

J.B. Martin Middle School



Home of the Cougars 2014 - 2015

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Our Core Business... Teaching & Learning

Our Focus... Continuous Improvement

Our Commitment... Learning for Life

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

J. B. Martin has a reputation for excellence in academics and extracurricular activities. Our students have placed at parish, regional, and state levels in the areas of writing, mathematics, science, social studies, music, and art. J. B. Martin teachers serve as presenters and/or consultants for the National Writing Project, Cooperative Learning, Developmental Design, Inclusion and Middle School Concepts. In keeping with the national trend for restructuring education at the middle school level, J. B. Martin is implementing teaming, an advisory program, inquiry based learning, cooperative learning, hands-on learning, and interdisciplinary unit development. Our goal is to create a school where learning is an exciting and successful venture. The information in this booklet will help you to understand our special programs. Thank you for taking time to read about J. B. Martin and for sharing your children with us.

Erin Granier
Principal

J.B. Martin is committed to:

Academic Excellence • Continuous Improvement
Success for ALL Students • Responsible Citizenship
Life-long Learning

VALUES & BELIEFS

- The primary focus of our school is to promote academic, physical, social and emotional growth.
- Engaging experiences maximize students' potential and foster *college and career readiness*.
- *Differentiating instruction to meet the needs of each individual cultivates* essential academic and social skills.
- An emotionally and physically safe environment *promotes* learning, *creativity*, and a sense of belonging.
- All stakeholders *believe* that excellence is worth the effort.

SCHOOL SNAPSHOT

J.B. Martin Middle School, located on South Street in Paradis, serves westbank students from the towns of Paradis, Des Allemands (Bayou Gauche), Boutte, and Luling (Mimosa/Willowdale). The average daily attendance is 97%. The average student:teacher ratio is 22:1. The school is staffed with educators knowledgeable about young adolescents and committed to meeting their diverse needs.

Total Enrollment.....	831
Grade Levels Served	6-8
Ethnic Distribution	74% White, 21% Black, 5% Other
% Students on Free/Reduced Lunch	40%
Classroom Teachers	61
Teachers Nationally Recognized as "Highly Qualified"	60
Administrators.....	4
Counselors.....	2
School Media Specialists	1
Paraeducators.....	12
Resource Officers.....	1
School Nurses.....	1
Technical Site Coordinator	1

**J.B. Martin’s school programs are supported by a Parent Volunteer Organization (Cougar Connection) and by our partners in education, Occidental Chemical Corporation and First National Bank USA.*

SCHOOL DATA

Percentage of 8th Grade Students Scoring Basic or Above			
English/Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
88	86	91	83

Percentage of 7th Grade Students Scoring Basic or Above			
English/Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
91	92	89	90

Percentage of 6th Grade Students Scoring Basic or Above			
English/Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
91	91	90	90

Average Daily Attendance				
	2010	2011	2012	2013
Students	95.1%	96.9%	97%	96.9%

POWERSCHOOL

Student records and progress are maintained and updated through PowerSchool. PowerSchool is an Internet-based student information system. The components of PowerSchool allow administrators, teachers and parents (**Parent Portal**) access to appropriate student information enabling all stakeholders to support teaching and learning.

CURRICULUM

- Sixth Grade:** Reading • Writing • Math 6 • Physical Science
World History • Physical Education • Exploratory
- Seventh Grade:** Reading • Writing • Math 7 or Math 7 Adv.
Life Science • American History • Physical Education • Exploratory
- Eighth Grade:** Reading • Writing • Math 8 or Algebra 1• Earth Science • Louisiana Studies • Physical Education • Exploratory

ENRICHMENT

* Students usually experience more than one exploratory subject in one academic year.

