J.B. Martin Middle School

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Principal's Message:

Dear Cougar Nation Families,

As we move further into the school year, it has been exciting to see our students continue to learn, grow, and embrace new opportunities. At J.B. Martin, we want our students to recognize their potential while developing the habits and character that will help them succeed both inside and outside the classroom.

This month, our focus has been on the 7 Mindsets theme Passion First and our core value of Discipline. We want students to discover what motivates them, identify what they want to accomplish, and understand that reaching their goals requires consistent effort and commitment. Passion gives us something to work toward, but discipline is what keeps us moving forward, especially when things get difficult. Whether in the classroom, on the playing field, or in everyday life, success is built through the choices we make each day.

As we prepare to move into our next mindset, We Are Connected, we will shift our attention toward the importance of relationships and the impact we have on others. Our school is strongest when students, staff, and families recognize that we are all part of something bigger than ourselves. Every act of encouragement, kindness, and support helps create a stronger Cougar Nation.

Parents and families, thank you for your continued partnership. Encourage your children to pursue their interests, stay committed to their goals, and recognize the importance of the relationships they build along the way.

I am proud of the progress we are making together and look forward to all that lies ahead. Let's continue challenging ourselves, supporting one another, and finding ways to get better every day.

Cougar Pride: Every Day! Every Way!

With Cougar Pride,
Sean Dwyer
Principal
J. B. Martin Middle School

JBM *Mission*

Learn More. Do More. Be More!

District Credo

Our Core Business…

Teaching and Learning

Our Focus…

Continuous Improvement

Our Commitment…

Learning for Life

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Vision

J.B. Martin Middle School ensures personal growth for every student through high-quality instruction in academics, athletics, arts, social-emotional learning, and a culture of belonging.

JACKETS AND SWEATSHIRTS

As the weather starts to turn cooler, we wanted to remind families of what is acceptable outerwear for our students. We want students to be comfortable and to stay warm, but we also want to ensure that students are following the district's dress code.

- Sweatshirts or pullovers must be either white or navy blue. If it is not a JBM sweatshirt, then any logos shouldn't be larger that 3 inches by 3 inches (about the size of the palm of your hand).
- Jackets that open up in the front (zipper or button) can be any color, but should be unzipped when on campus.
- No hoods are allowed. Jackets, sweatshirts, pullovers, etc. cannot have hoods on them.
- Students can wear a ski cap on campus, but they should be removed once they are inside.

SCHOOL PROCEDURES -

- **MORNING DROP-OFF**

The drop-off window is 7:40-7:50. Parents who have been dropping off in the morning have been doing a great job of helping us keep the traffic in the neighborhood to a minimum and getting the car line completed quickly. Please remember that no cars should be going into the bus circle from 7:30-8:00.

- **TARDY TIMES**

Arrival Time on a regular school day is 7:40-7:50. Arrival time after 7:50 is considered tardy and a parent must sign the scholar in at the main office. All tardies require a parent to sign the scholar in at the attendance office.

PARENT'S NEED TO KNOW . . .

IMPORTANT DATES:

Nov. 1 – Daylight Savings Time Ends – clocks fall back 1 hour

Nov. 3 – Election Day (No School)

Nov. 6 – Picture Retakes

Nov. 6 – CougarFest

Nov. 9-13 – Book Fair in the library

Nov. 11 – Student Holiday

Nov. 13 – JBM Veteran's Day Program

Nov. 13 – Progress Reports

Nov. 23-27 – Thanksgiving Holiday

Nov. 30 – Return to school

Dec. 2 – JBM Band Concert @ LPAC 6pm

Dec. 4 – CougarFest

Dec. 4 – Cake Bingo

Dec. 11 – JBM Science and Social Studies Fairs

Dec. 18 – Choir Concert @ LPAC 6pm

Dec. 22 – Early Dismissal 11:55

DAILY SCHEDULE

All middle schools implement a four-period, 90-minutes per period class schedule. This gives our students more time in math classes, as well as some additional enrichment class time and opportunities. Students have Math and ELA every day, as well as their two enrichment classes daily. Students will follow an A or B day schedule for Science and Social Studies classes.

Monday and Wednesday – A days

Tuesday and Thursday – B days

Fridays – alternate

UPCOMING FRIDAY ROTATIONS:

Nov. 6 – B-Day

Nov. 13 – A-Day

Nov. 20 – B-Day

Dec. 4 – A-Day

Dec. 11 – B-Day

Dec. 18 – A-Day

Another member of the Bullseye Club



Petit's Pointers

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Middle school is a critical time when students are developing both physically and mentally. With constant access to phones and social media, it's essential for parents and guardians to set boundaries. Social media companies primarily aim to advertise and collect data from users, including your child. Therefore, it's important to have discussions with your child about how advertising works on these platforms.

They click on something, ads for similar items appear, they make a purchase, and soon their entire feed is dominated by related content. Social media has a strong pull on developing minds, whether it's watching endless videos on YouTube or TikTok, scrolling and liking photos on Instagram, or reading posts on Twitter, Facebook, or Reddit. These platforms are designed to capture attention through algorithms that tailor content to individual interests, keeping users engaged for long periods. For students, this constant stream of targeted content can lead to distractions, affecting their focus, academic performance, and even mental health.

