

Summer 2011

Dear New Eighth and Ninth Grade Students and Parents,

Welcome to Jackson Prep! None of us wish to see summer vacation end any sooner than is necessary, but school will begin on August 12. It is our desire to make this upcoming school year an enjoyable one for the entire family. The faculty, staff, and students at Prep want to assist you in making the transition from your former school as easy as possible.

I would like to remind you of some important dates and times. On Tuesday, August 9, at 4:00 p.m., **we will have orientation for new eighth and ninth grade students and their parents in the Junior High building**. At this time, we will provide each family with information that will help ensure that the initial year at Prep is a successful one. We will also answer any questions that you might have as you enter Prep.

During orientation, schedules and locker assignments will be distributed by the Junior High counselors, Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Haire. On the following day, August 10, at 4:15, **new ninth graders** will pay their book/ technology fee of \$240 and purchase teacher-recommended supplies from the Student Council (approximately \$75). (Calculators will also be on sale for \$15.) There will also be an opportunity to enroll in the **MealpayPlus** program and make a payment to your account by check made payable to Valley Foods . PAT Parent Coordinators will collect a Class Activity fee to cover the costs of student activities sponsored by parents. **Eighth graders** will go through the same process **on Thursday, August 11, at 10:30 a.m., starting in the Junior High building**. Separate checks are needed for these fees.

The first day of classes will be Friday, August 12. The first bell will ring at 8:10 a.m. with classes beginning at 8:15 a.m. School will dismiss at 12:30 p.m. that day. Monday, August 15, will be the first full day of school, beginning at 8:15 a.m. with a 3:00 p.m. dismissal. All junior high students not picked up by 3:30 p.m. will go to the After School Program located in the Junior High building. Information regarding summer reading, student identification badges, the school's meal program, uniforms, athletics, summer practices, and the school calendar can be found at the "Back to School" section of the school website, www.jacksonprep.net, which is your primary source for current school information.

We look forward to your joining the Prep family this year. Please do not hesitate to contact the Junior High office if you should have any questions concerning the approaching school year.

Sincerely,

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Head of Junior High