

JACKSON COUNTY

School District

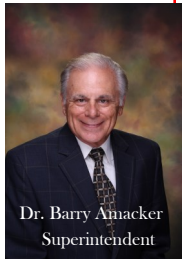
February 8, 2019



Raising the Standard

Greetings JACO Nation,

Congrats to SMM's Cecil Murphy for being selected as a recipient of the Hancock Whitney Leo Seal Innovative Teacher Award.



Dr. Barry Amacker
Superintendent

I'm excited to announce the following schools received PREPS Value Added Awards by PREPS, a statewide educational consortium. Those awarded were: St. Martin Middle - Algebra 1, East Central Middle - Algebra 1, Vancleave Middle - Algebra 1, St. Martin North - ELA, St. Martin North - Math, and St. Martin East - Math.

The Vancleave Powerlifting Team finished 2nd out of 13 teams in the 4A region 4 Powerlifting meet this past Saturday. The following lifters qualified for the 4A South State meet that will be held at South Pike on March 9th: 132lb class - Corey Migues - 1st - 960lb total, 148lb class - Brandon Payne - 3rd, 181lb class - Kelsei Green - 1st - 1,305lb total, 198lb class - Jimmy Bates - 3rd - 1,240lb total, 275lb class - Caleb Bicknell - 1st - 1,465lb total, 300lb class - Zack Overstreet - 1st - 1,360lb Total, and 300lb class - Conner Mallette - 2nd - 1,315lb total. Congrats and good luck!

Another great robotics tournament for SMHS teams! Jackets STEAM Team 5735Y, Mikey Duncan, Jody Noble, and John Haley III, won the Design Award, while Jackets STEAM Team 5735Z, Scott Beebe, Bryant Perkins, and Owen Smith, came in second in the tournament but were overall champions winning the Excellence and Skills Awards. Jackets STEAM Team 5735X, Andie Ross and David Rossow were on the 2nd place alliance with 5735Z. It has been a phenomenal competition season for Dr. Humphreys and his robotics students.

Congratulations to the SMHS Indoor Percussion and director John Dunlap. In its first-ever competition, this group took top honors! They have been putting in tremendous hours perfecting the show. First place in their first competition! Wow! Big things to come for this group.

Good luck to all of our basketball teams as they compete in their district tournaments. ECH and SMH girls basketball teams are first seed in their respective tournaments. ECH's powerlifting team advanced to South State. Those advancing are Geno Byron, Caleb Bowen, Cameron Gray, and Ryan Evans. Congrats and good luck.

Congrats also go out to three of ECH football players for signing letters of intent today: Branson Davis - Pearl River Community College, Avery White - USM, and Joel Reiser - Southwestern Assemblies of God University.

Mrs. Sanford and Mrs. Wilson's 5th and 6th grade WINGS students utilized the FabLab and the Engineering Design Process to design a 3D working nightlight. Their 4th grade WINGS students also used the Engineering Design Process to design and create a building to meet the needs of the future. They will use their 3D printed buildings to create a model of their vision of a city in the future. Special thanks to Keesler Federal Credit Union for their donation that made these projects possible and for inspiring their gifted students in the field of engineering!

Thanks for all you do! Dr. A.

To view photos of activities within the district, click [here](#).

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