

MONTHLY MUSTANG

SUMMER 2026

Families,

As we enjoy the summer break, please take the time to enjoy these days with your children, recognizing the growth your child has made! Our community is changing with MANY new staff members! We are working together to prepare for the amazing year ahead, Mustangs!

GROWTH is our GOAL!

Our mission is to support individual growth as well as develop our class and our school community.

With growth comes change and we are excited to welcome NEW staff members and adjust to changes in staff positions as well! Together, we will work to support students within OUR outstanding school community, employing various instructional strategies that will engage students, addressing academic needs and social and emotional learning. As your child's "first teacher," we appreciate the relationship we have with our families, inviting you to be a PARTNER in the education of your child. School & Home will support one another to create the conditions for ALL TO SUCCEED!

PBIS: Positive Behavior Intervention & Support -Establishing Expectations

Our school community is built on initiating & maintaining positive relationships. The "Mighty Mustang Way" encourages students to be acknowledged and rewarded for maintaining our school expectations (Be Positive, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, Be a Problem Solver.) If possible, take time to talk to your child about the positive relationships already established and what NEW relationship opportunities we will have this year! ALL MUSTANGS will receive a new PBIS shirt worn on the first Wednesday of each month!

Communication

Our school office will Reopens in mid-July. You are invited to communicate any needs, using the jpschools.org email addresses, understanding that your email may not have an immediate response.

Examples:

lisa.babin@jpschools.org

kathleen.kluchin@jpschools.org

MUSTANG MEET & GREET

Thursday August 6th

3:30 pm- 5:00 PM

Mustang Families!

Please make plans to join us to start this year!

Families will visit classes, meet staff members, gather tasks to complete and learn more about the upcoming school year.

Any ordered supplies will be available.

Information will be available for bus transportation, updated handbooks, afterschool events & MANY ways to support our school!

"Informational Stations" will be in the cafeteria and everyone is encouraged to take the time to learn more about Mustang Men's Club, our Gala Group, Grandparents, Metairie Academy Co-Op and MANY other opportunities & activities.

IMPORTANT DATES

August 6- Mustang Meet & Greet 3:30-5:00 PM

August 7 - First day of school for grades 1-5

August 13 or 14 - PreK & Kindergarten Student Orientation. PreK Students @ 7:45 AM/
Kindergarten Students @ 8:00 AM

August 13 or 14 - Listen and Learn for New Families @ 8:30 AM

August 17 - First day for PreK & Kindergarten

August 18 - Parent Orientation @ 5:00 PM

August 19 - School ID & Pictures in school uniforms

August 27 - August Birthday Lunch - We respectfully request that ONE adult is invited to join your child @ lunch.

GRADES 1ST - 5TH: FIRST DAY-FRIDAY AUGUST 7TH

Students in grades 1st-5th will arrive through the carpool line (see directions provided) supervised by teachers beginning at 6:50 a.m. and ending at 7:20 a.m. Students must be dropped in carpool line and enter the building through the gate on Lake Avenue.

We ask that students know how they will be dismissed BEFORE reporting to school and the dismissal procedure does not change throughout the day.

Dismissal will begin at 2:10 p.m. and follow the detailed arrival & dismissal information which is provided on the pages following.



PREK & K ORIENTATION DAYS AUGUST 13 & 14TH

On Thursday August 13 & Friday August 14, PreK & K students will be welcomed to Student Orientation using the following guidelines:

- Our carpool line will occupy Lake Avenue until 7:20 am. It is best for you to delay your arrival to campus until after the carpool line has ended.
- PreK & K students will SELECT (sign up in classroom on Thursday Aug 6) to attend ONE day with an adult on August 13th OR August 14th. ALL students will attend on Monday August 17th.
- PreK students should arrive to campus at 7:45 am. You may park on a side street and escort your child to the breezeway on Lake Avenue. Staff members will be present to direct you to class.
- Kindergarten students should arrive to campus at 8:00 am. You may park on a side street and walk your child to the breezeway on Lake Avenue. Staff members will be present to direct you to class.
- Teachers will have welcoming activities and parents can experience the classroom environment with their little one!
- Co-Op Representatives invite you to join them in the cafeteria during your visit to campus and learn more!
- *When parking in our neighborhood, please be mindful of the NEIGHBORS who live near our school. It is important to park your car legally and respectfully, staying aware of grass and driveways.

