



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Baytown Junior High



Elementary Schools: Alamo | Bonnie P. Hopper Primary | David Crockett | George Washington Carver | Harlem | Highlands
James Bowie | Lorenzo De Zavala | Mirabeau B. Lamar | San Jacinto | Stephen F. Austin | Ashbel Smith | Victoria Walker | William B. Travis

Junior Schools: Baytown | Cedar Bayou | Gentry | Highlands | Horace Mann

High Schools & Others: Goose Creek Memorial | Impact Early College High School at Lee College | John M. Stuart Career Center
Peter E. Hyland Center | Robert E. Lee | Ross S. Sterling | School Community Guidance Center

7707 Bayway Drive

The original Baytown Junior School was built in 1928. The school was named for the community of Baytown. It was off Bayway Drive facing Nevada Street. It was first located at 306 Avenue A.

The original Baytown Junior High School was on land given to the district by Humble oil on the condition that it was used for a school.

After the communities of Goose Creek, Pelly and Baytown consolidated in 1948, the address was changed to 3701-15 Market and later changed to 3515 Bayway Drive.

The school was destroyed by a fire in December 1979. The teachers and students finished the school year in the other buildings surrounding the school. Because of concerns expressed by ExxonMobil regarding the pipelines that are scattered underneath the original building, the school was rebuilt at 7707 Bayway Drive. The original cornerstone from the first school building was moved to the new location.

One of the original buildings is still standing at this time. It used to be Baytown Junior Gym. After the fire, when the district relocated Baytown Junior to its current location, Exxon got the only existing building as the land went back to them. They use it for storage and boats for their marine division.

The 1980-81 and 1981-82 years were shared with the students and teachers of the new George H Gentry Junior School.

Starting in the 1982-83 year, the students and teachers returned to the partially completed 'new' Baytown Junior School. Basically, this was in the academic wing and some buildings surrounding the school.

Today, we are in that completed structure that was dedicated in 1983.

Source: 1995 Baytown Junior yearbook

RENOVATIONS

1994 -
1999 -



NOTABLE AND FAMOUS ALUMNI

- Robert Carr, BJS class of 1996, was a running back for Yale's football team. In 2005, he was given the William Neely Mallory Award, which is given "to the senior man who on the field of playing and in life at Yale best represents the highest ideals of American sportsmanship and Yale tradition." *from Yale website*
- J.T. Cleveland plays football for Sam Houston State (2004)
- James Cleaveland, BJS class of 2002, plays starting wide receiver for the Houston Cougar football team
- Miki Partsch plays football for Steven F. Austin University (2005)
- Josh Jones, BJS class of 2004, plays football for the U.S. Army
- Nelson D. Stiles' name is on the old cornerstone that sits in front of the building. He was on the school board when the original building was built and is Mary Rohrbacher Grimes' (BJS teacher) uncle.
- Wanda Orton, a current Baytown Sun reporter, went to BJS and often writes historical narratives about Baytown Junior School as well as Robert E. Lee High School.
- Ambrose Rios, when he was a small business owner in 1996, was selected Hispanic Businessman of the Year in Texas by the Texas Association of Mexican American Chambers of Commerce (TAMACC). He attended and now teaches at Baytown Junior.

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