

## ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

Battle of the Books team, Bookarama team, Chorus (beginners, concert choir, intermediate and girls), dinner theater production class, Joseph L. Carwise Minority Student Award recipients, Math Club, Math Mania team, Mighty Mu team, National Junior Honor Society, newspaper, sports (volleyball, basketball, track, cheerleading), Storytelling Festival team, Student Council, Team Mako, F.I.S.H., Builders Club, yearbook and Robotics Club

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

- Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA)
- School Advisory Council (SAC)
- DOORWAYS scholarships
- Partnerships: Palm Harbor Recreation Department, Palm Harbor Chamber of Commerce, East Lake High and Tarpon Springs High band and choral programs, East Lake High School Key Club, Countryside/Clearwater Kiwanis Club, Outback Steakhouse, Jet's Pizza, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Wal-Mart, Domino's Pizza, One Source Promotions, Astro Skate, My 7 Kids Pizzeria & Restaurant, Celebration Station, AMC Theaters, YMCA, The Tropical Igloo and East Lake High School Engineering Program

### SCHOOL MISSION

The mission of Joseph L. Carwise Middle School is to ensure opportunities through effective & efficient operations for the success of ALL students in a safe learning environment which promotes highest achievement.



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# Joseph L. Carwise

MIDDLE SCHOOL

2009-2010



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# QUICK facts

**Principal:** Garrison T. Linder

**Grade Levels:** 6-8

**Enrollment:** 1,297

**School Hours:** 9:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. (Early release on Wednesdays – 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)

**Attractor/focus:** Highest student achievement, S.T.E.M., MEGSSS and IMAST programs, and award-winning choral and band programs

**Before/after-school care:** No

**Average Class Size:** District average class size complies with the class-size reduction amendment with “core” academic courses for middle school at 22:1.

**Teaching Staff:** Approximately 34 percent of faculty members have advanced degrees.

## **Exceptional Student Education:**

**Full time:** Independent Varying Exceptionalities (IVE), Supported Varying Exceptionalities (SVE)

**Part time:** Varying Exceptionalities (VE), Speech Impaired (SI), Language Impaired (LI), Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH), Visually Impaired (VI), Occupational Therapy (OT), Physical Therapy (PT) and Gifted

**English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program:** No

**Academic Information:** Visit [www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/schools](http://www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/schools)

**Computers and Technology:** More than 450 networked computers, three computer labs and four mobile laptop carts

## SCHOOL BACKGROUND

Joseph L. Carwise Middle was established in 1993 stressing the importance of highest student achievement and each child “being the best” he/she could be. Our school was created to ease overcrowding at other area middle schools and has become the school of choice. The faculty and staff are dedicated to ensuring that each student progresses to the high school level with a solid, well-rounded education. The staff challenges students to go beyond average and to excel. In the 16-year existence, J.L. Carwise Middle has worked diligently to invite members of the surrounding community to visit our campus and become tutors and mentors.

## SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- Golden School and Five Star Schools recipients for outstanding community-involvement, 2007-09
- FCAT scores exceed district and state average.
- Nationally recognized Team Mako – Youth Crime Watch program
- Student-operated cable television network (CCN)
- African-American Quiz Bowl competition

## POINTS OF PRIDE

- Outstanding Educator, 2007
- Library Information Specialist of the Year, 2006-07
- PALMS Principal of the Year, 2006-07
- Girl’s Northern Division basketball champion, 2008-09, Girl’s volleyball champion 2008-09, Girl’s track champion 2008-09
- Music USA grand champion and first-place middle school, 2005-08
- Bookarama district finalist, 2007, and Battle of the Books district finalist, 2007
- Nine All-State Chorus selections, 2007-08 and eight All-State Chorus selections, 2008-09
- 2006-08 *Student Measures* performance
- Superior rated chorus and band, 2005-08
- Mighty Mu Math Competition – first place, 2007-08
- Boy’s Northern Division track champions, 2007-08
- P.E. Teacher of the Year 2007-08

## CURRICULUM

- Core courses: language arts, math, science and social studies
- Other required courses in various grades: reading, physical education, health
- Elective courses: band, jazz band, strings/orchestra, chorus, foreign language, family and consumer sciences, marine biology, engineering, etc.
- High school credit classes in math, science and Spanish
- Advanced science, math, language arts and social studies at all levels
- Gifted education elective for eligible students
- Integrated Mathematics and Science with Technology (IMAST) and Mathematics Education for Gifted Secondary School Students (MEGSSS) programs

## SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

- Read 180, *REACH*
- Safety programs – Internet usage/safety, Bullying Prevention, Youth Crime Watch, etc.
- Guidance education: career education, Everest Challenge, advanced educational opportunities available to middle school students
- Student-directed peer mediation service