Thank you for your support!

LISTEN & LEARN : INFORMATION FOR ALL NEW FAMILIES! JOIN US!

On August 13 & 14, join us in the cafeteria for an informal introduction into our community! Come and meet with other parents, including Co-Op representatives, in the cafeteria. ANY families in ANY grade level are welcome to visit on either morning at 8:30 am.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

We are expecting MANY (new & old) afterschool activities to begin soon. These will offer numerous opportunities for student enrichment AND remediation. Please look out for **more** information about these events.

ALERT: ALL STUDENTS WHO CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITY MUST BE REGISTERED FOR AFTERCARE.

Arrival & Dismissal

We are committed to maintain a campus that provides a safe, positive, responsible, and respectful learning environment for students. In order to provide the safest arrival and dismissal, please adhere to the procedures for arriving to school as well as departure from our campus.

***It is expected that afterschool care registration is completed FOR ALL STUDENTS.**



Our AM carpool line is supervised by teachers beginning at 6:50 a.m. and ending at 7:20 a.m. Students may not be dropped off prior to 6:50 a.m. when duty teachers are present. Students must be dropped in carpool line and enter the building through the gate on Lake Avenue. Vehicles should not park or be left unattended in the line during carpool, 6:50 a.m. to 7:20 a.m.

When the bell rings at 7:20 a.m., any students arriving will need to be walked to the office, accompanied by a parent, in order to check in and receive a tardy ticket, indicating the instructional minutes missed. **There will be NO TEACHERS on duty after the 7:20 a.m. bell.**

We ask that students know how they will be dismissed BEFORE reporting to school and the dismissal procedure does not change throughout the day.

In the afternoon, student dismissal will begin at 2:10 p.m. students will be directed to the cars utilizing provided carpool signs, displaying student name, which should be displayed clearly from the rearview mirror. The sign should remain until the child is inside the car. **If there is no sign, your child will not be called.** Pull ahead as soon as your child is safely in the vehicle. If you “cut” the line, your child will not be called until the line has ended.

Cell Phone Usage: According to Louisiana state law, while driving through a school zone, it is unlawful to use your cell phone or mobile device EXCEPT for an emergency.



AFTERCARE-RESPECTFUL ADJUSTMENTS

At this time, we EXPECT to continue the aftercare services, contingent on our necessary staffing. ALL weekly fees must be made in a timely manner (No later than MONDAY morning) in order to utilize the aftercare services. Overdue accounts WILL result in a late fee (Monday at 2:15 pm) and MAY result in NO aftercare services for your child.

Thank you for respecting the community program & please note that we will not have aftercare on the **FINAL FRIDAY** of each month and on special event days in our community.

UNIFORM INFORMATION!

Our uniform policy HAS been adjusted. Please refer to the guidelines below.

Students can make the following adjustments to uniforms:

*Every Friday= Spirit Shirt or ANY school T-shirt with uniform bottom

*PBIS Grey T-shirt- 1st Wednesday of every month.

****UPDATE**** Please note the bookbag requirements (grade 4 & 5) as well as specifications for **LACES** (shoes) & **LENGTH** (shorts, skirts, dresses, skorts, etc.) in addition to belts (grades 2-3-4-5)!

Uniform Requirements

Metairie Academy for Advanced Studies **2026-2027**

Grades 1-5

- Purple polo dress with Metairie Academy Logo (Shorts underneath)
- Purple polo or T-shirt with Metairie Academy logo and:
- Khaki uniform long pants, shorts, skort, or skirt (shorts underneath)

Pre-K and Kindergarten

- Purple polo dress with Metairie Academy Logo (Shorts underneath)
- Purple polo or T-shirt with Metairie Academy logo and:
- Khaki uniform long pants, shorts, skort, or skirt (shorts underneath)

Bag Policy Update:

Students in grades 4-12 must use only clear, see-through backpacks or tote bags. Mesh bags are no longer permitted. Clear bags are required to be transparent with no tint, iridescent or color and without frost. Bags must be stadium compliant. Small, non-clear cosmetic bags may be carried inside clear backpacks.

NO BOOKBAGS WITH WHEELS ARE PERMITTED IN ANY GRADE.

