

BUCHHOLZ HIGH SCHOOL



2022-23 BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK BOBCATS!

Dear Bobcat students and families,
I am excited to welcome all of you back to Buchholz High School for the 2022-2023 school year! We have been working all summer preparing for the start of the new year and we are ready for our students to return. We have added new faculty and staff members to our already top-notch team and we have built a schedule that continues to offer a multitude of program opportunities for all of our students. As principal, my primary goal is to ensure that all of our

students are provided with high quality, engaging educational experiences that will prepare them for college, careers, and beyond. Whether in the classroom, on the stage, or on the athletic field, we want all of our Bobcats to strive to carry on the tradition of excellence of Buchholz High School. We look forward to seeing everyone August 10th at 8:25 a.m. for the first day of school.

Go cats!
--Kevin L. Purvis, Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

August 4 th:
-- 9:00 a.m. New Student Orientation. Students will be given schedules, a tour of campus, and have the opportunity to meet many of our student leaders and staff members.

IMPORTANT DATES

Returning students receive schedules as follows:

12th Grade – August 1st from 12 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

11th Grade – August 2nd from 9 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

10th Grade – August 2nd from 1 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

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ON CAMPUS

2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

ADMINISTRATION

Principal: Kevin Purvis
Assitant Principal, Curriculum: Dr. Melissa Pratto
Assistant Principal, Administration: Marlon Jones
Assistant Principal, Student Services: Julie Smith

SCHOOL COUNSELORS

9th & 10th Grade last names A-L: Heather Bates
9th & 10th Grade last names M-Z: Erin Camizzi
11th & 12th Grade last names A-G: Christine Borden
11th & 12th Grade last names H-O: Jean Brown
11th & 12th Grade last names P-Z: Dr. Suzanne Warner

DEANS

Mark Ellard

Kevin Peoples

Lashandra Jenkins

Gloria Valladares



Bobcat Students and Families, I hope that you enjoyed a relaxing summer and are getting ready to get back into the swing of things! I'm looking forward to the return of students for the 2022-2023 school year on August 10th. We've been hard at work creating a course schedule which ensures students have access to courses that are tailored to their interests and abilities. As the Assistant Principal of Curriculum, my goal is to ensure that students are supported in academic planning which will prepare them for college, career, or whatever else the future holds. Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions about courses, schedules, just to say hi, or anything else I can help with to make your time at Buchholz the best it can be. Go Cats! - Dr. Melissa Pratto, Assistant Principal of Curriculum



BUCHHOLZ ALMA MATER

For our school days,
And for always,
We will honor Buchholz High.
Friends we'll cherish
'til we perish,
Sing her praises to the sky!
Gold and Black,
Still leaning onward
To the goals we strive to win.
Here is where we learn for living,
Here is where we all begin.

Words by Diana Brantley
Tune of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy"



ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES STAFF



Ron Brooks
Athletic Director



Brittany Bowers
Activities Director

FALL SPORTS

Football - Coach Whitmore
Volleyball - TBD
Cross Country - Coach Douma and Coach Maren
Swimming - Coach Hulvey
Boy's Golf - Coach McNickle
Girl's Golf - Coach Ellard

WINTER SPORTS

Boy's Basketball - Coach Golden
Girl's Basketball - Coach Johnson
Boy's Soccer - Coach Journey
Girl's Soccer - Coach Hantak
Wrestling - Coach Pankey
Girl's Weightlifting - Coach Bell

SPRING SPORTS

Baseball - Coach Brooks
Softball - Coach Hooper
Track & Field - Coach Battle
Boys Lacrosse - Coach Adams
Girls Lacrosse - Coach Higgins
Boys Tennis - Coach Taylor
Girls Tennis - Coach Taylor
Boys Weightlifting - Coach Bell

