

RED LION AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Red Lion Area Junior High School

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Real Learning for Real Life

Welcome to the 2018-19 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 Tuesday, August 21st. The junior high doors will open at 7:15 AM for students to enter the building. Students will **report to their first period class** by 7:37 AM on the first day. Students will receive lockers in 9th period. Your student's schedule will go live in Skyward on Wednesday, August 8th. 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 Monday, August 20th from 8 AM -3 PM.*

Meet the Teacher Night

Meet the Teacher Night for grade 7 will be held on Tuesday, August 28th from 6 PM – 7:45 PM. Meet the Teacher Night for grade 8 will be held on Wednesday, August 29th from 6 PM – 7:45 PM. Parents will follow a modified day one schedule and **will report to their student's first period** 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 2018-2019 school year.

"Grab and Go" School Breakfast

Breakfast will be offered in the cafeteria from 7:15 AM –7:37 AM for students beginning on Monday, August 27th.

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).

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 and our counselors presented at the annual spring conference. The VIP criteria is listed below. More information can be located in the student handbook found at <https://goo.gl/tva3GJ> or QR Code below.

- 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 the PRIDE principles in all classes



1:1 Personal Device Initiative (7th Grade Device Pickup)

Every student at Red Lion Area Junior High School will be provided with a personal device to support their learning. In order to minimize disruptions at the beginning of the school year, your student’s personal device will be available for pickup in the High School Commons during the following dates and times:

August 15th – 4-8 PM

August 17th – 7-11 AM

August 20th – 9 – 1 PM and 4 – 8 PM

**Note: Current 8th grade students that returned their device at the end of last school year should plan to pick up their device on one of the dates above.*

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 article highlighted the junior high’s Instructional Rounds for Innovation program. Check out the article at <https://goo.gl/rXzB4y> or by using the adjacent QR Code.



What’s Brewing at the Junior High?

Please join us on October 2nd, December 4th, and February 5th in the junior high cafeteria from 7 AM –8 AM. Parents and guardians are invited to share a cup of coffee and a donut with the building administrators and counselors to discuss upcoming events and ask questions related to life at the junior high.

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, Aavidum, book of the month, coding, Junkyard Wars, Zumba, guitar, talent show, sign language, interscholastic sports, intramural sports, band, chorus, and orchestra. Signs up will take place at the start of the school year.

School Counselors

Mrs. Way (last names A-G)

Mrs. Houck (last names H-P)

Mrs. Stewart (last names Q-Z)

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, and 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.

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For information regarding events and happenings visit the district website and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.



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.