



TRITON TRIBUNE



MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM:

From the Desk of Principal Martin

On recent school morning announcements, we recognized Women's History Month by spotlighting several women who have demonstrated grit to make significant contributions to American society.

While planning for this week it suddenly hit me that I don't have to research history to find examples of grit. I can look at our Athlos family and find students and staff who are rising above challenges to accomplish goals. There are many examples of how life experiences, determination, and support help build our character.

As we conclude the month of March, take time to reflect on your children, their classmates and your friends and neighbors. If you reflect long enough I am sure you will happen upon an example of their demonstrating grit.



LOOKING AHEAD

| April 2-6 | April 7 | April 10 | April 17 |
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| NO SCHOOL Spring Break | Governance Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. | S.T.E.A.M Saturday 10:00 a.m. | S.T.E.A.M Saturday 10:00 a.m. |
| | School Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. | | |
| April 21 | April 24 | May 3 | May 5 |
| Finance Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m. | S.T.E.A.M Saturday 10:00 a.m. | LEAP Testing Begins | Governance Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. |
| | | | School Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. |



S.T.E.A.M.
ACADEMY

We are excited to announce the launch of our Spring 2021 S.T.E.A.M. Academy at Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish! S.T.E.A.M. stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. For 3 Saturdays in April our AAJP teachers will lead our students in innovative projects that will expand their capacities and natural ability.

Students will work on projects ranging from circuitry to building models of the heart and lungs that they can take home with them weekly.

The Spring 2021 S.T.E.A.M Academy is open to all students in grades 3–8 at no cost. Participants in grades 7 and 8 will be eligible for a field trip to visit the College of Engineering at Southern University in Baton Rouge in May. Because there is limited space, we encourage students to have their homeroom teacher fill out the application form as soon as possible.

- All 3-8 grade families were notified via text and email on March 17.
- The application window closed on March 24, 2021.
- Acceptance letters will go out March 29, 2021.
- The program will operate from 10 am to 1:45 pm on April 10, 17, and 24.

Lunch and Transportation will be provided for all participants at no cost.

SPRING INTRAMURAL SPORTS



We are excited to announce that Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish will be conducting a spring intramural sports season!

Please complete the survey if you are interested in participating in the Spring season. This information will assist us in selecting which sport(s) we will offer and to plan for coaches and staff. Currently we will only be offering sports that will participate outdoors due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Specific information of dates, time, sports offered and cost will be sent out as soon as interest is determined.

Survey deadline: March 31

[Complete the survey!](#)



UNTIL LEAP TESTING

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

Testing begins on Monday, May 3

[Watch the Town Hall Parent Meeting](#)

[Parent Guide to LEAP 2025 Practice Tests](#)



You are invited to write an encouraging note for your child before the LEAP 2025 assessment.

Please fill out a card and return it to school by April 9. Cards are being sent home in backpacks and during Driveline.

If you need extra copies, you can [download a printable PDF below](#).

Performance Character Trait
BINGO

Athlos Academy has put together a NEW Performance Character trait bingo card to prepare for LEAP testing with trait-related activities students can do at home.

Families can share photos or videos of students doing these activities on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram using the hashtag #athlostogether. Or send them to us at social@athlosacademies.org.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

MS. PATRICIA BENIT-LAINING



Ms. Benit-Laing with Jackson and Rose.

Meet Ms. Patricia Benit-Laing

How long have you been teaching?

I have been in education for 26 years.

What grades have you taught?

I have taught all grades from when I was a regular education teacher, a gifted education teacher, a high school art teacher as well as working in talented art.

What do you do in your spare time?

In my spare time, I make fine art paintings that appear in galleries, magazines, and online shows. I enjoy gardening, riding motorcycles, New Orleans music and festivals, playing my clarinet, and spending time with my family and my French Bulldogs!

What do you love about Athlos?

What I love most about Athlos is being able to work with talented students who are so very passionate about art!



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



EMMA

GRADE: 2ND



WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT ATHLOS?

I like Athlos because of Math and Athletic Movement, as well as my teacher Ms. Matthews who teaches us lots of fun stuff.

2021-22 official calendar



On March 3, 2021, the Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish governing board approved the official school calendar for the 2021-22 school year.

[View a printable PDF calendar.](#)

Important dates include:

- The first day of school for grades 1-8 is Thursday, August 5, 2021.
- The first day of kindergarten is Thursday, August 12, 2021.
- The last day of the 2021-22 school year is Friday, May 20, 2022.

The calendar also includes:

- Non-school days due to holidays, staff professional development, and conferences
- Various breaks: fall break, Thanksgiving break, winter break, Mardi Gras break, and spring break
- Early dismissal days throughout the year