



WELCOME TO  
JUNIOR HIGH  
PARENT ORIENTATION



## WELCOME

- ★ Prayer
- ★ Schedule/Meeting Purpose
- ★ Introductions
- ★ Overwhelming amount of information-  
presentation will be posted on school website



## SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

- ★ Mr. Todd Nitz- JH and High School Principal
- ★ Mrs. Leslie Johnson- JH Assistant Principal
- ★ School year theme and Bible verse: John 10:10b-  
The thief comes only to steal and kill and  
destroy; I have come that they may have life,  
and have it to the full.

## THE EARLY DAYS

- ★ Sufficient rest, nutrition, hydration
- ★ Normal to feel nervous, anxious sometimes
- ★ We are happy and excited your children are here!
- ★ School/family partnership



## THE BASICS: ARRIVAL

- ★ 6:30 am – Main Office Entrance Opens
- ★ 7:30 am – Jr. High Entrance and Wilson Entrance Opens
- ★ 8:10 am – 1st Period Starts– students in seats, with materials, ready to go.



## BEFORE SCHOOL

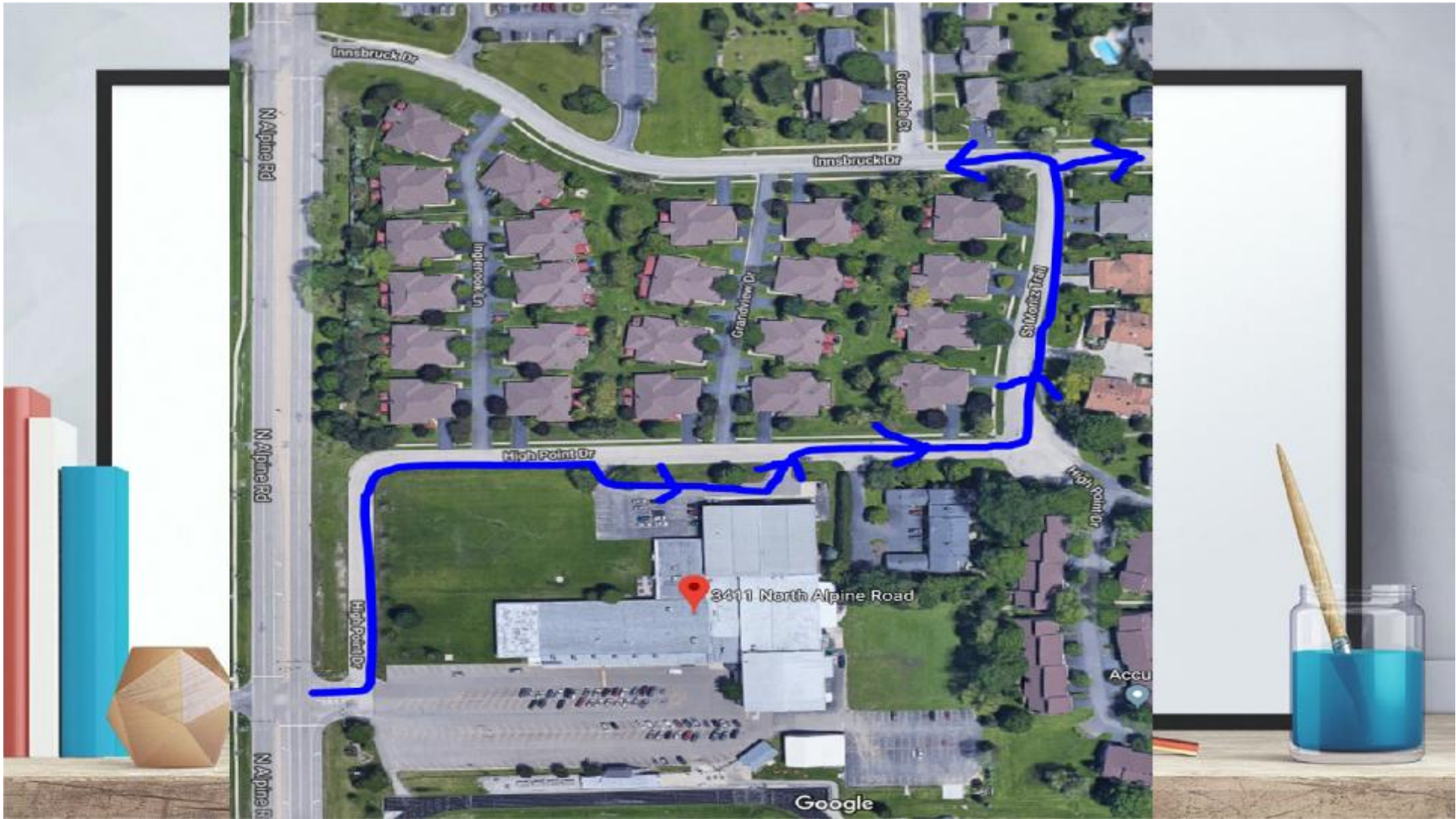
- ★ Early arriving junior high students gather in the MPR until 8:00 AM
- ★ C.O.R.E. open for specific needs, students can receive help as arranged in advance with their teachers



