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Dear John Burroughs High School Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

Welcome back for another school year! We hope your summer vacations were fun and restful. As we begin the new semester, we would like to ask:

Have you heard about Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (P.B.I.S.)?

Burbank Unified School District, with training and support from the Los Angeles County Department of Education, has begun to implement P.B.I.S. throughout its schools. P.B.I.S. is a research-based framework to help schools teach and support positive behaviors in the classroom and the entire campus, thereby helping students achieve academically and mature socially. Through the framework, faculty receive training on classroom management and staff receive support for encouraging positive relationships on campus. A major goal of P.B.I.S. is to improve a school's culture and help its various constituents feel connected to it.

As part of the P.B.I.S. process, JBHS created a voluntary site team to implement the framework per our school's needs. The site team has included administrators, faculty, parents, and students. One of its first tasks last year was to guide the faculty and staff toward a consensus on several behavioral expectations across our campus, and we began promoting them through a school-wide matrix (attached herein) and in weekly morning broadcasts. JBHS faculty also examined what constitutes major versus minor discipline transgressions with the aim of making our responses to them timely, meaningful, and ultimately effective in maintaining relationships. This coming year, we will explore a variety of reinforcements (e.g., prizes and incentives) for promoting positive student behavior, as the P.B.I.S. framework underscores the value in motivating people to be positive members of their communities.

If you have questions, suggestions, or would like further information, please contact us at school. In the meantime, welcome back to school and thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

The P.B.I.S. Site Team at JBHS

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