

MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM:

From the Desk of Principal Martin

Performance Character Spotlight

Our character trait spotlight for March is grit. Grit is defined as rising up to meet challenges and persevering in spite of failure. Last week's morning announcements highlighted women who have demonstrated grit while making significant contributions to society. These women overcame the challenges of societal expectations or were simply told no. However, they did not allow their dreams to be taken away. Whether it was studying medicine, developing hair care products, or the right to vote they persisted and achieved their goal.

I encourage you to challenge your children to demonstrate grit by modeling it at home. Overcome obstacles together and talk about grit as a way of persevering despite how big the challenge or obstacle.



BOOK FAIR – SHOP IN-PERSON MARCH 15–19

Every purchase from the Scholastic Book Fair earns rewards for our school and helps develop a love of reading, so please shop and support the Book Fair.

LOOKING AHEAD

March 16March 17March 18March 22Town Hall MeetingFinanceTown Hall MeetingNO SCHOOL

for Parents 6:00 p.m. Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m. for Parents 6:00 p.m. Staff Professional Development



FACE COVERINGS AND HEALTH SAFETY REMINDER

Please remind students to wear their cloth face coverings on the bus and during school. Cloth face coverings must always be worn on the bus and at school. **Face coverings need to cover the nose and mouth completely.** To maintain on-campus learning, we need everyone to do their part.

Please remind your child of the importance of washing hands often and following instructions in classrooms, hallways and the playground to maintain social distance. We also suggest sending an extra face covering in case one becomes lost or soiled.

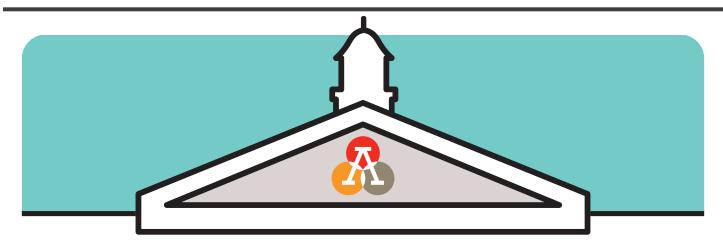
<u>Read these tips on our website</u> on how to help children wear face coverings. Thank you for your continued support as we keep students and staff healthy and learning.

END OF QUARTER

- The 4th quarter begins March 15.
- If students are switching to in-person learning at school, the 4th quarter begins on March 15.
- No School March 22
 Staff Professional Development
- Parent Conferences March 26
 Sign-Up Genius Links sent via email.







TOWN HALL MEETING FOR PARENTS

TWO MEETING OPTIONS:

TUESDAY, MARCH 16 6:00 P.M.

ZOOM LINK: HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/91279942575

THURSDAY, MARCH 18 6:00 P.M.

ZOOM LINK: HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/96672964956

FIND OUT ABOUT:

LEAP TESTING DATES & TIMES	TEST FORMAT
TEST PREP TIPS	HOW COVID WILL IMPACT TESTS

The **LEAP test is for all 3rd–8th-grade students.** It measures progress in English language arts, math, science and social studies. Find out how you can be part of helping your child achieve their academic goals!

The LEAP 2025 tests are just one of several indicators, in combination with report cards, teacher-made tests, and classroom work, that are used to create a complete picture of a student's performance in school. The results from the tests may be used to help teachers identify when students need additional support or more challenging work in each subject area. This information is also used to measure how well schools and school systems are helping students achieve higher expectations.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: MS. JENEÉ BUTLER





Meet Ms. Jeneé Butler: Reading Specialist

How long have you been teaching? I have been in education for 7 years.

What grades have you taught? I have taught 1st and 2nd grade, with an extensive background in ELA/ Reading from grades K-12.

What do you do in your spare time? In my spare time, I balance my time between being a mom to my 18-month-old son and wife to my amazing husband. We are usually surrounded by family on weekends, unless I am binge watching Grey's Anatomy.

What do you love about Athlos?
What I love most about Athlos is being able to coach teachers who are eager to learn and grow in their craft. I am a wealth of knowledge and look forward to being a resource to others, by serving in every capacity they allow me to.





Our Triton Sharks robotics team competed in the Louisiana First Lego League Championship and **finished 7th out of 64 teams** in the state of Louisiana for the robot game.

Coach and teacher Mr. Spano said, "They showed grit, leadership, creativity, and energy zest!" Congratulations to our engineers!





NEW STUDENT RAFFLE & ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Did you know that 82% of Athlos Academy families plan to return next year? We are still enrolling for Kindergarten and 1st grade for next year. There are waitlists for most grades, but applications are still being accepted.

Congratulations to Latricia Charles for winning the New Student raffle for the \$50 Amazon gift card!

Join us in welcoming Latricia's daughter Khari to our school!

Khari will be entering kindergarten this fall.

- "I'm excited to start school at Athlos because I will be in big school with my sister."
- When Khari grows up she wants to be a firefighter.
- Khari's family chose Athlos because "my oldest daughter has been there since the school opened and I am satisfied with the help academically she is getting."

We're so happy to welcome you, Khari!



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