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## Junior High Transition Activities

### 1. 6th Grade Student Visits

Principals and Counselors will come to your elementary school site to speak with all 6th graders to discuss school life, student expectations and answer any questions.

### 2. Parent Information Night

BPJH Principal, Assistant Principals and/or Counselors will have a Parent Information Night at each elementary site to share about student life, dispel any myths and share about various programs offered.

### 3. 6th Grade Student Visit to BPJH

All 6th grade students will be bussed to BPJH to receive a tour and multiple presentations about BPJH life and expectations.

### 4. Individual Student Registration

Held at each Elementary school site

### 5. BPJH Stallion Tours

**9:00-10:00am— 1st and last Friday of the month in February and March (no appointments necessary, come on in!)**

### 6. BPJH Open House/College & Career Night (Thursday, March 15, 2018)

Join us for an evening to visit classrooms and meet teachers and explore college and career options.

### 7. RRR Ambassadors

Leadership students that provide various activities to welcome 7th graders.

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## Important Dates

**1/8/18 - 1/12/18** BPJH Registration Materials pushed out on to 6th grade students iPad. All students will receive a printed Elective Course Request that will be turned in during Individual Student Registration.

**2/9/18** Elective/Programs Application Due Date. These applications will be located on your child's iPad or in your student's front office.

**3/15/18** Open House/College & Career Night

### Individual Student Registration

BPJH Administrators and Counselors will go to the elementary school sites to meet with students 1:1 and sign them up for classes. We strive to start building connections students early in their transition to junior high experience.

**3/7/18** Whitaker Elementary (1:00 PM)

**3/8/18** Beatty Elementary (7:45 AM)

**3/9/18** Corey Elementary (8:30 AM)

**3/9/18** Gilbert Elementary (1:00 PM)

**3/12/18** Pendleton Elementary (1:00 PM)

**3/13/18** Emery Elementary (8:30 AM)

### School Counselors

Jodie Reddingius  
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# Buena Park Junior High School

Stallions are:

Respectful, Responsible & Ready to Learn



Our mission is to “educate, motivate, and inspire students to achieve academic success and become productive global citizens.”

**Erik Bagger**

Principal

**Polyn Spirtos & Tyler Morgan**

Assistant Principals

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## 7th Grade Classes

Students will generally have 6 classes during the school day. They will be given the following schedule unless he/she is accepted into a program or have an individual education plan that states otherwise:

English 7	World History 7	CCSS Math 7
P.E. 7	Science 7	Elective

## Elective Selection

Students will be given an Elective Request Form to designate priority of four electives based on their interests. In general we strive to schedule students in their highest priority electives.

A student's elective will be given based on the student's needs, therefore, an additional Reading, ELD, Study Skills, or other intervention class may be required which will take place of a student's elective class.

Any changes to a student's schedule will need to be requested within the first two weeks of each semester using the Schedule Change Request form that is found in the front office.

## ZERO Period\* (\*starts at 7:55am)

Zero period is a year long class that opens up a period during the school day to take an additional elective class. *No bussing is provided.* Space is limited.

## Honors Academy

The Honors and GATE program is highly selective at Buena Park Junior High School. Students applying should be advanced in one or all four curricular areas; Math, Science, English and/or History. Students should be prepared for a very rigorous and challenging accelerated program. Application and honors testing required.

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## GATE Program

The GATE Program is designed to meet the needs of high ability and intellectually gifted students. After school academic enrichment activities are provided to students who are GATE identified by the Buena Park School District.

## Elective Options

Students have a huge selection of semester and year long elective courses to choose from.

A **semester elective** lasts for two quarters/ semester and students will change electives in January. The following are semester long electives:

- Industrial Arts (Woodshop)/Adv. Industrial Arts
- Intro to Robotics
- Project Lead the Way (PLTW)
- Art/Advanced Art
- Culinary Arts/Advanced Culinary Arts
- Forensics
- Femineers

A **year long elective** will last the whole year. The following are year long electives:

- Computer Science A/Coding
- Art/Computer Design
- Spanish 1A/1B
- Beginning Band I/Advanced Band 2
- Beginning Orchestra/Advanced Orchestra
- Percussions
- Choir
- Academic Pentathlon
- Journalism (requires an application)
- Speech & Debate (requires an application)
- AVID (requires an applications)
- Yearbook **(8th grade only)**
- Advanced Robotics **(8th grade only)**
- ASB **(8th grade only)**
- PALS/Triple R Ambassadors **(8th grade only)**

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## Student Life

**S.A.D.L Up (Success in Academics and Deepening Learning)** BPJH has imbedded time in the bell schedule to help students be successful in their classes with customized tutorials for students in all subject areas. Additionally, for students who are already reaching success in academics we provide opportunities for those students to deepen their learning through advanced tutorials that take the curriculum to greater depth and complexity.

### Positive Behavior Intervention Supports/Hero:

We strive to maintain a positive school environment where students are recognized for their behaviors. At BPJH the focus is on teaching and encouraging appropriate behavior in all areas of the school, concentrating on the instruction of the three pillars of character: Respectful, Responsible, and Ready to Learn.

**Clubs:** Students have opportunities to participate in a variety of different clubs on campus. Students are encouraged to start new clubs on campus to help build connections between students of like interests.

**American Heritage:** 8th grade only week long field trip opportunity to visit various east coast states to learn first hand about our American Heritage.

**Dream Trip** (Honors Program and GATE Program) 7th grade students go on a week long field trip to visit various colleges from Southern to Northern California.

### After School Dances

**Lunchtime:** Music, Sports Tournaments, and more

**After School Sports:** Students practice and compete against other junior high schools in the following sports: Volleyball, Flagged Football, Basketball, Track, and Soccer.