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John Burroughs High School Students, Families, Faculty, and Staff, I hope you've had a wonderful summer and are returning rested, recharged, and ready for the incredible year ahead. As we officially open our doors for the 2026-2027 school year, it is my absolute privilege to welcome you all back to campus.

At Burroughs, our strength lies in our community. This year, our focus is on building an even more inclusive environment, one where every single student, family member, and staff member feels seen, heard, and deeply supported. We are committed to standing up for one another, advocating for what is right, and ensuring that kindness and respect guide our daily interactions.

To our students: Your voices and your dreams matter. I challenge you to approach this year with a growth mindset. Embrace new challenges, never hesitate to ask questions, and celebrate your progress along the way. Remember, true learning happens not just in the classroom, but every time you choose to be brave, curious, and compassionate.

Let's make this a year of powerful learning, bold advocacy, and unforgettable memories. I cannot wait to see what we will accomplish together.

First Day of school this year is Thursday 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:

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

Friday August 14 – 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 Monday August 31st, 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 24th, Library hours are 7:30am – 4:00pm.

All students will need to present their temporary ID from registration to enter campus starting Thursday August 13th. The temporary ID will be used until picture day. Picture Day will be sent out at a later time.

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 17 – We will be on a "Traditional Bell Schedule".

Tuesday August 18 – We will be on a "Traditional Bell Schedule".

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

Thursday August 20 – We will be on a "Traditional Bell Schedule".

Friday August 21 – We will be on a "Traditional Bell Schedule".

Third Week Schedule:

Monday August 24 – We will be on an "Academic Excellence Schedule".

Tuesday August 25 – We will be on a "Traditional Bell Schedule".

Wednesday August 26 – We will be on an "Academic Excellence Schedule".

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

Friday August 28 – We will be on a "Traditional Bell Schedule".

Fourth Week Schedule:

Monday August 31 – We will be on an "Academic Excellence Schedule".

Tuesday September 1 – We will be on an "Early Release Schedule".

Wednesday September 2 – We will be on an "Academic Excellence Schedule".

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

Friday September 4 – We will be on a "Traditional Bell Schedule".

Save the Date: **Back-to-School Night** is Thursday 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 24. The schedule for AE can be found here:

Link Crew welcomes YOU: Class of 2030! Get ready to start an amazing high school journey! Link Crew is here to help make your transition to high school fun, exciting, and successful. Our team of junior and senior Link Crew Leaders is dedicated to helping you feel welcomed, connected, and confident from day one. Throughout the year, your Link Crew Leaders will lead fun activities, share helpful tips for succeeding in high school, and be there to answer questions and support you every step of the way. You'll meet your Link Crew Leaders during orientation and see them in AE and at Link Crew events all year long. We can't wait to welcome you to campus and help make your freshman year one to remember!

Student Schedules: Student schedules can be viewed by logging into their Aeries portal on Wednesday, 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 Wednesday, 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: Starting the first full week of school any Student who needs 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: Textbook Request may be requested using the QR code, AUGUST 13TH – AUGUST 21ST. You may scan the QR code to request your textbooks or to exchange textbooks. **Request by lunchtime, and pick up at the end of your school day**. Please **have your Temporary ID card to pick up** your textbooks.

- 5th period – first 15 minutes
- * 6th period – first 15 minutes
- After school – 3:30pm – 3:45pm. **Closing promptly at 3:45pm**.

The text book QR code is also attached to this email.

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.

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 Monday, August 24th & Tuesday, August 25th 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.

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.

Get Around Burbank for FREE with Burbank Bus! Middle and high school students ride FREE – just show the driver your valid school ID! Whether you're headed to class, the library, sports practice, or meeting up with friends, Burbank Bus can help you get where you need to go.

- Two convenient weekday routes
- Easy access to school, work, shopping, and more
- More independence for students
- One less trip for parents

Burbank Bus offers two local routes with connections to major destinations, including Downtown Burbank, the Media District, North Hollywood Station, Hollywood Burbank Airport, and the Empire Center. The regular fare is just $1 one-way for riders who are not eligible for free student rides. View route maps and schedules at burbankca.gov/burbankbus or call 818-246-4258.

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.

The Boys & Girls Club provides wide range of support for teens after school until 6:00 PM. This includes mentorship, volunteer opportunities, homework assistance, college application support, resume building, community service opportunities, workforce readiness, and our Keystone Leadership Program. They also offer specialized programs, such as Junior Achievement, to help students build valuable life

and career skills. They also provide daily transportation from Burroughs High School to the Main Clubhouse, located at 300 E. Angeleno Ave., Burbank, and all of our high school programs are completely free for members. Please see the attached flyers for more information.

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!

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