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## John Marshall Mid-High School Athletic Training Facility Scheduled to Open This Winter



The football team has outgrown our available space. The new athletic training facility will open in December to allow our football team to be able to train, dress and prepare for games in the new facility. It will also allow our other athletes to work on more cardio equipment along with the college level equipment we have in the current weight room and wrestling room. The facility will include a weight room twice the size of our current room, a new larger locker room, training room, equipment room, coach's office, film room, and head coaches office along with, a trophy room entry. Included is an outside restroom for use during softball, baseball, volleyball and football games and practices. The football team will be able to work out in the summer without needing to enter the main building.

Most of the current equipment will remain in place and additional cardio equipment will be added, along with, space in the wrestling room for cardio exercise classes.

### **Crossings Community Center** Stays Committed to John Marshall

Each Thursday, during the school year, Crossings Community Center picks up to 50 middle school students to come to the center for two hours of after school activity, divided into four 30 minute segments. Activities include English composition, where students read a story, then write about what they just read, followed by discussion time. Others spend time out in sports, learning quick easy inexpensive meals to fix at home and art projects. Art projects change during the year to include computer graphics, photography, fine arts and more. Each year many former students







Crossings also sent a lot of our JM kids to Kids Across America summer camp. For most of the kids it was the first summer camp they had ever attended.

### **JM Finance Academy Shines During Tax Preparation**

The JMHS Finance Academy opened the doors nightly to 10 to 15 people per night waiting to have their taxes completed and finished, with 20+ on the final night. We have 8 finance academy students that completed the class to become tax preparers from John Marshall and 4 UCO volunteers. Finance Academy students must be seniors, pass the tax preparation course and then volunteer.

Finishing out the last night they had prepared over 300 taxes for free. Finance Academy educator, Shelly Grant, is super proud of these outstanding students for volunteering to help out those in need. Students have just really stepped it up this year and acted very professional. The Volunteers from UCO got together to do something for the students that worked VITA this year. For many of those that

came to have their taxes completed, it is becoming a yearly activity.

Shelley Grant, Finance Academy Chair
Proud BEAR!!!!!

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# FUN John Marshall grew up in a small log cabin and was the oldest child from a large family that included 14 brothers and sisters

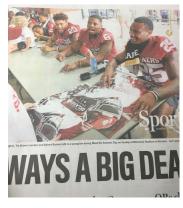
### Thunder GM Sam Presti Again Really Steps Up for Kids!



Over the spring break, students from JM, Centennial and Grant HS had the opportunity to travel to the National Civil Rights Museum and

Graceland in Memphis, TN. Chaperones included Thunder GM, Sam Presti, and former Principal, Aspasia Carlson. Besides the museum, they drove by several sites in Memphis, spent the night and ate at some great restaurants. It was truly awesome!





# Justin Broiles during media day at OU

John Marshall HS standout receiver and defensive back in 2016, Justin Broiles, has made his way onto the starting defensive lineup at OU, after red shirting his freshman year. He loves playing on Owen Field in Norman this season. Justin is playing defensive back.



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### A Blast From The Past



### Aspasia Carlson heads off to Tulsa

After turning John Marshall Enterprise School around, Mrs Carlson was offered a very lucrative offer from the Tulsa Public Schools. She will be in charge of turning around 4 Tulsa high schools. It's a big loss to John Marshall, but a huge loss to the OKCPS.

### BASKETBALL TEAM



Front row, left to right: Jerome Watson, Edward Gulley, Michael Longaker, Leroy Lewis, Jerome Fitzpatrick. Second row Orlando Nicholson, Marlon Buchanan, Charles Woods, Jonathan Warwick, Charles Laster. Back row: Dion Vickers, Gary Thompson, Darrell Brown, Kappil Dougles, Mr. Ken Glover, coarbed this learn.

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Row 3: Dion Vickers, Gary Thompson, Darrel Brown, Kaniel Douglass, Coach Ken Glover

### FUN FACT:

# John Marshall's rulings changed the way the Supreme Court worked and established it as an equal third branch of the government.



# Erica Ajayi takes over reigns as JM Principal



After serving several years as high school assistant principal under the oversight of Aspasia Carlson, Mrs. Ajayi was appointed interim-principal. We all knew when it was time for a change in leadership, the best person for the job was Erica Ajayi. She has made the transition seamless.