- Belts are to be worn with pants and shorts (grades 2-5). Belt colors are solid black, brown, navy, or khaki and may be made of elastic, webbing, or leather.
 - White crew socks that cover the ankle, with no print or design – no ankle socks
 - Athletic shoes (appropriate for PE) in any color must be worn. **NO LIGHTS OR WHEELS.** Velcro shoes are to be worn by Pre-K students as well as students who have not learned to tie laces.
- Students in grades 2-5 **MUST** have shoes with laces in order to address safety concerns.

*****The dress code has been updated to provide a clear standard.**

Skirts, dresses, and skorts must extend to no more than two (2) inches above the knee when standing upright.

- Navy crewneck sweatshirt with school logo – no hoods.
- Girls may wear white, black, or navy opaque tights (no prints or designs).
- Navy cardigan sweaters
- No earrings that dangle
- No make-up
- Hats and sunglasses for outdoor use only.
- Uniforms are available at many vendors including Skobel's, Land's End and Kajan Uniforms. Be certain that you are buying uniform quality clothing.

During cold weather, students may wear a solid long-sleeved navy or white shirt underneath the uniform shirt. There is no uniform requirement for coats and jackets that are not worn in the classrooms.

Please visit <http://www.jpschools.org/policies> for more information.

Uniform Swap!

Mustang families are invited to visit the uniform swap on Tuesday June 30th to find some “new-to-you” items for next year.



When: Tuesday June 30th

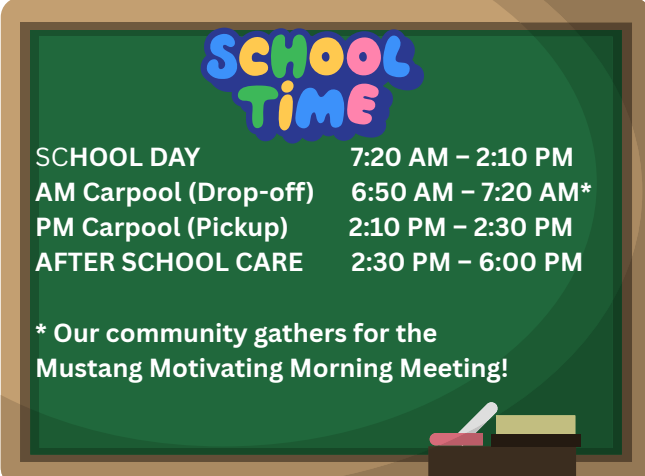
Time: 4PM-6PM

**Where: Metairie Baptist Church
208 Orion Ave., Metairie 70005**



JCAMPUS - DO NOW:

CHECK (& recheck) your child's JCampus information to confirm current email addresses, phone numbers, etc. We will review them in August & it is important that we have accurate information. Families are encouraged to confirm access to the parent portal as soon as possible. *New Mustang families WILL receive access SOON!



SCHOOL TIME	
SCHOOL DAY	7:20 AM – 2:10 PM
AM Carpool (Drop-off)	6:50 AM – 7:20 AM*
PM Carpool (Pickup)	2:10 PM – 2:30 PM
AFTER SCHOOL CARE	2:30 PM – 6:00 PM
* Our community gathers for the Mustang Motivating Morning Meeting!	



WATER BOTTLES

Our community respects the value of HYDRATION to maintain student wellbeing. ALL water bottles (no other beverage containers are allowed) must be CLEAR, made of a NON-METAL material and have a proper closure to ensure NO LEAKS. Glass or other breakable materials are NOT allowed.

Did you know we are on the socials?
Check out our school and family organizations below!

[Metairie Academy for Advanced Studies](#)



Our Mustang Family Organizations:

All of our organizations are made up of parent volunteers who share the same goal in improving the learning experience for our students.



The Metairie Academy Gala is focused on the organization and planning of the largest fundraiser for the school, the annual Gala. These funds are used to support various school needs, such as equipment, conferences, educational programs, and improvements in technology.

Our Mustang Men's Club uses their annual fundraiser, Fun Run, to provide physical improvements to the school while also hosting multiple social events throughout the year.

The Metairie Academy Co-Op collaborates with teachers and staff to foster communication and support teacher needs through various fundraising endeavors along with planning annual events such as Fall Fest, Holiday Shop and Krewe of Mustangs.

[Metairie Academy Co-Op](#)

[Metairie Academy Starry Night Gala](#)

[Mustang Men's Club](#)