SCHOOL CALENDAR

2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

Tuesday, August 3 – Monday, August 9.....	Pre-Planning (5 weekdays)
Wednesday, August 10	First Day for Students
Monday, September 5.....	Holiday – Labor Day
Thursday, September 15.....	Interim Reports Available in Family Access
Friday, October 7.....	Holiday UF Homecoming
Wednesday, October 13	End of First Nine Weeks
Friday, October 14.....	Student Holiday – Teacher Workday
Tuesday, October 25.....	Report Cards Available in Family Access
Friday, November 11.....	Holiday - Veterans Day
Monday, November 21-Tuesday, November 22.....	Student/Teacher Holidays
Wednesday November 23– Friday November 25.....	Holiday - Thanksgiving
Tuesday, November 129.....	Interim Reports Available in Family Access
Monday, December 19– Friday, December 30.....	Winter Holidays (10 weekdays)
Monday, January 2.....	Student Holiday/Teacher PD Day
Tuesday, January 3.....	Teacher/Student Holiday FLEX DAY # 2
Wednesday, January 4	Classes Resume
Wednesday, January 11.....	End of First Semester
Thursday, January 12.....	Begin Second Semester
Friday, January 13.....	Student Holiday – Teacher Workday
Monday, January 16.....	Holiday – MLK Jr. Day
Tuesday, January 24.....	Report Cards Available in Family Access
Thursday, February 16	Interim Reports Available in Family Access
Monday, February 20	Holiday - President’s Day - FLEX DAY #1
Monday, March 13 – Friday, March 17.....	Spring Holidays (5 weekdays)
Friday, March 24	End of Third Nine Weeks
Monday, March 27.....	Student Holiday/Teacher Workday
Tuesday, April 4	Report Cards Available in Family Access
Tuesday, May 2	Interim Reports Available in Family Access
Monday, May 29.....	Holiday – Memorial Day
Wednesday, May.....	Last Day for Students
Tuesday, May 31 – Wednesday, June1.....	Post-Planning

* Notes on the calendar:

1. The district will not need to utilize the Flex Days until we have missed the 2nd day of school due to a hurricane or other emergency
2. The Flex Days will be utilized in the following order: #1 February 21, 2023, #2 January 3, 2023.
3. If more than three days of school are missed, the district may have to add minutes to the school day after utilizing the scheduled flex days.



PTSA CORNER

Flexibility, Determination, and Dedication: Three words that describe the attributes that we, as Buchholz parents, guardians, teachers, staff, and students, show on a daily basis. United together we can get through anything and accomplish great things.

With your amazing support last year, PTSA was able to give generously in support of our Buchholz family: funding for mini-grants, students in need, teacher appreciation, \$4000 to student academic awards & scholarships, and more.

Want to get more involved with the BHS PTSA? There are currently openings on the Board. Join us!

President - Rebecca Lancer

Corresponding Secretary - OPEN

Recording Secretary - Inga Neubert

Treasurer - Karen Beaty

VP Student Achievement co-chairs- Paige French and Mary Anthony

VP Membership - OPEN

Heart to Heart - Tia Buchanan

Mini-grants - Andrea Shaw

Hospitality - Peggy Vermont

Hospitality Support Team - Mary Drummond

Hospitality Support Team - OPEN

ACCPTA - Jill Shea

PTSA Student Rep - TBD

Let's make it an amazing year together! We've got this!

To join BHS PTSA or for more information visit the Buchholz website and click the Community tab. Follow us on Facebook: BuchholzBobcatsPTSA

Want to volunteer at Buchholz? Visit the Alachua County website and click on Volunteer form

Go Bobcats!
Becky Lancer
buchholz.pts@gmail.com

STUDENT COUNCIL

STUDENT BODY OFFICERS

President: Christine Cama
Vice President: Kevin Zheng
Treasurer: Macy Warring
Secretary: Ansley Ruland

SENIOR OFFICERS

President: Paola Monge
Vice President: Avery Theiman
Treasurer: Malak Qumseya
Secretary: Molly Brooks
12th Grade Historian: Trinity Johnson

JUNIOR OFFICERS

President: Pete Neubert
Vice President: Maddox Powell
Treasurer: Breezy Dowling
Secretary: Riley Leibach
11th Grade Historian: TBD

SOPHOMORE OFFICERS

President: Mason Green
Vice President: Gigi Giordano
Treasurer: Addie Rometty
Secretary: Mara Tilley
10th Grade Historian: Caparo Lomellini

FRESHMEN OFFICERS

Elections for Freshmen Class Officers will be held at the beginning of the school year. For information on running for office, please contact Mrs. Bowers.



