Dear Ball Junior High School Students and Families,

It is my pleasure to welcome you as the newest members of our Blackhawk family for the 2019-20 school year. My name is Dr. Karen Dabney-Lieras, and I am honored to serve as the Principal of Ball Junior High School. We have an exciting year planned for our students and there will be many opportunities for parents to be involved in our school community.

We encourage all of our students to get involved in school and take advantage of the many programs we offer. Being actively involved in these programs helps students feel connected to our school, and gives them an opportunity to find out what they are most passionate about. We provide many opportunities for students to develop their academic skills and artistic and athletic talents over the two short years they are with us.

A list of our clubs, activities and special programs can be found on our website at www.balljhs.org. You may also follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for the latest updates and events happening at our school.

Our staff is dedicated to empowering all Blackhaws to be creative problem solvers, critical thinkers, and inspired life-long learners. We encourage our students to make the world a better place by demonstrating integrity, perseverance, kindness and respect toward others.

We look forward to welcoming you and your student to our Blackhawk family. We value your involvement and partnership with us in ensuring your child’s success. With your support, we will work to develop your child’s unique talents and interests, and provide them with a foundation for success in high school, college and beyond. Should you have any questions about our school, or about programs we offer, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Ball Junior High School Summer Registration Dates

July 22, 2019  Grade 8 (A-L) 8:00-11:00, (M-Z) 1:00-3:00
July 23, 2019  Grade 7 (A-L) 8:00-12:30
July 24, 2019  Grade 7 (M-Z) 8:00-12:30
July 25, 2019  Make Up Registration 8:00 am-11:00 am

School Pictures and I.D. Cards
Pictures for the yearbook will be taken during the first week of school. Order forms with prices and packages offered will be available at registration. Temporary ID cards will be also be issued during registration.

The following items will be available for purchase during registration.

- Uniform Polo Shirts are $12.00
- The academic attire colors are:
  - Gray polo shirt
  - Black polo shirt
  - White polo shirt
  - Gold polo shirt

- ASB Card..............................$20.00
- P.T.S.A. Membership..............$10.00
- Yearbook..................................$35.00
- PE Shirt short/long sleeve........$10.00
- PE Shorts.................................$10.00
- PE Locks...................................$5.00
- Ball Sweatshirts......................$20.00
- Ball Jacket/Windbreaker.........$28.00

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https://www.instagram.com/ballblackhawks
https://www.facebook.com/ball.jhs.7
https://twitter.com/BallBlackhawks

Learning With Purpose
ANAHEIM UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
College and Career Ready
To create an Aeries Parent Portal account log onto:
https://aeriesconnect.auhsd.us/auconnect

1. Click on Create New Account

2. Select Parent for Account Type. Click Next

3. Enter a valid email address and password. Click Next.
1. Check your email for an Aeries Account Verification.

2. Click on Confirm this Email Address

3. A message will display. Click on Return to Login Page.

4. The student verification screen will display. Enter your student’s permanent ID, Home telephone number and verification code.
Earned Income Tax Credit Information Act Communication

Below is the specific language that LEAs must include when notifying households about the EITC. This language is in RTC Section 19854:

Based on your annual earnings, you may be eligible to receive the Earned Income Tax Credit from the Federal Government (Federal EITC). The Federal EITC is a refundable federal income tax credit for low-income working individuals and families. The Federal EITC has no effect on certain welfare benefits. In most cases, Federal EITC payments will not be used to determine eligibility for Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income, food stamps, low-income housing, or most Temporary Assistance For Needy Families payments. Even if you do not owe federal taxes, you must file a federal tax return to receive the Federal EITC. Be sure to fill out the Federal EITC form in the Federal Income Tax Return Booklet. For information regarding your eligibility to receive the Federal EITC, including information on how to obtain the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Notice 797 or any other necessary forms and instructions, contact the IRS by calling 1-800-829-3676 or through its website at www.irs.gov.

You may also be eligible to receive the California Earned Income Tax Credit (California EITC) starting with the calendar year 2015 tax year. The California EITC is a refundable state income tax credit for low-income working individuals and families. The California EITC is treated in the same manner as the Federal EITC and generally will not be used to determine eligibility for welfare benefits under California law. To claim the California EITC, even if you do not owe California taxes, you must file a California income tax return and complete and attach the California EITC Form (FTB 3514). For information on the availability of the credit eligibility requirements and how to obtain the necessary California forms and get help filing, contact the Franchise Tax Board at 1-800-852-5711 or through its website at www.ftb.ca.gov.