The exploratory classes offered at J.B. Martin are:

Art • Talented Art • Band • Talented Drama • Technology
Literacy • Vocal Music • Talented Music
General Music • EXCEL Math

ATHLETICS

- Students may participate in sports at J.B. Martin by meeting the following requirements:
1. Be of legal age, not older than 15 before September 1st
 2. Maintain a 1.5 semester average
 3. Have a “C” average or better in conduct
 4. Have a physical and insurance waiver
 5. Attend daily practice and display good sportsmanship at all times

SPORTS

Boys' Sports: Baseball, Track, Basketball & Football

Girls' Sports: Softball, Track, Basketball & Volleyball

CLUBS

J. B. Martin provides a broad range of activities for student participation. Students are encouraged to participate in as many activities as possible. The following are provided for students:

Beta Club (invitation only) • Student Council
Cheerleaders (7th & 8th only) • Yearbook • 4-H Club
Pep Squad (6th - 8th)

ABOUT OUR CLUBS

Cheerleading & Pep Squad: The J.B. Martin Cheerleading Squad is designed to promote school spirit throughout the school year. The cheerleaders are selected by tryouts. To be eligible for tryouts, students must have been a member in good standing of the pep squad for the entire 6th or 7th grade year.

The J.B. Martin Pep Squad works hand-in-hand with the cheerleaders and helps to promote school spirit by participating in the cheering. Students participating in both groups must meet the eligibility of our athletic program.

Yearbook: J.B. Martin's Yearbook Staff is a service organization for the school. It is primarily responsible for assembling the school's yearbook, *Cougar Tracks*.

Students must submit an application to be considered for yearbook staff. The staff is chosen by the sponsor based on an essay which is included in the application.

Student Council: The Student Council is an organization which plays a major role at J. B. Martin Middle School. Its members are elected by the student body each year. Student Council sponsors dances, dress-up days, and other exciting activities.

The requirements to run for Student Council are as follows: Students must have a 2.0 average in conduct and must maintain a 2.0 average in academics. Students must campaign for office and deliver a short campaign speech.

Beta Club: The Junior Beta Club provides an opportunity for the school's most outstanding students to network and encourages high academic merit and achievement. Students are selected for membership based on academic achievement.

The Beta Club is designed to be a service organization for school and community and to reward academic efforts. Each year, students have the opportunity to participate in interschool academic and talent competitions at the district and state levels at the annual state convention. Beta members have the chance to meet Beta members from across the state.

4-H: The 4-H Club is America's largest informal educational program for boys and girls. It is both family and community oriented. 4-H members devote much of their time to community service. Members learn by doing. They keep records, make oral presentations, develop management and communication skills, and gain an understanding of citizenship responsibilities.

STUDENT SERVICES

Counseling...Two full-time counselors work with students on personal, social, and academic concerns. Large group presentations, small group counseling, and peer mediation is available to meet the needs of every student.

Library....One librarian and one library assistant help students in the library. Computerized circulation services insure efficient management of the large collection of books, magazines, audiovisuals, and technological tools found in the library.

Health...One itinerant nurse provides health care for students. Regular health screenings and attention to special medical problems are provided. The school nurse is at J.B. Martin on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Peer Mediation...This service is provided “to empower students to resolve their own disputes in an informal, non-threatening setting.” Selected students are trained in conflict resolution skills and become the peer mediators. When a conflict between two students arises, the peer mediators, under the supervision of a selected staff member, meet with the students to assist in resolving the conflict.

Project Labs ...This state of the art computer lab is available for all students to use. This Pentium-based lab is used by teachers to integrate technology into instruction. There are more than 200 computers school-wide for student use.

Science Lab...The purpose of the Science Lab is to create a hands-on, minds-on environment where students are able to “do” and think about science. The lab promotes the development of scientific knowledge, skills, and processes through active experimentation, data collection, analysis of results, and drawing conclusions.

School Website...Visit our school website for up-to-date information, news, and homework/test schedules.
<http://www.stcharles.k12.la.us/martin.cfm>

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Rated an “A” school
- Home of the 2010 Louisiana State Middle School Teacher of the Year, Stacy Neighbors
- Award Recipients of Local and State Young Author’s Contests
- Award Recipients of Local, Regional, and State Science and Social Studies Fairs
- Symphonic Band received superior ratings at District Festival and high ratings at State Festival.
- Accredited by AdvancED
- Home of the 2012 LMSA Teacher of the Year, Stacy Neighbors

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Young Author's Contest • Science and Social Studies Fairs
Student Appreciation Week • Teacher Appreciation Week
Pep Rallies • Quarterly Good Behavior and
Academic Recognitions • Book Fairs • 8th Grade Day
Awards Day • Relay for Life Participant • Open House
Jeans days to benefit Charitable Organizations
Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
Cougar Olympics • Olweus Bully Prevention
Student of the Month • Fall and Spring Performing
Arts Ensembles