

## St. James High School

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## Wildcat Nation,

Welcome to St. James High School, home of the Mighty Wildcats. Our mission is to empower all students to reach their highest level of academic achievement. In the words of Walt Disney, "If you can dream it, you can do it!" We encourage students to dream big, because anything is possible when you work hard. Our faculty and staff believe that every student can succeed.

The Mighty Wildcat family is proud to have achieved sustained growth in the overall climate and culture of the school over the past decade. We understand that when students feel safe and respected, they take pride in themselves and their work. The results are proven through our drastic decline in discipline incidents and a dramatic increase in academic achievement. Today, St. James High boasts a graduation rate of over 94%, which raises the bar from 67%, just 10 years ago. Additionally, our graduation index has continued to rise, which shows that students are graduating high school having completed an abundance of college and career coursework.

Our school and district have much to offer, from learning to build scaffolds through the Apache program, to pursuing a degree in engineering, students have choices. While some leave St. James High School with nearly an associate degree, others are entering industrial careers with on-the-job training. Students are increasingly taking advantage of opportunities, such as our Dual Enrollment courses, CLEP opportunities and earning Industry Based Credential (IBC) certifications through St. James High School and the C3 "Career and College Center".

Get Involved! St. James High School offers many extracurricular activities for students. Try out for the Band, Majorettes, Cheer, Dance Wildcat Productions and Performing Arts. Join the Library Club, Book Club, Beta, 4-H, Student Council, Gamers Guild, or the Beta Club.

Do you like sports? We offer volleyball, swimming, cross country, football, basketball, track and field, baseball, bowling, and powerlifting. While competing for championships, student athletes at St. James High School learn teamwork, discipline, and responsibility. Participants improve physical and mental health while maintaining self-control and confidence. Get involved, while building personality and character through

friendship, comradery, challenge, and family. Build commitment, consistency, integrity and perseverance through competition, victory and defeat.

In two decades, as a former St. James High School All-State student athlete, assistant football coach, two-time teacher of the year, and administrator, I fully understand the importance of academics. After all, there is no student/athlete without the "student". We MUST teach our children the importance of academics, while participating in sports and clubs for the life lessons learned. Students have a 99% chance to "go pro" in a profession other than sports. The time is now to develop the skills necessary to be successful in the game of LIFE.

Our long-standing motto of Tradition, Honor, Discipline, and Excellence, drives our school vision of leaving a legacy, honoring our history, learning from our mistakes, and excelling through our accomplishments.

Tradition - To Leave a Legacy Honor - To Love Discipline - To Learn

Excellence - To Live

Lastly, data indicates that schools achieve higher levels of success when decision making is shared in a collaborative effort with parents, caregivers, and community. We must ALL do our part in shaping the minds and values of the future generations. It starts at home and continues through our school community. Join us in our efforts in creating one heartbeat throughout our village of "Beautiful Downtown Vacherie."

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