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49ers Foundation Donates \$35,000 To Easton Health Clinic

John York — owner of the NFL San Francisco franchise — and his 49ers Foundation took part in a community service project while in New Orleans for their game against the Saints on September 28. Team ownership, 49ers Foundation board members, and staff and team partners made the donation to the health clinic and helped paint lockers at the school. Foundation member Dr. Stephen Ronan made a personal donation of medical supplies. The visit was held in conjunction with a press conference that celebrated the 95th anniversary of Warren Easton's 1913 opening.

"The 49ers Foundation is committed to supporting organizations and programs that help to keep youth safe, on track, and in school," said York. "The students at Warren Easton High School deserve to have proper medical care. We are honored to have the opportunity to help these youth continue to flourish."

When it opens in 2009, the Warren Easton Health Clinic will be a joint project of the **Tulane Medical Center, The School Health Connection** and the **Warren Easton High School Charter Foundation**. Major funding is being provided by the **Kellogg Foundation**.



On September 17, 2008 students and faculty gathered for a pep rally in the gym to celebrate the actual 95th anniversary of the opening of Warren Easton in 1913. Warren Easton — New Orleans' oldest public high school — was founded as Boys Central High in 1845 and moved three times before settling in its "new building" at

3019 Canal Street in 1913 when its name was changed to Warren Easton Boys High. The school became coed in 1952 and integrated in 1967. The Louisiana landmark took on eight feet of water in Hurricane Katrina and was closed for one school year. Easton reopened in 2006 as a charter school operated by a group of alumni.



Easton's Health Clinic will open on campus in 2009.

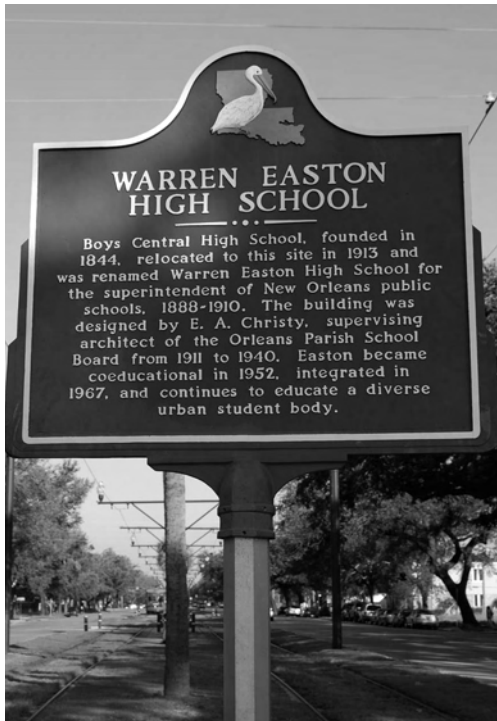
The Miracle On Canal Street

Since the Warren Easton Charter Foundation reopened the school in 2006 following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, Easton has been blessed with help from near and far. Contributors of money and thousands of man-hours have included Sandra Bullock, Rotary Club of New Orleans, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Gulf Coast Bank, Pan American Life Insurance, the Laura Bush Foundation, the San Francisco 49ers Foundation, Duran, Duran, EPCO Construction and Sony Play Station. Among the many improvements made by the Charter Foundation was a complete renovation of the auditorium at a cost of \$300,000 raised through donations.

Winning Numbers

Results of last spring's system-wide standardized testing in 19 New Orleans public high schools show Warren Easton tied for third place with Karr High School, behind only Ben Franklin and Lusher High Schools.

Graduation rates for the first two senior classes since Warren Easton reopened as a charter school were 97% in 2007 and 98% in 2008.



After this plaque was erected, it was learned that Easton is the state's oldest public high school.

A DOZEN REASONS WARREN EASTON IS #1

- Test scores
- 98% graduation rate
- Rigorous curriculum
- Qualified, engaged faculty/administration
- Tradition/history/landmark building
- Excellent pupil/teacher ratio
- Safe environment
- Exceptional attendance record
- Outstanding extracurriculars and athletics
- Intensive ACT prep courses
- National and local community support
- Hall of Fame Scholarships for seniors



Because of the high profile of visitors such as President Bush, Sandra Bullock, Jesse James, Duran, Duran and General Russel Honoré, Warren Easton has received an incredible amount of national publicity, including appearances on and mentions in CNN, NBC News, E Network, the Ellen Show, *People* and *Glamour* magazines.

Coming Attractions

- Next month a new lighting system will be installed in the auditorium, which was recently outfitted with a \$50,000 professional sound system.
- Warren Easton will soon undergo a total replacement of 521 windows and repairs to the facade at a cost of \$2 million, which is part of the Orleans Parish

School Board's share of Harrah's Rivergate lease payments to the City of New Orleans.

- Easton will also likely figure prominently in Phase One of the OPSB's new \$600 million master plan for the renovation of several schools and the construction of new ones.

New At Easton

The EAGLE'S NEST school store opened at Warren Easton in August and sells Easton logo merchandise to students and alumni. Selected items will soon be available on line at www.warren-eastoncharterfoundation.com



The seventy-foot American flag pole, dedicated in 1928 to Easton's Athletic Director Perry Roehm, was repaired and painted in time for the school's 95th anniversary celebration.

Warren Easton Produces Leaders

Since 1991, more than 100 members of the Easton family have been inducted into the **Warren Easton Hall of Fame**, including three generals, two alumni who have had schools named after them – John Curtis and O. Perry Walker – New Orleans Mayor Victor Schiro, Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Betty Weaver, NFL Hall of Famer Steve Van Buren, UCLA Physician Dr. James Louie, legendary musician Pete Fountain, Dean of the University of Nebraska at Omaha Dr. Shelton Hendricks, and GRAMMY winners Cosimo Matassa and Nicholas Payton. Warren Easton is the only public high school in metro New Orleans that has a Hall of Fame. Under its auspices, the Hall of Fame has funded more than \$80,000 in college scholarships to graduating seniors.