

# JACKSON COUNTY

## School District

September 6, 2019



Raising the Standard

Greetings JACO Nation,

It's a busy time of year with all of our sports/activities in full swing, so come on out and support our students whenever you can. You won't be disappointed.

What a proud moment for the SMHS Varsity Cheerleaders who were presented with their STATE CHAMPIONSHIP rings last Friday night. Congrats, cheerleaders, Coach Amy Talley, and Cassie Holland. History made!

I'm proud of all who participated in the Pops for Pups fundraiser at ECM. The students raised \$250.00, for the Jackson County Animal Shelter. Seventh grade student, Hayleigh Mills, coordinated this event for the Middle School. Great job Hayleigh!

Sixty-eight students from ECM were treated to a Special field trip to Cypress Lanes Bowling Alley and a picnic at Gulf Islands Seashore for achieving 5's on both the ELA and Math MAAP assessments in the spring. These students are raising the standard for sure.

Students at ECU enjoyed a unique classroom transformation and project where they acted as Planetary Protection Officers to accomplish various missions in identifying Main Ideas and Key Details of their informational text. They ended the project with an alien invasion requiring students to use context clues to defeat their foreign visitors. On the last day, students were engaged in a STEM activity where they had to plan and design space landers (egg drop) using the scientific method and problem solving skills. What a creative way to get students involved.

Congratulations to SMH and VHS football teams for big wins last week. In volleyball news, St. Martin defeated Gautier and VanCleave defeated #1 ranked, Jackson Academy. Press on!

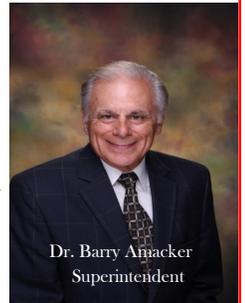
Tonight is our annual Pascagoula River Bowl: The Exciting Football Rivalry between East Central and VanCleave. Good luck to both teams. Additionally, tonight, the Golf State Chams will be recognized.

St. Martin High football will host St. Stanislaus tonight. Kickoff will begin at 7:00. Come on out and support our teams.

There will be a Fab Lab Community day this Saturday 7:30-2:30 for all ages. The theme is Exploring Circuits. Please come out and enjoy this learning experience. Thanks for all you do! Dr. A.

Click [here](#) to view our new school calendar.

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



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Superintendent

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