There are many options for notifying households about the EITC which may include in–person, electronic, mail, flyers, or by phone.

For additional information, refer to the IRS EITC web page at https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/individuals/earned-income-tax-credit or the California EITC Web page at https://www.ftb.ca.gov/individuals/faq/net/900.shtml.

LUNCH INFORMATION

1. Free & Reduced Price Meal Applications can be submitted throughout the school year. SY19/20 applications will be available online the first week of July 2019: https://anaheimuhsd.rocketscanapps.com/. It can take up to 10 days to process an application; please send your child to school with money or a lunch until your application is processed.

2. Parents/guardians can pre-pay for full price meals and check account balances online at: www.schoolpay.com. Meal prices: Breakfast - $1.75, Lunch - $3.00 (prices for SY19-20 will be posted online and in all cafeterias).

3. Credit limit for AUHSD students: Students will have a $6.00 credit limit. After this limit is reached, students will receive an alternate meal.

4. Special diet information and requirements are available on the Food Services website.

5. Breakfast & lunch menus are available on the Food Services website and are posted in all cafeterias.
Students Admitted at TK/K-12 Need:

- Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP, DTP, Tdap, or Td) — 5 doses
  (4 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday.
  3 doses OK if one was given on or after 7th birthday.)
  For 7th-12th graders, at least 1 dose of pertussis-containing vaccine is required on or after 7th birthday.

- Polio (OPV or IPV) — 4 doses
  (3 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)

- Hepatitis B — 3 doses
  (Not required for 7th grade entry)

- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) — 2 doses
  (Both given on or after 1st birthday)

- Varicella (Chickenpox) — 2 doses

These immunization requirements apply to new admissions and transfers for all grades, including transitional kindergarten.

Students Starting 7th Grade Need:

- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) — 1 dose
  (Whooping cough booster usually given at 11 years and up)

- Varicella (Chickenpox) — 2 doses
  (Usually given at ages 12 months and 4-6 years)

In addition, the TK/K-12 immunization requirements apply to 7th graders who:
- previously had a valid personal beliefs exemption filed before 2016 upon entry between TK/Kindergarten and 6th grade
- are new admissions

Records:

California schools are required to check immunization records for all new student admissions at TK/Kindergarten through 12th grade and all students advancing to 7th grade before entry. Parents must show their child's Immunization Record as proof of immunization.
DRESS CODE

- **Shirt** - Ball Polo Shirt or solid color polo shirt in white, black, gold or gray only. Spirit shirts (band, choir, AVID, ASB, Student Clubs) may also be worn any day of the week. College Shirts may be worn on Fridays.
- **Outerwear** - sweatshirts, jackets and sweaters should be solid colors and must be in compliance with our district guidelines. No flannel or plaid shirts may be worn as outerwear.
- **Pants** - Must fit at the waist and be worn at the waist. They must not sag or drag on the ground. Holes/frays above the knee may not show skin. No yoga pants or leggings may be worn as pants. Leggings are acceptable if they are worn under a skirt or shorts.
- **Shorts** - Must fit at the waist and be worn at the waist and be between mid-thigh length to knee level. Socks must not meet the shorts at the bottom.
- **Skirts** - Must be mid-thigh or longer.
- **Shoes** - Must be worn at all times and cover the whole foot or have back straps. No house slippers, flip flops or sandals are permitted.

The following items are NOT allowed:
- Hats or head coverings (except for religious reasons)
- Belt buckles with letters, pictures, oversized, or illuminated messages.
- Baggy, oversized, excessively loose or tight-fitting clothes.
- Wallet chains, lanyards or types of jewelry, which may be considered unsafe.
- Steel-toed boots.
- Fleece or pajama bottoms
- Visible undergarments
- Hair styles that cause distraction and/or disrupt class.
- Facial piercing is not allowed (other than ear piercing or piercings for religious reasons). Earrings must be the size of a nickel or smaller. Earrings that project sharp or pointed ends, spikes or studs are not permitted.
- No items may contain weapons, drug/alcohol words, symbols or sexual images.
- Any other items deemed by the administration to be dangerous or distracting.

AFTER-SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Any student not participating in a school sponsored event or supervised activity should leave campus by 2:30 p.m.

Students are invited to attend and participate in activities like intramural sports, Homework Help, CSUF STEM Inc., after school clubs and Anaheim Achieves. Students must be at their supervised destination by 2:30 p.m. Students are allowed to attend after school sports tournaments as spectators, but are not allowed to “hang out” during practices if they are not on a team.

