



LAKESIDE JR. HIGH



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to Junior High

We are excited to partner with you as your child begins another year of learning, growth, and new opportunities. Junior high is an important time in a student's academic and personal development, and we look forward to working together to help every student succeed. Research consistently shows that students achieve more when parents and guardians are actively involved in their education. Staying connected with teachers, monitoring assignments, attending school events, and encouraging learning at home all contribute to student success. We encourage you to be an active part of our school community and look forward to a positive and productive year together.

Lakeside Jr. High
is a Title One School

Parent Access (check grades)

Parent Access (PA) is a software program that our district uses to allow parents to see their child's grades and missing assignments. You will access PA from a web browser.

If you do not have an account and would like to, then please contact Mrs. Kolkowski at the Junior High. Please email her at barbara.kolkowski@aacs.net or call 993.2617. Once you create an account, you are encouraged to take a few minutes to get acquainted with the Parent Access software.

Ask Your Child About School

One of the simplest ways parents can support their child's success is by asking about their school day. A few minutes of conversation each afternoon helps students feel heard, strengthens family connections, and encourages them to reflect on what they're learning. Questions like "What was the best part of your day?" or "What challenged you today?" can spark meaningful discussions and give parents valuable insight into their child's experiences, friendships, and academic progress. These daily conversations show students that their education matters and that they have a strong support system at home.



Attendance Matters

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success. Families play a key role in making sure students get to school every day. Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation. Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty. By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of the three signs that a student may drop out of high school. By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores. Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.