



Lighthouse Highlights

August 17, 2012

Important Dates

Board Meeting
Tuesday August
21st-JLCS Main Li-
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**No School for Schol-
ars— August 31, Sep-
tember 3**

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Message from Mr. Whitfield, Lead Principal

Arrival and Dismissal

We would like to thank all the parents that made this first week arrivals and dismissals a smooth and efficient experience.

Please remember that we cannot park in the dentist office parking spots for arrival or dismissal. If you do park there, your vehicle is likely to be towed at the owners expense.

Please remember that we will use the following system to dismiss.

K,1,2-Front drive

3-4, Cafeteria left lane

5-6, Back drive left lane

7-8, 9 Back drive right lane

HEALTH TIP OF THE WEEK

BREAKFAST IS THE MOST IMPORTANT MEAL OF THE DAY!!!

Most headaches, stomach aches, and fatigue at school are caused by skipping breakfast. The school has a wonderful breakfast program for your scholar from 7:15 until 7:35. Also, keep easy breakfast bars or snacks in the car for the mornings that you are running behind. It will help your scholar perform better in school.

Uniform Excellence

At JLCS one of our Core Values is that we Expect Nothing Less Than Excellence. This applies to how we adhere to our dress code as well. **Please refer to page 55 in your Scholar handbook** to answer any questions about what is permitted or prohibited in terms of dress code. Because some scholars are new to our school we allowed a grace period the first week, but starting next week we will adhere to the uniform policy and consequences. Point of Clarification: Shoes that are at least 80% black are permitted.

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 11th 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.

K-5 Shining Stars



Message from the Director of Instruction. Amber Bailey

Dear Parents and Guardians, I enjoyed having the opportunity to begin my 12th year in education with your scholars! I have over 10 years of experience (1, 5, 6 and 7 grades). I obtained my Bachelors of Science in Education from the Southern Arkansas University. I also completed my Masters of Education in Educational Administration at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. In my experience, I have

found responsibilities are easier to complete when connected to a definite schedule. By establishing specific daily routines for homework completion, you will not only make homework go more smoothly, but you will also be fostering a sense of order your child can apply to later life, including college and work.

Tips: 1.) designate a mutually agreed upon homework spot 2.)

Establish a homework schedule and time 3.) Set up a homework center. (pencils, paper, crayons/markers. . .)

Special Note! Please remember we are a Peanut Free School. We have scholars with air-borne peanut allergies and they can become gravely ill if peanuts or peanut products are in the facility.