BALL JUNIOR HIGH CELL PHONE POLICY

All electronic devices including but not limited to cell phones, head phones/earbuds and gaming devices must be out of sight and silent during school hours (7:55am-2:20pm).

Individual teachers may allow electronic devices for specific academic purposes within their classroom.

Electronic device violations will result in the item being confiscated.
- The item will be returned to the PARENT/GUARDIAN of the student. Items may be picked up between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the main office.

BALL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST, STOLEN OR BROKEN ELECTRONICS. NOR THOSE THAT ARE LOST, STOLEN OR MISPLACED AFTER CONFISCATION.

STUDENT PLANNER

Our Blackhawk Student planner is free and given to each student during the first week of school. It contains very important information and it is the expectation that all students carry it daily and use it to keep track of homework assignments and use it for correspondence between teacher and parent.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

If you are interested in serving on the 2019-20 School Site Council (SSC) please contact the principal at dabney_k@auhsd.us. The SSC is comprised of the principal, teachers, other school personnel, parents and students. It provides a forum for all Ball Junior High School’s constituents. The SSC comes together to identify common goals and establish a plan to achieve these goals. This involvement occurs through the development of a school improvement plan, the continuous review of implementation of the plan, the assessment of the effectiveness of the plan, and the ongoing review and updating of the school plan. SSC meetings are generally held once a month beginning at 2:30 p.m in our Parent Community Resource Center (room 8).

PICK UP AND DROP OFF PROCEDURES

- Cars driving into the front parking lot must use the drop off lane (far right lane along curb) to safely drop off students.
- All cars are to pull completely forward (in the drop off lane only) until coming to a full stop. Students are to exit or enter the parked car (depending on time of day) at the curb.
- No students should be dropped off at the street on Ball or in the far left (drive through lane) this creates a safety hazard for everyone.
- During afternoon pick-up, students MUST be ready for pick up within five (5) minutes of dismissal. If you are unable to see your student, you MUST circle the parking lot until your student arrives.

MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS EDUCATION ACT

If your family is in a temporary or inadequate living situation due to a loss of housing, your child might be eligible for certain educational rights and services under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act.

Eligibility for McKinney-Vento Services:

If any of the above applies, then your child might be able to receive help through a federal law called the McKinney-Vento act.

Your McKinney-Vento eligible children have the right to:
- Receive a free, appropriate public education.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending the school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is your preference.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if you request this.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children’s needs.

* If the school district believes that the school you select is not in the best interest of your children, then the district must provide you with a written explanation of its position and inform you of your right to appeal its decision.

HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED ASSISTANCE? CALL THE MCKINNEY-VENTO LIAISON  Dr. Adela Cruz, LCSW, PPSC
Email: cruz_ad@auhsd.us
Office: 714-999-7734
Coordinator, School Mental Health
McKinney-Vento (Homelessness) / Foster Youth
Make your everyday purchases add up to fundraising dollars for Ball Junior High School

Register your Club cards and every time you shop particular stores, Ball Junior High School earns money for our programs. Upon registration or renewal, a percentage of all purchases made on these cards will automatically be given back to Ball Junior High School!

1. Log onto escrip at www.eScrip.com
2. Click on (1) Sign up - It’s free!
3. Designate Friends of Ball # 6472219
4. Click on Friends of Ball and proceed to next step to register your Vons club card, debit/credit cards, Visa & American Express Cards. If you Lost your card or need your account #, call Vons at (877) 723-3929
5. You Must Renew each year between August and November

1. Log in to www.ralphs.com
2. Click on ‘Create an Account’
3. Follow the 5 easy steps to create an online account
4. You will be instructed to go to your email box to confirm
5. After you confirm your online account, return to www.ralphs.com and click on ‘my account’ (you may have to sign in again first)
6. View all your information and edit as necessary
7. Link your card to your organization by clicking on:
   a. Scroll down to Community Rewards
   b. Edit my community contribution and type in BALL
   c. Remember to click on the left circle for BALL JHS

That’s it! It’s that easy--- your family shops – and our school earns dollars for our programs! Register other friends and family members too...grandparents, aunts, uncles and neighbors.

Ball Junior High PTSA

Look for information coming soon from Ball Junior High School’s PTSA regarding:

✓ Membership
✓ Volunteer Opportunities
✓ Fundraisers
✓ Available PTSA Leadership Positions
✓ Parent Leadership Academy
✓ PTSA Reflections Program