



Southmont Junior High School

Mountie Minute

August 16, 2021

Off to a Great Start: This week was filled with excitement as our students returned to the hallways. The smiling faces, positive attitudes, and willingness to help others has not gone unnoticed. I'm certainly proud to be a Mountie!

Meet our New Staff!

Mrs. Reimondo: Mrs. Reimondo has 5 children of her own. She enjoys being with my family & friends, playing games, reading, traveling, enjoying good food, being outdoors, & working out. This is Mrs. Reimondo's 11th year teaching but her first at Southmont Junior high. She is very excited to be teaching 6th grade Science & Social Studies this year.

Mrs. Baxter: I come with 15 years of experience from Riverton Parke Jr-Sr High School in social studies, health, PE, and college level communications courses and I'm so excited to begin a new chapter here at Southmont. Jason and I currently live in Rockville where I was born and raised. I enjoy working out, traveling, camping, make-up, home decor, and being an aunt to my three wild nephews. I'm looking forward to being part of the Mountie community!

Miss Kingery: My name is Krysten Kingery and I have been a teacher for 11 years. I graduated from Indiana University Bloomington. I was a high school English teacher the last 10 years at North Putnam High School. I was also in charge of the proms and dance team for many years. I am obsessed with movies of all kinds. No one ever wants to play trivia with me..... I have been a scuba diver since I was 16 years old. I own property in Scotland and have the title of Lady Kingery of Glencoe, Scotland. I am the new Junior high cheerleading

coach. I am extremely accident prone and have broken 28 bones throughout my life. I have a cat, 2 dogs, and a turtle.

Mrs. Ward: Hello! My name is Lori Ward! This will be my 24th year of teaching, but my first experience teaching 7th and 8th grade math. I am extremely excited to become a part of the Southmont Jr. High School Team! My husband and I have three children- Lilly, Emma, & Trip. I enjoy watching my children compete in sports, spending time at the lake, and playing with our mini-dachshunds.

Ms. Blaydes: My name is Erin Blaydes. I am the Dean of Students and the Athletic Director at SJHS. I was born and raised in Montgomery County, but in the northern part of the county! 😊 I have 2 boys, Drake and Drew. Drake will be a sophomore at Purdue and Drew will be in 7th grade here at SJHS. I have been in the classroom teaching for the past 19 years at Greencastle Community Schools. I have taught intermediate art, 1st grade, 5th grade, 6th grade science, and 7th grade health and PE. I am very excited for this opportunity to work with the wonderful staff and students here at Southmont Junior High!

Note from our Nurse: Mrs. McCormick:

Medications: Please make sure all medications are brought in by an adult and the medication authorization form is filled out. This form is available to you on the Southmont webpage and we also have copies in the office.

Sick/COVID: Please continue to adhere to guidelines of keeping your child home when he/she is sick. We strongly encourage testing if your child is experiencing COVID -like symptoms. Also remember to report any positive or close contact cases to the school. Further questions concerning this can be addressed by our school nurse.

Counseling News: Stay up to date on different activities, clubs and other important information by visiting Mrs. Scheidler's school counseling newsletter; [SJHS School Counseling News | Smore Newsletters for Education](#)

In other News:

Return to In-Person Instruction Plan: You can view our plan here: [Southmont Junior High Plan](#)

Scheduling Meetings with Principal, Counselor, and/or Dean: Due to the ever changing schedules and availability of staff please contact Mrs. Acton at the front desk at 765-866-2023 to schedule an appointment to meet with Mrs. Busenbark, Ms. Blaydes, or Mrs. Scheidler. This helps eliminate parents waiting for uncertain time limits. You are also more

than welcomed to email the principal, counselor, and/or dean to schedule. All calls and emails will be returned within a 24 hour time frame.

School Hours: 7:30-4:00 Phone calls after 4:00 will be returned the next day. However, please note that ALL students should be out of the building by 3:15.

School Calendar: A link to the 2021-2022 School Calendar can be found [here](#).

Attendance Reporting: If your child will be absent from school, or late to school due to an appointment you will need to call the office by 9:00 AM. If your child goes to the doctor, you will need to get a doctor note in order for this to be counted as an excused absence.

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