

ST. MARTIN PARISH MAGNET PROGRAM **STEAM CONNECTIONS**

Inspiring Curiosity. Powering Possibilities. Futures in Motion.

SEPT 2026

Masterpieces



Our young artists across both Magnet campuses are turning everyday materials into extraordinary visual experiences.

1. Chihuly-inspired Light Prisms

SMSA students crafted translucent sculptures that bend and reflect ambient light inspired by master glass artist Dale Chihuly. They also discovered how light bends color through refraction and explored the physical changes that occur when intense heat transforms raw sand into brilliant glass.



2. Life-Sized Silhouettes

Combining self-identity with bold color theory, SMESA students mapped out vibrant paper outlines of their own figures to create dynamic, larger-than-life wall displays.



3. 3D Picasso Portraits

Channeling classic Cubism, SMESA creators transformed layered cardboard into multi-dimensional facial portraits that experimented with angles and emotions.



Our students are using the visual arts to think critically, build structurally, and express themselves boldly!

Two schools. One program.



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The Magnet Program welcomes Ms. Kalain Harris as Assistant Principal at Saint Martin Early STEAM Academy!

SMESA Special Ed students had a Tea Party for learning the letter "T". They had toast & tea. The kids learned how to use the toaster and how to spread their own jam.



UPDATE



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The annual Magnet Academies Showcase is on December 5th, 2026.

UPCOMING DATES:



SEPTEMBER:

7: No School
 8: Clubs Start this Week
 9-10: SMSA Grandparent Picnic
 10: NO Aftercare
 10: SMESA Open House
 16: SMESA Grandparents Breakfast
 17: SMSA Engagement Center Lunch & Learn (register req.)
 24: SMESA Engagement Center Lunch & Learn (register req.)
 24: NO Aftercare
 26: Family Engagement Center officially open!

OCTOBER:

8: NO Aftercare
 14: NO Aftercare
 14: SMSA Recruitment Open House
 14: SMSA STEAM Night
 15: NO Aftercare
 15-16: Parent Teacher Conference
 16: NO SCHOOL
 19-20: NO School - Fall Break
 22: NO Aftercare
 22: SMSA FEC Lunch & Learn
 23: SMESA Muffins with Masters
 24: Saint Martinville Art Walk & Market
 29: SMESA FEC Lunch & Learn
 31: 10am-2pm SMSA Fall Fest
 31: Saint Martinville Trunk or Treat
 31: Atelier de la Nature "Creatures of the Night"

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Magnet Academies

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CENTER CORNER

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EXCITING NEWS!

We will go LIVE on
SEPTEMBER 16, 2026
to schedule checkout
of materials!



SEPTEMBER WORKSHOP

Workshop Theme:

"We're on the Same Team!"

Parents learn how to build productive relationships with teachers and school staff, communicate concerns effectively, and become active partners in their child's education.



LUNCH & LEARN ACTIVITY:

Create a Parent-School Communication Plan

Include important contacts, questions to ask teachers, and personal goals for the school year.



Thursday, September 17
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM (SMSA)



Thursday, September 24
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM (SMESA)

Spots are limited. Stay tuned for how to reserve your seat!

MONTHLY QUOTE

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*"Alone we can do so little;
together we can do
so much."*

– Helen Keller

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SEPTEMBER: SCIENCE AT HOME



Focus:

Making science simple & fun

WATER BOTTLE TORNADO

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- 2 empty plastic water bottles (same size)
- Water
- Food coloring (optional)
- Duct tape



HOW TO MAKE IT:

- 1 Fill one bottle about $\frac{3}{4}$ full of water. Add a few drops of food coloring if you like.
- 2 Tape the mouths of the two bottles tightly together using duct tape.
- 3 Flip the bottles so the full bottle is on top.
- 4 Hold the bottom bottle and swirl the top bottle in a circle.
- 5 Watch a tornado form in the water!



WHY IT'S COOL:

You're creating a vortex—just like tornadoes in nature! Science is everywhere!



TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- ✓ Communicate regularly with your child's teacher.
- ✓ Ask your child about their day and celebrate small wins.
- ✓ Create a quiet space at home for learning and reading.



UPCOMING DATES



9/16/26 – Checkout of Materials Goes LIVE!



9/17/26 – Lunch & Learn (SMSA)
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM



9/24/26 – Lunch & Learn (SMESA)
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

More details coming soon!

LET'S CONNECT!

We're here to support you and your family every step of the way.



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Together, we build brighter futures!