#### **Education and Certifications**

Southern Nazarene University, Bethany, OK
Masters in Educational Leadership, 2013
Southeastern OSU, Durant, OK
BS in Health and Physical Education, 2007
Oklahoma Certifications: Principal K-12,
Health and Physical Education, Family and
Consumer Sciences and Elementary Education

#### **Professional Experience**

Oklahoma City Public Schools John Marshall Mid-High Enterprise School Assistant Principal

December 2013-current position

- 11th/12th grade administrator
- Administrator over testing/ACT/SAT/ SPED compliance
- Supervise counselors (10 - 12th grade & AVID counselor)
- Supervise Professional Learning Communities (Facilitate Science & CTE PLCs)
- Supervise part-time Testing Coordinator
- AVID Administrator
- CIP Coordinator
- OKCPS Academic Planning Committee

### John Marshall Wins Wes Welker 7 on 7 Football Camp

Continuing to give to OKCPS, Wes Welker held his 3<sup>rd</sup> 7 on 7 passing camp at Capital Hill stadium in June. The camp gives quarterbacks, receivers, linebackers and defensive backs a chance to hone their skills before the season starts. It's a huge key in the city schools opportunity to stay on a more level playing field with other schools while going up against some quality competition.

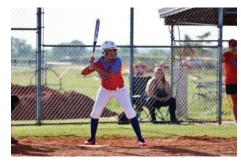




# Varsity Football 2018

### JM Softball Has A New Leader





Ms. Gray teaches science during the day and coaches John Marshall softball in the afternoon. She is a product of Lawton high school where she played softball from little league thru high school. It's Ms. Gray's second year to teach, but first to coach softball. The girls really responded with some wins and an ability to be very competitive. Her goal is to start a middle school program so she can have the girls ready to go when they start high school. Currently, she is teaching many of the girls how to catch and hit in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, which makes catching up difficult. Luckily our girls are athletic and catch on fast.



### FUN FACT:

Marshall remains the longest-serving chief justice in Supreme Court history, and he is widely regarded as one of the most influential justices to ever sit on the Supreme Court.

### **Football Starts Off Season Strong**

with Big Wins over NE, Capital Hill, Douglass, Bridge Creek, Mannford, Blackwell, St Mary's & Perkins along with a 27-20 loss to Heritage Hall



#21 runs against NE



#7 tackle for loss



#5 QB runs to daylight



#22 getting the handoff

### **OSU Men's Basketball Team**

holds inner squad practice in OKC at John Marshall Mid-High School





Coach Boynton's staff contacted our John Marshall coach Cudjoe, about holding a preseason inner squad practice at JM on Sunday, Oct. 14, and hundreds of fans showed up. To top it off, the players had kids lined up for autographs in the hallway and the players took time to visit with each one as they went by and made them feel special. It was a super afternoon for OSU to showcase its outstanding young men while JM & the OKCPS were able to showcase our facility and kids.



Cathy Kerr, Nancy Harkey, Dana Gonce & Laurie Woods

# **Another JM Blast from the Past!** 1979 Homecoming Parade

#### JMHS Foundation Inc. Scholarships Awarded 2018

Scholarship	Winner	Amount
Barbara Tucker Valedictorian	Kennedy Angstadt	\$2,500.00
Harry A. West	Devonte Lee	\$2,500.00
Quail Creek Bank	Deonte Curry	\$1,000.00
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Alumni Scholarship Law	Ancio McCauley	\$1,000.00
Alumni Scholarship	Tazjonna McCauley	\$1,000.00
Foster & Evelyn Harrington	Kennedy Angstadt	\$1,000.00
Warren Collins	Deonte Curry	\$1,000.00
Sondra Ansivino	Ebony Pettigrew	\$1,000.00
Chuck Gulley	Deonte Curry	\$750.00
Denise Caton Fine Arts	China McCauley	\$750.00
Barbara Schuermann-Harris	Ancio McCauley	\$500.00
Trina Liles	Ebony Pettigrew	\$500.00

JMHS Foundation Scholarships Awarded \$14,500.00

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