### Mississippi Military Star School

St. Martin East Elementary proudly supports Military Families in our area and want to welcome you to join our Yellowjacket Family. We hope to provide you with an easy transition to the St. Martin Community.

# Services we provide to support personal and academic growth of incoming and current military families.

- Student Ambassadors will be available to assist in greeting and familiarizing newcomers to the school. Many students from our military families are included on our flag teams and our ambassadors. The Ambassadors will aid the transition and offer support.
- Counselors, and the PBIS/School Military Point of Contact (SMPOC) will offer academic guidance to aid the incoming student in class selection and ensure all academic needs are met. St. Martin East provides support groups for students, and we provide social/emotional training through our 2nd STEPS program. This program is designed to give our students skills needed to pro. We intend to provide all services available to allow the student to excel.
- Resources and Educational opportunities for the student could include the Wings Program for Gifted and Talented, access to the Department Special Education, or RTI. These programs are designed to aid Exceptional Students in reaching their potential.
  - The Wings Program for Gifted and Talented: https://www.jcsd.ms/Page/97

The Students in 2nd and 3rd grade that are eligible for the Wings Program go to their Wings teachers during the week. The students are responsible for the content of any classroom instruction they miss while participating in Wings.

Special Education information: <a href="https://www.jcsd.ms/domain/15">https://www.jcsd.ms/domain/15</a>

Varying degrees of assistance are provided for students who qualify for this department.

 RTI. Our multi-tiered academic and behavior support program is designed to provide students with targeted academic and behavior support. All students that test below their academic grade levels are provided with intervention support.
Our interventionists pull students from 1 to 4 times a week depending on the student's academic deficiencies. Award Winning Programs: We have a well-developed band program, where Mr. Mark Bell – Director, was selected as the Middle School Band Director for the State of Mississippi. We also have a recognized Robotics Program, where Mr. Cecil Murphy – Facilitator, has received many Accolades. Currently, several members of the team have advanced to the next level of competition. We have sport teams in season: Archery, Baseball, Softball, Wrestling, and Track and Field. Other sports that are not currently in season include: Cross Country, Football, Cheer, Soccer – boys and girls, and Basketball – boys and girls.

- Student Ambassadors Students have been selected to be Ambassadors from 2nd and 3rd grade. These are students who exemplify what it means to be a YELLOWJACKET. These students will aid in providing a tour of the school, assist in understanding the schedule and dress code. These students will also assist when the time comes for our Military Students to leave in having a memento of time at SMMS because.... "Once a YELLOWJACKET ALWAYS a YELLOWJACKET!"
- · Military School Liaison and Counselors are available as the mental health challenges of a Military student are unique. The SMPOC will assist in finding the correct assistance for our students.

#### **School Events:**

April is when we celebrate Military Families: We will have a "Purple Up Day" to show our support. On April 6, 2023, all students and staff are asked to wear Purple with blue jeans. (Jeans are to be blue – no skin showing. If there are holes, material must be behind them.)

#### **School Liaison Contacts**

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## School Opportunities for active-duty members to volunteer:

State Testing Monitor

Youth League: Basketball/Baseball/Football

**Lunch Mentoring**