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Dear Joel Barlow High School Students and Parent/Guardians,

We hope you are having a great summer, even with our ongoing pandemic and August tropical storm!

This letter is about parking permits for the 2020-2021 school year.

As in the past, a parking permit will be needed to park on campus. To obtain a parking pass, the requirement to submit completed registration materials and payment will remain. The registration paperwork serves multiple purposes. For one, it provides the school with important information about each driver and vehicle registered for parking. We also highly value the set of safety expectations each driver and parent/guardian signs acknowledging an understanding of the school's safety expectations and commitment to follow them. Payment for a parking pass also remains necessary as our operating budget is constructed each year with the revenue from parking permits offsetting costs associated with student use of our parking lots. These costs include maintenance and security costs, snow plowing, and other upkeep and safety items such as line painting, signage, and more.

While the above remains consistent with past years, there are changes for this year due to the pandemic:

1. The fee for a parking permit for the fall semester will be \$75. The fee for a parking permit for the spring semester will be assessed and set by the Region 9 BOE later this school year. The total fee for the year will not exceed \$150.
2. Parking suspensions are being waived for students who have accumulated unexcused tardies prior to the start of this school year. This means that for 2020-2021, all students who hold a valid driver's license may purchase a parking permit as soon as registration opens.
3. Students with parking permits who accumulate three unexcused tardies within a marking period *during the 2020-2021 school year* may still have their parking privileges suspended per our school's practice and as outlined in the JBHS Handbook. During this school year, alternate consequences, including detentions and community service, may be implemented.
4. Students will not need to satisfy all outstanding financial obligations to the school to be eligible to purchase a parking permit.
5. The Pre-Parking Safety Seminar will not take place this year.
6. The purchase of a parking permit prior to the start of the school year will be open to students in all grades who hold a valid driver's license. Juniors will not need to wait until the second week of school to purchase their passes, and sophomores will be permitted to purchase passes this school year.
7. While using a Hybrid schedule, all students will be directed to park in the upper student parking lot.

The above changes are being implemented for the 2020-2021 school year to make the purchase of a parking permit readily available to more students.

If you would like to purchase a parking pass, we invite you to drop off your registration paperwork in advance at the security desk in the main lobby between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. each weekday Monday through Friday. Registration packets can only be accepted if they contain all the necessary documentation. No copies can be made at the school.

A complete registration packet includes:

1. Your completed AND signed parking agreement form (parent/guardian signature required)
2. A copy of the front of your driver's license
3. A copy of your car registration
4. A check for \$75 made payable to JBHS

If you will be registering two cars, both registrations will be needed. Expired registrations cannot be accepted. Please read the parking agreement carefully before signing it.

Dropping off your registration materials in advance assists us in processing them on a rolling basis. For those who submit a complete set of registration materials in advance, we will have your parking permit sticker available for pickup on your first day of school in the building.

Students can register for a parking permit at any time during the fall semester. Once the school year has begun, students will continue to drop off their packets of registration materials at the security desk. Once the materials have been processed, they will receive an email to come to the main office to pick up their parking permit sticker.

One final adjustment for this year is that we are extending the grace period for students to park on campus without a parking permit to include the first two weeks of school. Beginning Monday, September 21st, students without a permit will not be allowed to park on campus. We hope this will allow students and families more time to assess if they would like to purchase a pass for the fall semester, as well as provide time for processing registrations that are submitted after the start of school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Mrs. McTague, Assistant Principal, by email (jmctague@er9.org) or by phone (203-938-2508, extension 1506). We very much want to support all of you as you transition back to school and into this new year!

We hope you are looking forward to the upcoming school year and look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Pin, Ed.D.
Head of School

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