FACULTY SPONSORS

Brittany Bowers
Veronica Charbonnet
Amy Shrewsbury

PARKING

RESERVED PARKING

For parking packet go to: [Buchholz Parking Info](#)

There are 242 reserved paved parking spaces, 70 parking spaces in the unpaved areas and 60 spaces at Northwest Baptist Church. These spaces are available through Buchholz. Each year the number of BHS students changes. Therefore, each year there is a different challenge to park. Parking is a privilege, not a right and to gain that privilege students must meet certain requirements and follow certain procedures. Purchasing decals will begin with Seniors

Every senior, must have at least 16 credits, must have a 2.0 GPA and must also not have any debts owed to Buchholz High School. Driving to and from campus is a privilege and such privilege may be revoked at any time. Please read the Parking Packet carefully. The Parking Responsibility Form is a contract that states that you will follow the rules accordingly. Please complete the packet, bring photocopies of the necessary paperwork and the appropriate payment for the desired space. There are no special provisions for athletes, dual enrolled or job shared students. Everyone parking on the Buchholz High School campus or Northwest Baptist Church must purchase a decal. Parking in these areas without a proper decal may result in the vehicle being towed at the owner's expense.

August 1: Senior Early Bird Day 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Early Seniors will receive more instructions on how to sign up for their times. We will be using Sign-up Genius this year to make this process easier and more streamlined. You will receive further instructions and links for this

August 4th : New Senior Day
Seniors new to BHS that attend the orientation will be able to purchase a parking decal during the orientation

Thursday August 11: Senior Day

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm Seniors will receive instructions on how to process and pick up decal – bring copies! After this day the paved/grass/church spaces available will be sold to interested Juniors.

Monday August 12: Junior Day

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm Juniors will receive instructions on how to process and pick up decal – bring copies! After this day the paved/grass/church spaces available will be sold to other interested drivers.

Tuesday August 16:

Remaining decals will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Students will receive instructions on how to purchase their decals. Sophomores may purchase a decal upon their 16th birthday with a valid driver's license.

All Parking Procedures listed above and paper work must be completed by all students before purchasing decal.



STUDENT INFO

SCHEDULE INFORMATION

Schedule Distribution - Scheduling Issue/Problem Solving

Seniors - August 1 - 12pm-3:00

Juniors - August 2 - 9am-1:00am

Sophomores - August 2 - 1pm-3:00pm

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

August 4th:

Students arrive at 8:30am and go to the gym
- Begins at 9:00 am and ends at 1:00 pm

Auditorium - Parent Meeting begins at 9am (no more than about 30minutes) Parents are told to leave and return to pick up student at 1:00pm

Students will be given pertinent school information, schedules, lockers, tour of school and lunch.

10th-12th Former Bobcat Orientation for Parents & Students Schedule/locker distribution see above.

SUMMER READING

Students who will be in 9th grade for the 2022-2023 school year:

- English I: no summer reading
- Honors-English I : Edith Hamilton's Mythology (Parts 2 & 4 only)
- Pre-AP: Edith Hamilton's Mythology (Read All)

Students who will be in 10th grade for the 2022-2023 school year:

- English II: no summer reading
- Honors English II: Life of Pi (Yann Martel)
- Pre-AP: Life of Pi (Yann Martel)

Students who will be in 11th grade for the 2022-2023 school year:

- English III: no summer reading
- Honors English III: Ethan Frome (Edith Wharton)
- AP Lang: Outliers by Malcolm, How to Win Friends and Influence People (Dale Carnegie), and The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass

Students who will be in 12th grade for the 2022-2023 school year:

- English IV: No summer reading
- Honors English IV: East of Eden (John Steinbeck)
- AP Lit-: East of Eden (John Steinbeck)

TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks will be issued to students through each of their classes. Once textbooks have been issued, students are responsible for each book until the textbooks are returned and checked in. If textbooks are lost, students are financially responsible for those books. Students should take care of their textbooks because they are not easily replaced.

All textbooks that are not returned at the end of each year are placed on the debt list. Please return all outstanding books to the media center to be removed from the debt list.

STUDENT INFO

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

Does your student suffer from even occasional headaches or menstrual cramps? Does he/she need to carry inhalers anytime during the year or carry an EpiPen for a severe allergy? A permission slip must be filled out by a parent or guardian and kept in the clinic. This is for your student's safety so that staff and faculty know of your student's condition and its severity. From Alachua County School Services Handbook "Parents of those students receiving medication from school personnel will furnish the school with a separate supply of the medication, in its original (pharmacy or store labeled) bottle. Parents are required to bring medication directly to the school health room as students are not permitted to carry medication except in specific cases (i.e., asthma, insulin, Epi-Pen®)."

