

# RED LION AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Red Lion Area Junior High School

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*Real Learning for Real Life*

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year! The entire staff at Red Lion Area Junior High School has been busy preparing for the return of your student. Our goal is to foster a safe and orderly environment in which students can succeed academically and socially. As a district, we also recognize the importance of forging a solid partnership with you, the parent or guardian. Our shared responsibility will allow your child to reach their greatest potential. We ask for your continued participation and support by instilling the value of a quality education, monitoring your student's academic progress, encouraging your student to read each evening, and by making sure your child arrives to school each day on time and ready to learn.

### **The First Day of School**

The first day of school is Thursday, August 22nd. The junior high school doors will open at 7:17 AM for students to enter the building. First period begins each day at 7:37 AM. Students will receive their lockers on the first day during 9<sup>th</sup> period. Your student's schedule will go live in Skyward at noon on Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. If you need assistance with Skyward please contact Kim Crawford in the counseling office at 717-244-1448 x2031.

*\*Note: Students and parents may tour the JH on their own and locate their classrooms on Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM -3 PM.*

### **Meet the Teacher Night**

Meet the Teacher Night for grade 7 will be held on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 6 PM – 7:45 PM. Meet the Teacher Night for grade 8 will be held on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 6 PM – 7:45 PM. Parents will follow a modified day one schedule and **will report to their student's first period class** for announcements upon arrival.

*\*Note: This is a different format than the elementary Meet the Teacher Night. It is not a drop-in. Parents/guardians will follow their student's schedule starting at 6 PM.*

### **School Gate Guardian**

Red Lion Area School District employs a school visitor management system called School Gate Guardian. You will need to provide state issued identification to enter the building once the school year begins. Although you will not have to provide identification for Meet the Teacher Night, the building secretary will be available during Meet the Teacher Night if you would like to process your information for the 2019-2020 school year.

### **"Grab and Go" School Breakfast**

Breakfast will be offered in the cafeteria from 7:17 AM –7:37 AM for students beginning on Monday, August 26th.

### **Junior High Parking**

Please make every effort to park in the visitor parking lot when visiting the JH. The visitor parking lot is the small lot to the left of the main entrance. If the visitor lot is full, you may park in the front of the JH. However, you may not park in the front of the JH during bus arrival (7:00 AM –7:45 AM) or during bus dismissal (2:00 PM –3:00 PM). You will also notice that a large portion of the front parking lot will be sectioned off with traffic cones during lunch periods (10:00 AM – 2:00 PM) so students can use the basketball hoops.

### **VIP at the Junior High**

The PRIDE committee recognizes positive behavior through our quarterly VIP program. The VIP program at the JH was recognized by the state of Pennsylvania as an exemplar. The VIP criteria is listed below. More information can be located in the student handbook.

- No unexcused absences
- "C" or above in all classes
- No referrals resulting in disciplinary action
- No more than two tardies a marking period
- No outstanding obligations or library fines
- Consistently follows PRIDE principles in all classes

### **1:1 Personal Device Initiative (7<sup>th</sup> Grade Device Pickup)**

Every student at Red Lion Area Junior High School will be provided with a personal device to support their learning. Seventh grade students will receive their computer on Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> during their social studies class.

*\*Note: Current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students that returned their device at the end of last school year should also plan to pick up their device on this date.*

### **RLAJH School of Technology Excellence Award Winner**

Red Lion Area Junior High School was one of twenty-two schools recognized across the country for technology excellence in the June 2018 issue of District Administration magazine. The award highlighted the junior high's use of technology as it related to their Instructional Rounds for Innovation program.



### **Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Opportunities**

Please encourage your student to get involved in some of the extracurricular and co-curricular opportunities offered at the junior high. Students can participate in MathCounts, Spring Musical, television studio, pep club, student council, yearbook, art mural, chess, Envirothon, Junkyard Wars, Zumba, guitar, talent show, interscholastic sports, intramural sports, band, chorus, and orchestra. Signs up will take place at the start of the school year.

### **School Counselors**

Please feel free to reach out to your student's counselor at any point during the year.

Mrs. Way (last names A-G & Mrs. Stem's students)

Mrs. Houck (last names H-P & Mrs. DeRoy's students)

Mrs. Stewart (last names Q-Z & Mrs. Rednak, Mrs. Shaub's students)

### **The Junior High Four Challenges**

At the start of the school year, we will issue the following four challenges to your student. We believe students that meet these challenges will have a rewarding and successful junior high experience.

1. DO YOUR BEST – Give your best effort in everything you do
2. DON'T BE A BYSTANDER – Participate in class, get involved in school activities
3. THINK – Exercise good judgment, don't blindly follow the crowd
4. TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER – Lend a hand, share a kind word, speak up if someone needs help



We encourage you to review the article *10 Truths Middle Schoolers Should Know* with your student. The article does a fantastic job of putting the junior high experience into perspective. The article can be found at <https://goo.gl/fnJAx2> or by using the adjacent QR code.

Lastly, take note of the clear fishbowl images with the words "Live Here" scattered throughout the building. As we explain to our students, the junior high is our fishbowl and we are responsible for the cleanliness of the water. The water stays clean when we are kind to one another, take care of one another, are positive, and give our best effort.

**LIVE HERE.**



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### ***We Believe in Red Lion,***

Shane P. Mack  
Principal

*The mission of the Red Lion Area School District, in partnership with our communities, is to prepare all students to reach their greatest potential, thus becoming responsible and productive citizens.*