



## Look what the Greyhounds have accomplished...

- JMS earned a TEA preliminary rating of *Recognized*
- JMS maintains the *Blue Ribbon Award*, the highest honor that can be bestowed upon an American school
- JMS was designated a “No Place for Hate” school for the thirteenth consecutive year by the Anti-Defamation League
- Johnston Middle School continues its status as an *International Spanish Academy*, a prestigious designation given out by the Kingdom of Spain
- Our 10<sup>th</sup> cohort of students took the Spanish Advanced Placement (AP) exam. We expect these students to receive high school and college credit.
- Johnston’s Name That Book contest team placed 4th in the district competition having read more than 3 million pages
- JMS Band dominated HISD All City Band with 40 of our students making the band; Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble also earned Superior ratings at UIL competition and 12 students won spots in the TMEA All Region Band
- Johnston Middle School **Broadcast Journalism** students competed at 2014 JEA/NSPA High School Journalism Holocaust & Genocide Awareness Month Video Contest with 6 students being recognized at the State Capital for their superior videos. They also traveled to San Diego to compete in the JEA/NSPA competition. JMS still shows its superior leadership on both the middle and high school level.
- The Broadcast Journalism students also won Superior and Excellent recognitions at the National Middle School Competition
- JMS Choir students also brought home 85 “Superior” medals from Solo and Ensemble competition with 8 Outstanding Musician Awards; Varsity Treble Choir and Tenor Bass Choir received Sweepstakes at UIL competition with the Varsity Mixed, Non Varsity Treble and our second Varsity Treble was awarded superior ratings as well; & **52 JMS** Choir students were selected to the **Region 23 Honor Choirs**, which was the **most spots won by any school in HISD, Katy and Alief.**
- The Advanced Orchestra received UIL Superior ratings for the 30<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, and is considered in state for Texas Middle School Honor Orchestra by the Texas Music Educators Association, & was also named a National winner of the National Orchestra Honors Project.
- The Advanced Orchestra was also selected to perform at Carnegie Hall! The only middle school in America chosen to do so at the National Honors Orchestra competition. They were the feature orchestra followed by high schools.
- Piano students brought home 47 Superior ratings and 9 Excellent ratings at piano competition
- The JMS Advanced Production Company won Sweepstakes Ratings at the One Act Play and advanced to District finals where they performed very well.
- Jose Rocha and the **JMS Orchestra** was awarded by Federation for Music Education the **“Mark of Excellence/National Orchestra Honors Project”**
- Jose Rocha, and the JMS Orchestra for three years in a row, was chosen by T.M.E.A. to be one of the top Five Most Outstanding Orchestras in the state
- KickStart students earned belts in the fall and spring belt ceremonies
- Johnston MS Families went in August sending students to Chiba, Japan where they learned what life is like for the students in Japan.
- Beginning Mixed, Tenor Bass and Treble Choirs brought home Superior trophies at the Katy Choral Festival.
- The Johnston Travel Club traveled to Washington D.C and New York to learn more about our nation and this next summer 2015 they plan on traveling to Europe.

There are many other awards our students have earned, so please check out the school website.

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**JMS is a T.E.A. Recognized School  
and a  
National Blue Ribbon School**

