

# Raiders 101

## **Concept**

A two-week session for incoming freshman before the school year starts. The sessions revolved around character education, leadership skills and setting up students for success.

**WHY:** Transitioning into high school is one of the most difficult transitions for a student.

## **Method:**

We used framework of the Character Development and Leadership curriculum by Dr. Joseph Hadell (Hoedel), with modifications to make it fit our period and specific needs at BHS. Each day we discussed a different topic on effective leadership and positive character development.

## **Our activities included:**

Group discussions      movie clips  
Games                      Writing assignments  
Role-play

## **Topics for discussion:**

Attitude                      preparation  
Self-control                  tolerance  
Responsibility                leadership  
Character                      communication style  
Fears (locker, lost, lunch, looks)

## **WHO:**

Identified BJHS 8<sup>th</sup> graders - 150 students will be invited

## **When:** TBA – July 2009

- Last summer (2007) we had 24 students and three teachers
- This summer (2008) we had 50 students and eight teachers
- Out of 50 students, 95% had two or fewer absences.
- Two busses picked up each student at their home everyday
- Students were able to receive their schedule/find their classes
- Students received lunch everyday
- Students received a t-shirt and backpack full of school supplies on the last day