

Summer 2011

Dear Seventh Grade Students and Parents,

Welcome to Jackson Prep! It is our desire to make this an enjoyable new beginning. The faculty, staff, and students at Prep want to help you make the transition from elementary school to junior high as easy as possible. I want to call your attention to some important dates and times.

Textbooks and Meals On Thursday, August 11, from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., we will have Orientation **for students and parents** in the auditorium. We ask that all students wear a collared shirt for student ID badge pictures. Following the Orientation program, parents and students will go to the book line in the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) in the back of the McRae Center. At that time, seventh graders will pay the Book Consumables/Technology fee of **\$240**. Calculators may be purchased for \$15. Payment will be by check only, made payable to Jackson Prep. For meals and snacks, parents will have the opportunity to enroll in the **MealpayPlus program**. Parents who wish to put money into their student's account that day, will need to bring a separate check made payable to Valley Foods. For more details, please refer to the Prep website under the "Back to School" section.

Supplies for Seventh Graders During Orientation, a list of supplies recommended by teachers will be provided. As a convenience to the students and parents, the Senior High Student Council will be selling a packet of all supplies needed by seventh graders for **\$75**. The purchase of supplies from the Prep bookstore will require a separate check from the one written to lease books. A separate check for supplies should be made payable to Jackson Prep.

Class Activity Fee Parent coordinators will assess a \$30 Class Activity fee from each seventh grade family to cover the costs of planned activities sponsored by the seventh grade PAT Coordinators.

Classes The first day of classes will be Friday, August 12, with a **12:30 p.m. dismissal**. No lunch will be served that day. There is no After School Program on half days. The first bell will ring at 8:10 a.m., with **classes beginning at 8:15 a.m.** Students are to wear their **Prep uniforms starting on this first day**. Beginning on Monday, school will start at 8:15 a.m. and be dismissed at 3:00 p.m. Students who are not picked up by 3:30 p.m. each day will go to the After School Program in the Junior High building.

Football Sixth and seventh grade football practices will be held on August 4, 5, and 8 -11, from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. There will be no practice on August 12, the first half-day of school. Once school begins, the regular practice time is 2:05 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Players should always be picked up in front of the Manning Center.

Summer Reading Please remember that a quiz will be given on the first full day of school (August 15) on *The Hobbit* by Tolkien. On Friday, English teachers will provide specific information concerning the quiz.

Other News Information about student identity badges, uniforms, athletics, meal plans, and the school calendar can be found at the "Back to School" section on the school website – **www.jacksonprep.net**.

I look forward to seeing you as we begin our journey together.

Sincerely,

Trudy Powers, *Head of Junior High*