



KNIGHT TIME

REMINDERS

- ◆ **FALL BREAK:
OCT 19-20**
- ◆ **KEEP AN EYE ON THE WEBSITE AND THE INFORMATION LINE FOR NEWS AND UPDATES
423-869-6404**

PARENTS OF SENIORS

Be sure to read the senior information in Mrs. Nadvi's newsletter (now on the website) pertaining to college board tests, admissions deadlines and scholarship opportunities. Also, help us remind seniors to get requests for letters of recommendation for college applications to JFWA faculty and staff in a timely fashion. This will insure deadlines are met and that people have ample time to write good, thoughtful responses. Sometimes teachers or staff will get multiple requests for letters with a frantic, "I need this by tomorrow." Planning and an eye on the due dates will help everyone get a good result from these letters.

Media Center

Schedule

Students are welcome to stay after school to work on school-related projects in the media center as long as there are staff members in the offices. Please be advised we cannot leave students unattended in the building, however. When the last staff member is ready to leave for the day, we will have to ask students to leave the building. Times for that can vary depending on other afterschool activities or schedules of staff members. For example, during basketball season we generally close the building earlier than normal to allow everyone time to go eat before reporting for duty at the gym. Normally someone is in the office until about 4 o'clock. We also provide media center passes students may use during lunch if they would like to come back to the building after they eat to work in the center. Students can pick up passes from Dr. Lynch or Mrs. Nadvi.

NEW CLUBS AT JFWA

Mrs. Amanda Toti has responded to a request by several of our middle school students who wanted to form a **book club**. The purpose of Book Club is to promote reading within the J Frank White Academy. They cite their mission as follows: "We will expand our reading preferences, participate in book discussions, and share our ideas and opinions of books. We will meet once a month during our lunch period, and participate in a book discussion on our chosen book for the month. We will vote on which book we will read every month at our meetings. Students will come with ideas of books they would like to read. We will only read books that are appropriate for school and appropriate for grade levels 5-9."

Mrs. Toti has indicated that a group of students in grades 10-12 have indicated they would like to form a book club as well. She is talking with the students and working on identifying a second faculty advisor to help. We're very pleased to have so many students interested in a serious approach to their recreational reading!

Also Mr. Beeler has had a wonderful response to his offer to sponsor a **chess club** at the Academy. The students will compete for prizes and work on honing their skills in playing chess.

Learning the Ropes at the Academy

Miss Mars' wellness and PE classes are benefitting from the great new LMU campus ropes course constructed over the summer. Each Wednesday Miss Mars takes her classes to the low ropes course where the students work with Miss Mars and High Adventure Coordinator Rick Stowe. They take part in problem solving activities, team building exercises and refining leadership skills. The students look forward to their time on the ropes course and the opportunity to experience a unique approach to building an important group of skills.

JFWA students, faculty and staff attended the campus convocation program on Sept. 15. The speaker was Dr. Phillip Ott, interim VPAA at Pfeiffer University. The campus community attends two convocation programs each year, one in the fall and one in the spring. It's a great opportunity for our students to attend some wonderful programs and an opportunity for them to participate in a college-style format. Convocation at LMU is required for undergraduate students, and many other colleges have the same requirement. Observing such activities is part of the college prep process for JFWA students.

Please be sure to read the flyers we sent home about helping us prevent widespread infection as we enter the flu season. LMU also posts regular updates and alerts on the University's Homepage. Click on the "Healthy LMU and U" link.