ST. MARTIN PARISH MAGNET PROGRAM

STEAM CONNECTIONS

Inspiring Curiosity. Powering Possibilities. Futures in Motion.

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NEW Family Engagement Center

There is a lot going on beyond the school walls to help our students and families and we are so excited to give you a sneak peek into our brand new Family Engagement Center exclusively for our Magnet families opening soon!

Our Family Engagement Center will provide free resources for parents to both consult with our Facilitator for support and to help their children practice learning concepts at home, borrow educational supplies and STEAM kits (like a library!), etc. Open resource hours, parent workshops, website and more will be announced soon!

Although each campus will have its own resource center, the first resource center will be located at SMSA. Until the resource center at SMESA is ready to open, all PreK–5th grade students will utilize the SMSA location.

Grand Opening Date and Open Hours Coming Soon!

For more information contact:

Family Engagement Facilitator

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The new resource center is Located by the Car Pickup Line at SMSA.

LEADERSHIP RETREAT 4th & 5th Grade







The first annual Leadership Retreat was held for 4th & 5th graders. Students learned how communication and working together as a team is so important for building community. The 5th graders also voted on this year's SMSA theme song. After their collaborative activities they had fun with water slides and outdoor activities.





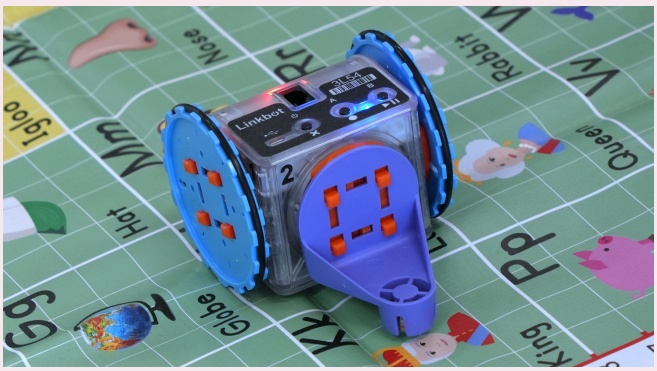







INSIDE THE CLASSROOM

What is RoboBlocky™?



Ever wonder how a machine knows what to do? It needs step-by-step directions from a person! Giving a computer or machine those directions is called coding. Your students are learning how to code using a program called RoboBlocky™that teaches math, robotics and STEAM. It allows students to program virtual on-screen robots or physical robots.

Instead of typing complicated computer words, students snap together colorful, puzzle-like pieces on a screen. Each puzzle piece gives the robot a clear command like "turn left," or "stop."

Once the students snap their puzzle pieces together, their robots follow the exact directions, moving across a large grid map in the classroom to solve their challenge.

By learning how to give these step-by-step instructions, our students aren't just playing with robots, they are learning how to solve big problems!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The annual Magnet Academies Showcase is on November 7, 2026.

STAFF TRAINING



Staff spent several weeks before school started in Professional Development training including STEM & Coding, the Arts, New Teachers and more! This school year will be even more engaging and successful!

UPCOMING DATES:

AUGUST:

5: Meet & Greet 2nd/3rd (5pm)
6: Meet & Greet PreK-1st (4:30pm)
6: Meet & Greet 4th/5th (5pm)
10: First Day of School (1st-5th)
11: Kindergarten Girls First Day
12: Kindergarten Boys First Day
17-19 - ⅓ of PreK each day begin

SEPTEMBER:

7: No School
8: Clubs Start this Week