Here are some tips on setting limits while maintaining trust concerning social media use:

1. Set time limits: Use parental control apps or device settings to limit daily social media usage.

2. Create tech-free zones: Establish areas in the home, like the dinner table or bedrooms, where devices are not allowed.

3. Model healthy habits: Parents can lead by example, demonstrating balanced tech usage and engaging in offline activities.

4. Monitor activity: Regularly check privacy settings and content, keeping open communication about online behavior.

5. Encourage other activities: Promote hobbies, sports, or family time to reduce reliance on social media for entertainment.

6. Set a social media curfew: Implement a rule that devices must be turned off by a certain time each night to ensure proper rest.

As always, have discussions with your child on what they may see on social media. It's important that they see you as an outlet for helping to sort through any unsavory content that lingers on social media and the internet. You are their safety net.

Administrators and Counselors

6th Grade = Corinne Heffron (counselor) and Aubrey Hager (Assistant Principal)
7th Grade = Corinne Heffron/ Jenny Vial (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.

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.

FALL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR RETURNS

The **JB Martin Library** is proud to announce its Fall Book Fair, presented by Scholastic Book Fairs. The book fair provides our students and families with the opportunity to select books for personal reading pleasure. Funds earned from the fair will be used to purchase additional books and materials for students to use in our library. Scholastic Books is the publisher of high quality, popular books for teens and tweens.

Please use the Sneak Peak brochure, that will be attached to the book fair flyer, to see the newest, most popular books offered in the fair. There will be hundreds of additional titles to choose from when the fair gets here.

Book Fair Dates: November 9 – November 13, 2026

Online Book Fair Dates: November 3– November 22, 2026

Our Online Book Fair is also another cool way to purchase books from our Fall book fair online. Please use the link below to access our Online Book Fair between November 3 – November 22, 2026.

http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/jbmartinmiddleschool



The **Enforcers of Elite Excellence (EEE) Club** has been busy hosting events aligned with the school's socio-emotional learning program, 7 Mindsets.

In September, scholars focused on the mindset "Everything is Possible." Pastor Justin Robinson of First Baptist Church in Paradis, LA, visited to motivate scholars not only to dream and set goals, but to create action plans to reach them.

Moving into the next focus area, club sponsors took advantage of the great weather to host a co-ed Flag Football Tournament highlighting the mindset "We Are Connected." A special thank you to our community volunteers who served as coaches and referees, and to all the parents who came out to support our scholars!

CLUB SPONSORS ARE: MS. ALICIA JOHNSON, MRS. TIFFANY HALL, MS. LASHANNA JENKINS, AND MRS. LATONYA PIERRE.



















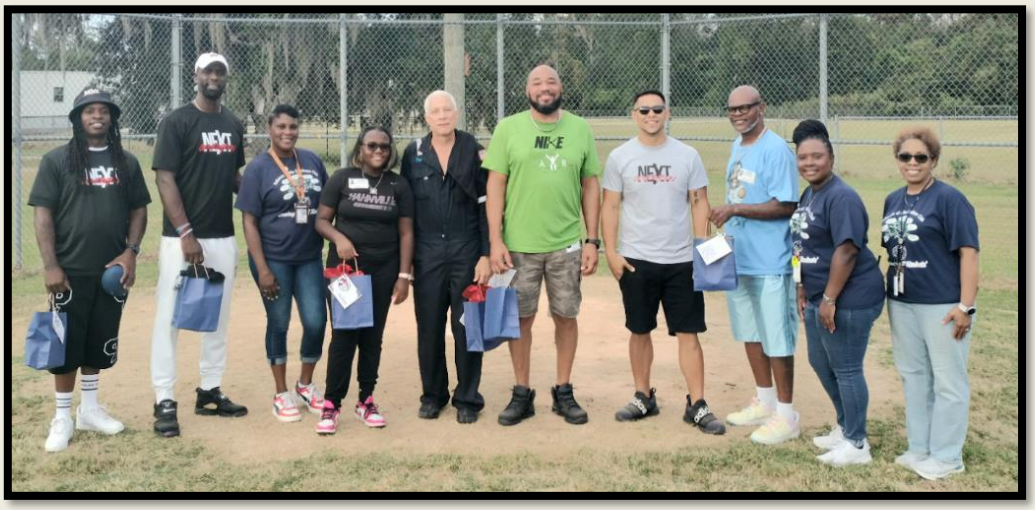

The JBM Step Team absolutely brought the thunder to the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office Fall Fest! Stomping, stepping, and bringing all the energy—it was an absolute hit! The club's sponsors are Mrs. April Strickland Davis and Ms. Alicia Johnson.





JBM SCIENCE FAIR



Friday, December 11th

JBM LIBRARY

Google Classroom Code: ***cqaw6e3n***

See your Science teacher for more information!


Google Classroom Code: ebjwlev
JBM SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR
Friday, December 11th
JBM LIBRARY
See your Social Studies teacher for more information!


HAPPY FALL