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John Burroughs High School Students, Families, Faculty and Support Staff, I hope this message finds you rested, recharged, and ready for the exciting journey ahead. As we open our doors for the 2025-2026 school year, I want to extend a heartfelt welcome back to each and every one of you—students, families, faculty, and staff.

At John Burroughs High School, we believe in the power of togetherness and growth. This year, we are committed to building an even stronger, more inclusive school community—one where everyone feels seen, heard, and supported. We will stand up for each other, advocate for what's right, and make sure kindness and respect are the cornerstones of our daily interactions.

To our young learners: Your voices matter. Your dreams matter. This year, I encourage you to approach every day with a growth mindset—embrace challenges, ask questions, and celebrate your progress. Learning happens not just in the classroom, but in every moment we choose to be brave, curious, and compassionate.

Let's make this a year of powerful learning, bold advocacy, and unforgettable memories. I can't wait to see all that we'll accomplish together.

First Day of school this year is Wednesday August 13th, 2025. Period 0 starts at 7:30 a.m. and Period 1 starts at 8:30 a.m. This year, we will have Period 0 on day one.

First week Schedule:

Wednesday August 13 – We will be on a "Traditional Bell Schedule".

Thursday August 14 – We will be on a "Traditional Bell Schedule".

Friday August 15 – We will be on a "Traditional Bell Schedule".

The Traditional Bell Schedule is;

Period 0	7:30 a.m. - 8:21 a.m.
Period 1	8:30 a.m. - 9:26 a.m.
Period 2	9:32 a.m. - 10:33 a.m.
Nutrition	10:33 a.m. - 10:42 a.m.
Period 3	10:48 a.m. - 11:44 a.m.
Period 4	11:50 a.m. - 12:46 p.m.
Lunch	12:46 p.m. - 1:26 p.m.
Period 5	1:32 p.m. - 2:28 p.m.

Period 6 2:34 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The front doors of the school will open at 7am for the first three weeks of school. Starting Tuesday September 2, the front doors of the school will open at 7:15 am.

JBHS School Office Hours are 7:30am – 4:00pm.

The **JBHS Library** will be available to students starting Monday August 25th, Library hours are 7:30am – 4:00pm.

All students will need to present their temporary ID from registration to enter campus starting Wednesday August 13th. The temporary ID will be used until picture day. Picture Day information is below.

Adult visitors entering campus will need to present their driver's license or State ID. We use Raptor technologies to check all visitors. Raptor Technologies provides a suite of school safety solutions that help schools manage visitors and volunteers. Their integrated platform aims to streamline safety operations, improve communication, and enhance overall school safety.

Second Week Schedule:

Monday August 18 – We will be on an "Academic Excellence Schedule".

Tuesday August 19 – We will be on a "Traditional Bell Schedule".

Wednesday August 20 – We will be on an "Academic Excellence Schedule".

Thursday August 21 – We will be on an "Academic Excellence Schedule".

Friday August 22 – We will be on a "Traditional Bell Schedule".

Third Week Schedule:

Monday August 25 – We will be on an "Academic Excellence Schedule".

Tuesday August 26 – We will be on a "Traditional Bell Schedule".

Wednesday August 27 – We will be on an "Academic Excellence Schedule".

Thursday August 28 – We will be on an "Academic Excellence Schedule".

Friday August 29 – We will be on a "Traditional Bell Schedule".

Fourth Week Schedule:

Monday September 1 – NO SCHOOL – Labor Day

Tuesday September 2 – We will be on an "Early Release Schedule".

Wednesday September 3 – We will be on an "Academic Excellence Schedule".

Thursday September 4 – We will be on an "Academic Excellence Schedule".

Friday September 5 – We will be on a "Traditional Bell Schedule".

Save the Date: Back-to-School Night is Wednesday September 10th, 2025. More information will be sent closer to the event.

What is Academic Excellence? Academic Excellence (AE) is Burroughs' advisory and intervention program. 3 times per week, students spend 25 minutes in one of the following areas: TUTORIAL for students struggling with a particular class, STUDY HALL for 9th graders, or CHOICE for students with Cs or better. AE CHOICE allows students to make up work, get extra help from teachers, mentor their peers, learn about college pathways from the college peer mentors, and more.

Academic Excellence (AE) will officially begin on Monday, August 25. The schedule for AE can be found here.

Incoming 9th Graders!! Link Crew is our transition program that welcomes freshmen and supports them through the first year of their high school experience. Our Link Crew Leaders comprised of juniors and seniors facilitate freshman success through positive lessons, promoting academic success, and fun events. Freshmen will meet their Link Crew Leaders during AE and all Link Crew events! There is also a Freshman Google Classroom: Class code: gw6r2j5r Class of 2029 Link

Student Schedules: Student schedules can be viewed by logging into their Aeries portal on Tuesday, August 12. Instructions on how to download the Aeries App on YouTube here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J1UtD8dPRKU.

We are encouraging all students to check their schedule on Tuesday, August 12, so they can head straight to their first class on the first day of school. All students will receive a hard copy schedule in their Period 1 class. For students that cannot access their Aeries account on the first day of school, staff members will be available in the quad to assist them. ***All schedules are subject to change.***

Chromebooks: Students who need to check out a Chromebook may visit room 6102 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:00 AM to 8:30 AM.

Textbook Distribution/Request August 13th – 21st: Students please stop by the Textbook Room/Library to request or return textbooks or to exchange textbooks due to schedule changes. You may stop by before school, 7:15am-8:30am, Nutrition or Lunch. Please have your Temporary ID and schedule, and enter through the front Library doors. You will fill out a Request Form and textbooks will be available to pick up **15 minutes after 5th and 6th periods…closing promptly at 3:45.** Ms. FitzGerald, Textbook Coordinator.

