

## Important Dates

**Holiday Break**  
**12-19—1-2**

**Scholars Return**  
**January 3, 2012**

**No School-  
MLK Holiday**  
**January 16, 2012**

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## **Message from Mr. Whitfield, Lead Principal**

### **A Good time for a break!**

We are now just about at the midpoint of the school year. The school year has flown by and the next milestone will be our ACTAAP exam in April.

We know that our scholars and teachers need a bit of a break, as we have been pushing hard toward our goal of scholar success since August 15th. Still there is much to learn this school year. We will send home Holiday work packets with all scholars.

This work is not a punishment, but a way to make sure that we use everyday wisely as we prepare for our state exams and the ultimate goal of preparing all scholars for college.

### **7th Grade Boys take the Title**

Over the recent Thanksgiving break, the JLCS basketball teams participated in the Episcopal Collegiate school basketball tournament. During this tournament we played admirably through a grueling four day game schedule, most games with our scholars playing back to back nights.

All of our teams represented JLCS very well in both sportsmanship and character. The 7th grade boys came away with the overall championship for

their division and the 8th grade girls came in 3rd place.

We would like to thank Coach Bryant, Coach Skipper, and all the parents who provided support to our scholars. At JLCS, we expect nothing less than excellence in all that we do. Go Wolves!

## **New State Attendance Policy**

A new school attendance policy went into effect this fall for all public schools in Arkansas. **Act 1223** restricts students from missing an excessive number of school classes each year.

This new law no longer recognizes absences as excused or unexcused. Unexcused and excused will no longer be used to describe school absences. That's according to a new state law enforcing stricter attendance policies in Arkansas schools.

The Student Handbook states

that scholars with ten or more absences may not be able to advance to the next grade and will face additional consequences such as additional time required at school (including summer school). Course credit will be denied when a student has 10 or more unexcused absences and when the administrative conference has been held, unless the principal finds there are extenuating circumstances such that to deny credit would be unfair. As state above, Arkansas law requires us to report to the government social services agency

that the student is not attending school, this report will occur upon the 11<sup>th</sup> unexcused absence. Whenever a student exceeds the number of excessive absences provided for in Lighthouse's student attendance policy, the school may notify the prosecuting authority, and the student's parents, guardians, or persons in loco parentis can be fined up to \$500 by the court. Please note: Special Provisions are made for Military Families.

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**12-19—1-2**

**No School Monday  
January 2**

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## ing Stars

### Kindergarten

Arion Pegram  
Elijah Talley

### 1st Grade

Andrea Guterrez  
Mariah Brown

### 2nd Grade

Anaiah Banks  
Caityln Pettengill

### 3rd Grade

Amari Bolden  
Tyler Dillon

### 4th Grade

Jason BoBo  
Quinton Hall

## Upper Academy Shining Stars

### 5th Grade

Atticus Davis  
Alex Norman

### 6th Grade

Gavin Martin  
Ada Lin

### 7th Grade

Joseph Venegas  
Samantha Moore

### 8th Grade

Diamond McGloan

### Specialists

Chandee Wesley  
Ke'Darius Washington

## Message from the Director of Instruction. Tom Kloske

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Everyone at the Jacksonville Lighthouse Charter School sincerely wishes that you and yours have a wonderful Holiday Season! A time to enjoy with family and friends. However, please remember to remind your scholar(s) that we have a few TLI tests coming up this week. First, I will communicate the dates, and second, I will encourage you to "compel" them to truly study, and therefore, do their best. The dates for Lower Academy Math for 1st and 2nd grade are: December 13th. This will cover everything aca-

demically in Module 3 that I'm sure the teachers have communicated all the SLE's (Student Learning Expectations) for the past few weeks. And there is also a Writing test for 2nd grade on Dec. 15th. The dates for 3rd and 4th grades is December 15th for Math and Writing (Module 3). In addition, "Upper Academy" is also given on Dec. 15th---for 5th through 8th grades. Finally, for the 8th graders, there is an Algebra 1 test to be given Tuesday. If your scholar needs additional practice in Math, please remember that the wonderful "IXL" program is an excellent source for your child to receive some

fantastic problems. Again, wishing you and yours a peaceful Holiday Season. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Best Holiday Wishes,

Tom Kloske

Director of Instruction