

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS for SEVENTH GRADE *YOU ARE PREP- 2011*

Where might we get more details concerning the start of the school year?

- In early July, many items of interest and instruction will be posted on the Web under a special "Back to School" section. Please check there around July 7, 2011.
- **Bank drafts for the 2011-2012 school year begin June 10, 2011.** Monthly statements are sent for past due accounts only. **Jennifer Powers, Controller,** jpowers@jacksonprep.net, 601-939-8611, can answer your questions about tuition payment.
- Student directories and student handbooks are distributed in August.

How do I know what's happening at school? www.jacksonprep.net

- The Prep website is a useful way for parents to stay "plugged in" to daily school activities. Check the website daily for announcements, honors, athletic scores, calendar postings, upcoming events, etc.
- The morning announcements are posted daily on Prep's Web page, www.jacksonprep.net. Look for the link from the home page, titled "School Life." Then move to either the **Junior High Bulletin** or the **Senior High Bulletin**.
- Each week the calendar is updated on the Web home page. Follow the **CALENDAR** link.
- The school sends out e-mail "blasts" to inform parents of important school news and upcoming events.
- Become a Facebook fan! -- If you are already on Facebook, we invite you to become a Jackson Prep fan.

When will students receive their schedules and obtain textbooks?

Orientation Program and schedule distribution for seventh grade students begins at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 11, 2011. Following the orientation, students pay the book fee of \$240.00 and pick up their textbooks. Student ID badge photos will also be taken that day, and enrollment in the MealpayPlus plan takes place.

How does lunch time work at Prep?

Junior high students eat during fourth period. Students may buy their lunch or bring their lunch. Food is priced a la carte; however, there is always a "Value Menu" for the anticipated price of around \$4.00 at the Classic Café station. MealpayPlus or cash may be used to purchase food items. MealpayPlus will be tracked through the bar code on the student's ID/Access badge. Parents will set up a MealpayPlus account when textbooks are distributed. Parents may add money to the account as needed.

What is the ID/Access Badge?

- Every student will be issued an ID/Access badge. The picture for the badge will be taken during Seventh Grade Orientation on August 11, 2011. Badges will be issued the first day of school.
- All exterior doors are locked at all times. The badges will allow the student access to any exterior door from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on normal school days.
- The badge serves as the student's meal ticket, library card, and access to sporting events.
- Students are required to keep up with their ID/Access badge and should report a lost or stolen badge immediately.
- Replacement badges are \$10.

What is the PAT?

- The PAT is the Jackson Prep parent and teacher organization that serves as a vital support group for the school. The PAT meets several times during the year and is open to all parents. Many volunteer opportunities are available to parents throughout the year, and a volunteer sheet, which lists various possibilities for parent assistance, will be sent this summer.
- President of the PAT for 2011-2012 is Cathy Joyner, cathyjoyner@comcast.net, home: 601-355-9974, cell: 601-946-2673.
- Coordinators are parents who work with school administrators to coordinate student activities and parent meetings pertaining to each grade level.
- The seventh grade Coordinators will plan ice-breaker parties for the seventh grade class before school begins on August 16. They also help with the Seventh Grade Parent Dinner on Tuesday, August 16, at 6:00 p.m.
- The Coordinators are appointed by the PAT and serve on the PAT Board. The seventh grade Coordinators for 2011-2012 are as follows:

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Whom should I contact with a specific question?

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