Dear JBHS Families,

I hope that everyone has a chance to get some rest and have some fun next week. Here are some school updates that everyone should be aware of:

**Spring Break:**
There is no school next week (March 21-25). School will resume on Monday, March 28.

**At-Home COVID Testing on Sunday, March 27:**
In an effort to continue to reduce the spread of COVID-19, all students and staff were provided two at-home COVID-19 tests this week. We are encouraging everyone to test on Sunday, March 27 before returning to school after Spring Break. The second test should be taken on Sunday, April 3. Test results can be uploaded here Student Spring Break COVID Test Results.

**JBHS Musical "Into the Woods" - Friday, March 18 - Sunday, March 20:**
The Performing Arts Department is so excited to finally present their mainstage musical this weekend back in the auditorium! They are producing the Tony-Award winning show INTO THE WOODS by Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine (Best Score, Best Book, etc. This mash-up follows all your favorite fairytale characters as they go into the words to make their wishes come true! Along the way, they get mixed-up in one another's stories, and sometimes things don't always go as they hoped. Some find happily ever after, and others do not. Showtimes are as follows:

- Friday, March 18 at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, March 19 at 7 p.m.
- Sunday, March 20 at 2 p.m.

Go here for Ticket Info and Event Details.

**10-Week Report Cards:**
10-Week report cards will be mailed home to families today. These grades can also be found on the Aeries Parent Portal. Please be aware that students may have a new class for AE on their class schedule based on their 10-week grades.

**California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP):**
After Spring Break we will start state testing in the areas of English, Math, and Science. At the high school level, only 11th graders are required to test (*and 12th graders who did not take the Science exam in 11th grade)*:

- 11th Graders will take the English Language Arts assessment in their English 11, English 11 (H) or AP Language classroom on Wednesday March 30 – Friday April 1.
- 11th Graders will take the Math assessment in their US History or AP US History classroom on Monday April 4 – Wednesday April 6.

- 11th Graders will take the Science assessment in their Science classroom on Thursday April 7 – Friday April 8.
- 11th Graders not enrolled in a science class will be assigned a classroom.
- 12th Graders that did not test last school year will take the Science assessment in their Economics, AP Economics, Government, or AP Government classroom on Tuesday April 12 – Wednesday April 13.

For more information about state testing please visit the CAASPP website at https://www.caaspp.org/. Students are encouraged to bring their school issued Chromebook for state testing. If your student declined a school issued Chromebook, one will be provided for them during testing.

We will be on a Traditional Bell Schedule for the weeks of March 28 and April 4. To reference our school bell schedule please go here Bell Schedule.

For questions about testing, please contact our Assistant Principal of Instruction Mr. Knoop (KennenthKnoop@burbankusd.org) or our Senior Secretary of Instruction Ms. Wade (DebraWade@burbankusd.org).

**2022-23 Bell Schedule:**
We have adopted a new bell schedule that will go into effect this August. JBHS Weekly Bell Schedule: 2022-23. See below regarding details about this change.

In November of 2019 Governor Newson signed a Senate Bill that requires high schools to begin their regular program at 8:30 a.m. This will go into effect for the 2022-23 school year. In addition to the state's requirement that we start our regular school day at 8:30 a.m, we will be making three other adjustments to our bell schedule next year.

- Move Early Release Day to Tuesdays
- Move AE to before Lunch
- Tweak our Bell Schedule to have consistent start times

Lastly, I would like to encourage students to sign up for a zero period class next year. We will have a variety of zero period course offerings, which will start at 7:30 a.m. It is vital that we increase our zero period enrollment in order to have consistent Early Release Days on Tuesdays. More information will be coming out soon regarding this.

**Operation Senior - Yearbooks:**
This year the yearbook staff would like to introduce a new program to JBHS! Each year the graduating class has approximately 500-600 seniors, but typically only 200 seniors purchase a yearbook! We realize that some of these seniors and their families are not at a stable place to spend $90.00 on a yearbook.

We know this year especially with all the finance changes due to the pandemic, this issue is ever prevalent with our senior class.

Therefore, we would like to implement a new program at JBHS, called "Operation Senior". In this program, teachers and staff at JBHS, as well as parents and community members who might feel compelled, can purchase a yearbook for a senior student in need. For more details, go here: Operation Senior - Yearbooks

**Prom:**
Prom tickets will be available for 12th graders to purchase on our WebStore from Monday, March 14 through Thursday, April 7, 2022. Prom will take place Saturday, April 30 from 7:00 - 11:00 p.m. at the Samuel Oschin Pavilion at the California Science Center. Each senior may bring one guest. Guests must be high school aged and may not exceed age 20. Non-BUSD students will be allowed to attend. See pages 9-12 of our Senior Packet for more details about Prom including contracts and guest requirements. If you have any questions, please email our ASB Advisor, Jessica Palaski (JessicaPalaski@burbankusd.org).

**Graduation Ceremony:**
This year's graduation ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 26 at 6 p.m. at Memorial Field. All seniors will be given five free tickets for guests to attend. No additional tickets will be sold. More information will be provided about this event in the coming weeks and months. Please contact our AP Activities Tori Cuseo (VictoriaCuseo@burbankusd.org) or our Senior Secretary of Activities Winnie Cascolan (MariaCascolan@burbankusd.org) if you have questions.

**Masking Update:**
The LA County Department of Public Health is no longer requiring mask wearing in indoor K-12 settings. However, masks are still recommended and will be provided to anyone who wants or needs one. Let's all continue to respect and support students and staff who elect to wear masks.

Go Bears!

Respectfully,

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