## THE BASICS: DROP OFF AND PICK UP

- ★ Junior High entrance or Main Door
- ★ JH Entrance Note: Please avoid parking on the street in front of the school and 8 feet on either side of the drive (pick-up)
- ★ The streets directly opposite the JH entrance are private drives. Please avoid
- ★ Turn right out of the drop off area







## THE BASICS: FACTS AND CANVAS

### ★ FACTS Student Information System (SIS)

- Official record
  - Attendance
  - Grades

### ★ Canvas Course Management System

- Daily assignment details
- Communication between teacher and student
- Grades will also appear here

## THE BASICS: ABSENCES

- ★ If your child is going to be absent, please call the Main Office by 8:30 am.
  - 815-877-9551
  - Check Canvas for the day's assignments



## THE BASICS: TARDIES

- ★ Late to school – check in at Main Office
- ★ Tardy tolerance first few days of 1st semester
- ★ See Handbook for policies.



## THE BASICS: LUNCH

- ★ Subway – sandwiches, pizza, chips, cookies, soup
- ★ Cash, Subway Gift cards, Credit/Debit cards
- ★ Vending Machines – snacks, beverages, candy  
(Many are card only, no cash. Subject to change.)
- ★ Microwaves available

## THE BASICS: SNACKS

- ★ Can be eaten between classes at locker
- ★ Vending machines available before school, at lunch, and after school
- ★ Snacks cannot be eaten in the classroom unless it is part of class.



## THE BASICS: EARLY DISMISSALS AND APPOINTMENTS

- ★ Let Main Office staff know 815-877-9551.  
Students cannot be released from a text message to their phone
- ★ Pick student up in the main office
- ★ Student will need to sign out



## THE BASICS: END OF DAY

- ★ Dismissal - 3:15 pm
- ★ Pick up from Jr. High Entrance until 3:45 pm
- ★ Pick up from Wilson Entrance after 3:45 pm
- ★ Student with later pick-ups must stay in the MPR



## THE BASICS: AFTER SCHOOL OPTIONS

- ★ After Care Supervision
  - 3:15 – 5:30pm
- ★ Extracurricular activities
- ★ SPARK tutoring (Wednesdays 3:15–4:00, CORE, begins in September)
- ★ ~~Detention~~





## EXTRA CURRICULARS - CLUBS/ACTIVITIES

- ★ Science Olympiad
- ★ Art Club
- ★ JH Student Life
- ★ JH Math Team
- ★ The Rock (Youth Group)
- ★ Theater
- ★ Athletics
- ★ Jr. Quiz Bowl
- ★ Chess Club
- ★ Anime Club
- ★ Puzzle Club

## ATHLETICS

- ★ Football - F
- ★ Cheer - F
- ★ Volleyball - F
- ★ Cross Country - F
- ★ Soccer - F
- ★ Basketball - W
- ★ Track - S
- ★ Tennis - S
- ★ Golf - S

## THE BASICS: WATER BOTTLES AND BACKPACKS

- ★ Water bottles allowed. (Reusable preferred)
  - Covered top
  - Water only! (not flavored)
- ★ Backpacks remain in lockers



## THE BASICS: ACADEMICS

- ★ Parent Night- Aug. 29
- ★ Report Cards - Semesters only
- ★ 1st Semester Conferences
  - October 24 and 25, all students
- ★ 2nd Semester Conferences
- ★ Teachers available via phone and email

## THE BASICS: ACADEMICS

### ★ Grading Scale

- A 90–100
- B 80–89
- C 70–79
- D 60–69
- F 0–59



## DRESS CODE - TOPS

- ★ Solid color, any color.
- ★ Small logos near shoulder only.
- ★ Collared shirt under sweaters, sweatshirts.
- ★ Sweaters, sweatshirts, etc. must be solid color or have school-approved RL logo
- ★ Friday Spirit Wear tops



## THE BASICS: DRESS CODE - BOTTOMS

- ★ Skirts – plaid, navy, khaki, black
- ★ Pants/Shorts – navy, khaki, black
- ★ Solid color leggings worn underneath (no patterns, no words), no flared legs
- ★ No cargo pockets
- ★ Undergarments cannot be visible



## COMMUNICATION

- ★ Main Office number: 815-877-9551
- ★ 6th – 7th student cell phones turned off and in lockers during school hours.
- ★ Students may check texts, etc., at their lockers between classes
- ★ Goal: increase engagement, interactions, and relationships with each other



## CONCERNS? WHERE TO BEGIN:

- ★ Individual Classes – start with the teacher
- ★ Academic/Student Concerns – Mrs. Leslie Johnson,  
[ljohnson@rockfordlutheran.org](mailto:ljohnson@rockfordlutheran.org), 815-877-9551 ext. 234
- ★ Athletics – coach, JH AD– Mr. Jason Pedersen,  
[jpedersen@rockfordlutheran.org](mailto:jpedersen@rockfordlutheran.org)
- ★ Other Extracurriculars – check the online list of sponsors and coaches

QUESTIONS?

