Elementary | Laci Banks
- Andrew Jackson Middle | Lily Lozes
- N. P. Trist Middle | Ramy Dali
- St. Bernard Middle | Briget Raimundo
- Chalmette High | Trey Meyers





- Arabi Elementary | Amanda Falgout
- Arlene Meraux Elementary | Justin Reed
- Chalmette Elementary| Jodie Georgusis
- J. F. Gauthier Elementary | Jennifer McCloskey
- Joseph J. Davies Elementary | Caroline Miller
- Lacoste Elementary | Candice Perez
- W. Smith Jr. Elementary | Kiyuntia Caffrey
- Andrew Jackson Middle | Aleshia Riley
- N. P. Trist Middle | Gabrielle Smith
- St. Bernard Middle | Lesley Campo
- Chalmette High | Monica Hentze
- C.F. Rowley Alternative | Jawyan Banks



Trey Meyers and Ramy Dali were honored as State Finalists for Student of the Year, while Caroline Miller was honored as a state Semi-Finalist for Teacher of the Year.







Kiwanis Terrific Teacher Program





Christina McCarta
Distinguished Teacher



Monica Hentze
Chairman's Award

American Petroleum Institute Delta Chapter Awards



Louisiana Reading Association - St. Bernard Chapter



At the State LRA Banquet, Tiffani Glapion was named State Principal of the Year, Sara Felt was awarded the State Media Award, and Marcey Fradella received the LRA Literacy Grant

St. Bernard Parish was also recognized as an LRA Honor Council, a distinction given to chapters that exemplify excellence in promoting reading and literacy through local initiatives and community engagement.



Arlene Meraux's teacher Paige Tortorich won the Kidd Kraddick Morning Show's Classroom Giveback , useing the funds to buy 35 life jackets for the district's 2nd Grade Swim Program—earning the gratitude of her students and Coach Millie Soroe, and a surprise vacation getaway from the show.





Michael Scallan, Millicent Soroe, and Deborah Gaudet were honored at the Commitment to Community Banquet for 50 years of service in the school system



The Swim Program is offered to all 2nd graders in the District at Chalmette High's Natatorium





Wayne Warner was honored with the Humanitarian Award at thie year's St. Bernard Sports Hall of Fame Banquet for his years of service, compassion, and commitment to making the world a better place.



St. Bernard Parish celebrated two major honors at the Louisiana School Board Association's annual convention, with School Board President Katherine Karcher Lemoine being sworn in as LSBA President and Chalmette High School's Owl Watch News Team winning first place in the statewide student video contest.









Academic Games

St. Bernard Parish's Academic Games teams had a strong showing at the national tournament in Arlington, Virginia, with students earning multiple top finishes across divisions—including Jack McMullin, who was named National Champion in Propaganda.







Students from St. Bernard Parish Public Schools earned national honors at the 2025 National Beta Convention, with Chalmette High's Jenna Jamhour placing 8th in Digital Art, N. P. Trist Middle earning 2nd in Reimagine, Recreate, Recycle, and Lacoste Elementary placing 2nd in Quiz Bowl. Trist students also took home 3rd in Robotics, 8th in 7th Grade Math, 9th in Convention Invention, and had a Premiere Performer selection. Lacoste students earned additional awards including 3rd in Meeting of the Minds, 4th in Convention Invention, 6th in Onsite Cake Decorating, 8th in Reimagine, Recreate, Recycle, and 10th in both Musicology and Health & P.E.





Joe Davies Student Athletes secured first place in the Elementary Fitness Meet for the Third Consecutive Year

Football

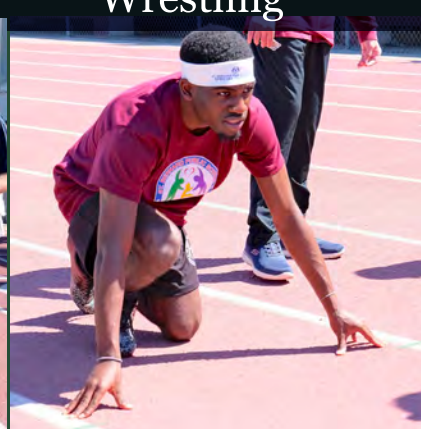
Our school district continues to invest in athletics at every level, using our outstanding facilities and dedicated coaching staff to support student-athletes across a wide range of sports. Recent highlights include Chalmette High Football advancing to the state quarterfinals for the first time since 1968, the district once again hosting its beloved annual Special Olympics event celebrating inclusion and student achievement, and junior Jenelle Rotunda making history by winning a state title in Louisiana's inaugural girls' wrestling division.



Wrestling







Special Olympics













The St. Bernard Parish School System offers students meaningful enrichment opportunities beyond the classroom. This summer, students engaged in hands-on learning through the STEAM Camp at the Maumus Center. At the Cultural Arts Center, the Summer Enrichment Program provided instruction in visual art, instrumental music, chorus, and keyboards. Many participants also joined the ensemble cast of the Performing Arts Academy's production of Newsies. The district also hosted several community events, including the Lion's Club Nutcracker Tea with performances by students and staff, holiday activities, and seasonal planetarium shows. The Autism Awareness Krewe also hosted another fun-filled summer camp, and a highlight at the CCAC this spring was Guest of the Nation, a national touring program commemorating the Marquis de Lafayette's return to America, presented to all 8th graders and high school seniors.







Key Club



Terrific Kids/Teens

Community Partners

As our school system has rebuilt and grown stronger over the years, so too has the steady support of our community partners. The heart of our work has always been in serving the children and families of St. Bernard Parish, and we are proud to collaborate with local businesses, organizations, and volunteers who share in that commitment. Whether through event sponsorships, donations, educational programming, summer camps, internships, or hands-on support, these partnerships help extend the reach of our mission. These contributions—large and small—have helped enrich the student experience. We look forward to the continued impact we can make together.



Islenos Field Trips



K-Kids





Goat in the Road

















St. Bernard Chamber of Commerce

The Meraux Foundation

Familes in Need of Services

Nunez Community College

St. Bernard Parish Hospital Managed by Ochsner

Valero

St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's Department

Methodist Health System Foundation

Voices Foundation

Chalmette Refining

Metropolitan Human Services District

St. Bernard Parish Fire Department

St. Bernard Parish Government

Los Isleños Heritage & Cultural Society

St. Bernard Volunteers for Family and Community

St. Bernard Tourist Commission

St. Bernard Parish Government - Office of Tourism

Kiwanis

Lions Club

PJs Coffee

St. Bernard Economic Development Foundation

Community Center of St. Bernard

St. Bernard Autism Awareness Krewe

Rotary Club

Domino Sugar

New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation

Knights of Columbus

Old Arabi Neighborhood Association

United Way



Closing

What began in 2005 with the opening of the Unified School was more than just the opening of a building—it was a symbol of hope in the face of devastation, a declaration that life and learning would return to St. Bernard Parish. Today, our school system stands as the fulfillment of that vision—a thriving network of opportunity, guided by the unwavering belief that every child holds the power to shape the future. We are proud of how far we've come and grateful for all who have walked this path with us. Our story is still unfolding, and its next chapter is being written by the students who pass through our halls - thinkers, dreamers, doers, and leaders in the making. Together, we will keep pushing forward. Keep dreaming boldly. Because from small beginnings, great things grow. And here in the St. Bernard Parish Public School System, we believe the future isn't just something we prepare for—it's something we create.







Home is
where the
children are