Guidance Counselors: At JBHS, students work with counselors based on an alphabetical breakdown by student's last name, unless otherwise specifically assigned. Information about this year's breakdown is available on the Counseling page (https://jbhs.burbankusd.org/counseling/department-information) of the JBHS website; counselor names will also be visible in Aeries.

Attendance: Please reference the attached document for picking up students early. Reminder to send a note with your student to excuse their tardy when they are late. For an excused absence, a parent/guardian/caregiver must **notify the JBHS attendance desk within three (3) days if a student misses school due to absence.** Visit our Attendance page for more details.

Student Parking: Assigned parking spaces will be notified via student email by the end of the day on August 11th. If you signed up for a parking pass and have been approved, please come to the Student

Services Office to pick up your parking pass during lunch or after school on Wednesday August 13th . The parking pass application can be found on the school website under the student services tab. Please do not park in the Faculty/Staff parking lots.

Temporary Lunch Passes - Juniors and Seniors: If approved, lunch passes will be available for pick up in Student Services on registration day. Lunch passes can be used starting the 1st day of school. They MUST be shown when leaving campus for lunch AND when returning to campus after lunch. DO NOT LOSE IT!!!. Temporary Lunch Passes will NOT be replaced. Permanent Lunch passes will be issued after picture day. Do not be late returning from lunch. PLEASE BE SAFE WHEN YOU ARE OFF CAMPUS.

ID Photo Day (Picture Day) will be on August 26th & 27th in the Small Gym, starting at Period 1. Students will go during their English Class. If you wish to order a Photo Package, you may do so by viewing the flyer online, see Mrs. Cascolan at the Athletics & Activities counter in the Front Office or get a flyer from your English teacher. Students will get their school ID on this day.

Food Delivery: Please keep in mind that food delivery services CANNOT drop student lunches off at the school. This includes attempting to deliver food to the side gates. It poses a safety risk as we cannot effectively monitor the drop off of the food. If food is attempted to be delivered, it will not be given to the student. If a student has a lunch pass, they can go off campus to get their lunch delivered directly to them, but if it is attempted to be delivered to the front door/school, it will not be held and will be confiscated. Parents/Guardians may drop off lunches directly for their student, but it should be done sparingly as it is also challenging for the school to supervise this process. We highly encourage all students to utilize the Free Lunch program or bring their lunch with them.

Click here for more information from Food services, including applications to potentially benefit from free/reduced lunch, SAT/AP fee waivers, P-EBT cards, and summer meal access.

Early Release Schedule: We have schedule Early Releases days for this school year. Dates are on the Bell Schedule attached to this email.

Yearbooks are available for purchase at the **Student Webstore**. Preorder your Yearbook online at https://johnburroughs.myschoolcentral.com/(S(j2n4zpch4zdcupnykj4tl2nv))/Index.aspx. We offer 3 Senior Packages: Senior Package#1 is a $370 value for only $330. This includes an ASB Card with a Free Spirit Shirt, your Yearbook, Senior Video and Graduation Video, 1 Gradnite Ticket, and your Senior Sweatshirt. Senior Package #2 is a $270 value for only $240. This includes an ASB card with a free ASB Spirit Shirt, Senior Video and Graduation Video, 1 Gradnite Ticket, and your Senior Sweatshirt. Package #3 is a $220 value for only $200. This includes your ASB card with a free ASB Spirit Shirt, your Yearbook, Senior Video and Graduation Video, and Senior Sweatshirt.

Let's all take a moment to be **mindful of our surroundings and respectful of our neighbors**. Your attention to these small but meaningful actions helps us all enjoy a safer and more harmonious environment. Thanks for being a considerate member of our community!

A few friendly reminders:

🚫 Please do not block or use private driveways.

🚍 Avoid parking in red zones or designated bus areas.

🚶 Be cautious and courteous to pedestrians, especially near crosswalks.

🅿️ The student/faculty parking lot is reserved for vehicles with a school-issued permit—please do not use it unless authorized.

Lastly, at John Burroughs High School**, we always strive as a school community to create a culture where everyone gets along**; where kids are accepted for who they are; and where everyone treats each other with kindness and respect. The biggest obstacle that we have in creating this culture is the words and names that some of our students use with one another. In particular, we want to eliminate hate speech, which is any derogatory terms that are based on a student's ethnicity, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other element of their background or identity. Words like the N-word or the F-slur are hateful and need to be stricken from our kids' vocabulary. With this in mind, I am asking that you talk with your child tonight about the power of their words and the need to never use words that are hateful, discriminatory or profane. Specifically, I would ask that you tell them very directly that they are to never use the N-word, either in-person or online. Please make it clear to your child that as their parent, you expect them to be respectful to others and only use words that are kind. In addition, I have attached the district's progressive discipline structure for hate speech.

We look forward to another amazing year!

GO BEARS!

Kenny Knoop, M.Ed.
Principal, John Burroughs High School
John Burroughs High School

Attachments:

2025-2026BUSDInstructionalCalendar.pdf (66.7 KB)
JBHS_PTSA_flier_2025-26.pdf (269.2 KB)
Attendance_Pickup_students_early_Off_Grounds_Policy.pdf (197.2 KB)
Senior_Packages__Class_of_2026.pdf (140.4 KB)
Bell_Schedule_2025-2026_ER.pdf (126.2 KB)