Dear JBHS Families,

Please take a few minutes to read about some important school updates.

First Freshmen Link Crew Event of the Year:
Link Crew is a high school transition program that welcomes freshmen and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their high school experience. We are proud to have 120 junior and senior students serving as Link Crew Leaders this year.

This Friday, October 1 at lunch our Link Crew will be hosting their first event of the year, which will be a Freshmen Scavenger Hunt at Lunch. To learn more about all the ways our Link Crew program helps students check out their new Link Crew Website.

Kindness Week:
A special thanks goes out to our ASB for their tireless efforts to make our school a safe and inclusive space. Tomorrow concludes Kindness Week at JBHS. Let's all be "Beary" kind and wear **Red or JBHS Gear** on Friday.

Chromebook Distribution Update:
Due to a shipping delay, our Chromebook distribution plan has fallen a bit behind schedule. However, I am happy to inform families that we will begin distributing Chromebooks to 10th grade students next week. Once we complete 10th grade distribution, we will move onto 11th grade. More info coming soon.

PSAT - Deadline to Purchase is Friday, October 8:
The PSAT exam will be administered on campus on October 13th. The deadline to purchase is Friday, October 8. The cost is $25 and it must be purchased ahead of time on the JBHS Web Store. The test is open to all sophomores and juniors. PSAT Flyer

Homecoming Dance - Saturday, October 16 (Outdoor Event):
This year's Homecoming Dance will take place on Saturday, October 16th from 6:30-10:00 pm. It will be held outdoors in the JBHS Quad. Homecoming tickets for "A Night In New York" are now on sale at the JBHS Web Store. Tickets are $30 with an ASB card and $35 without. Students must have all library, textbook and Student Store indebts cleared to purchase tickets. Only BUSD students will be allowed to attend this year's event. Additionally, all COVID safety rules will apply to this event.

Concerning TikTok Challenges
You may have seen in the media concerns about some recent TikTok challenges. The first one was to vandalize school property and now there is one to slap a teacher. Please speak with your children about these illegal and dangerous acts. If students participate or record any of these activities, we will pursue the maximum school discipline measures as possible and will contact local authorities. Please see the following link for a media report on these challenges.
https://chicago.cbslocal.com/2021/09/28/tiktok-challenges-vandalism-schools-restrooms/

More than a Meal (Fee Reduction Opportunities):
As a reminder, ALL students can eat FREE in the cafeteria this year. More information can be found here Burbank Unified School District - School Nutrition And Fitness (busdfoodservices.com) including the financial benefits of filling out a Meal Application https://family.titank12.com.

COVID Dashboard:
We have had two confirmed positive COVID cases in the past 14 days at JBHS. We have had a total of 16 confirmed positive COVID cases since the start of school. This information can be found on the District's COVID-19 Dashboard.
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Cpid6UbkySPwKLAm1w_65rVmjETqAXJM/view

COVID Testing Reminder:
We continue to offer COVID testing to students and staff on Fridays. Testing will take place from approximately 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Small Gym (Building 3). **It is important that all unvaccinated students are tested on a weekly basis.**

Required Testing Opt-In Form :
Please use the following link to opt-in your student to be tested. This form must be completed prior to the student being tested.
https://app.formdr.com/practice/MTU2NjM=/form/L0L7uHDR_mnIiKbCpxYApgXUua9ar7av

JBHS COVID Testing Schedule for Friday, October 1:
7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. - Walk-in
Period 1 - 10th Graders
Period 2 - 9th Graders
Period 3 - 12th Graders
Period 4 - 11th Graders
Lunch - Walk-in
Period 5 - Walk-in
Period 6 - Athletes
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Walk-in

- *Students will check-in with their teacher before going to the testing site (Small Gym).*
- *Last Names A-L will go at the **beginning** of their designated period.*
- *Last Names M-Z will go **halfway** through the period.*
- *Students will be excused from class while testing.*
- *Students that have not completed the online opt-in form will be sent back to class. A QR code will be available to send to parents. When completed, the student can return at 3:00 pm for testing.*

Vaccinations:
For those who are eligible, the number one thing we can do is get vaccinated. Please get vaccinated as soon as possible. For students who are 12 years and older, if you are vaccinated you do not have to quarantine if you are identified as a close contact and you are not showing symptoms.

Symptom Checking:
For everyone's protection, if you or your student has COVID-19 symptoms, please stay at home and do not return to school until you receive a negative test result. Symptoms include fever greater than 100.4° F, chills, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, headache, new loss of smell or taste, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, body aches, fatigue, runny nose, congestion

Go Bears!

Respectfully,

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