Make it easy for you and safe for your student!! Come to the clinic early August 8th and 9th 8AM-3PM or the first week of school during regular school hours to bring medications with signed permission slips.

Have a safe and healthy school year!!
-Clinic

SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures will be taken through English classes in September. Students must have their pictures taken to appear in the yearbook. This picture may also be used for ID cards.

School picture information:

Sept. 20th Seniors

Sept. 21st. Underclass and staff

Oct. 2nd. Absentees (Students that missed their day)

Dec. 9th Cap and gown

ATTENDANCE

Buchholz believes that a student's academic performance is directly related to class attendance. Parents should encourage students to attend all classes regularly and reserve absences for emergencies. Notes from a parent or guardian may excuse up to six absences for the following reasons: sickness, injury, death in the family, or some other insurmountable condition. Documented appointments with health care professionals, religious instruction or religious holiday; participation in a school sponsored activity approved by the principal or designee; and court appearances (subpoena required) are excused absences. Documentation excusing absences must be turned into the Attendance Office upon the immediate return of the student to school. Make-up work will not be assigned until a note has been received and affirmed. Absences will not be excused for a previous semester or school year.

MEDIA CENTER

The Buchholz Media Center is open every school day from 7:45am until 3:45pm. Students are always welcome before school, at lunch and after school, but during class time they must have a pass and have school work to complete. Students have access to over 10,000 novels, and reference materials as well as Computer space and the ability to Print.

TUTORING OPPORTUNITIES

Math Homework Help is available every Monday and Wednesday after school in the Media Center. Math Teachers are available to help students of all math levels.

STUDENT INFO

BRIGHT FUTURES SERVICE HOURS REQUIREMENTS

Community Service is an excellent way to help the community. However, Community Service Hours are NOT a requirement for high school graduation.

They are one of the requirements necessary for receiving the Bright Futures Scholarship for college, along with:

- An academic GPA of 3.0 or higher
- ACT score of 26 or SAT CR & Math of 1170 or higher

“COMMUNITY SERVICE”, is defined as altruistic tasks performed with the intent of enhancing the quality of life in the school or the community at large.

Students may earn credit for graduation through APPROVED community service. Up to one (1) full credit may be earned, ½ credit at a time, for each 75 hours of pre-approved community service. Students may earn two one-half credits by completing 150 hours of service. Community service hours may only be applied to either coursework for credit or community service for Florida Bright Futures Scholars Awards, not both. A student who seeks one full credit for graduation and the community service for Florida Bright Futures, must complete 250 hours of approved community service activities. (ACPS policy 2575.01)

Effective August 20, 2012 all service hours must be PRE-APPROVED by your guidance counselor.

COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Seniors and parents need to know that in order to participate in graduation exercises, a student must have successfully completed ALL or ALL BUT 1.0 credit of the required academic credits.

NCAA ATHLETES

This is a good time to review the information, register and create your account with the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

On the website you will find a link to information and recourses for prospective student/athlete and parents. Please visit and review your obligations prior to your junior year. www.ncaa.org

Remember, that if you would like to play a sport in college, you must go through and fill out all of your information for the NCAA Clearinghouse.

STUDENT INFO

ACADEMY OF FINANCE

Did you know that you can open a Florida Credit Union account at the Bobcat Branch? The Bobcat Branch is a branch of the Florida Credit Union located in the Academy of Finance at Buchholz High School. It is only open to Buchholz students, faculty and staff. The Bobcat Branch is run by the AOF students. The hours of operation are 8:00 – 8:20 and during both lunches.

Benefits include:

Never go hungry again. You can withdraw money from your account when you forget your lunch money.

You can access your account when you are at Buchholz or at any other Florida Credit Union branch.

If you are new to BHS and open an account during orientation, the Florida Credit Union will add \$25 to your account. You will need to complete an application and a social security number is required.

You only need to maintain a balance of \$5 to keep your account open. There are no fees for inactivity for Bobcat Branch members.

Throughout the year, the Bobcat Branch offers promotions which include free CatProwl tickets, t-shirts and gift cards.

You can start learning about Financial Responsibility while in high school to help prepare you for life!

BOBCAT GEAR AT THE SPIRIT SPOT

The Spirit Spot is your one-stop shop for school sponsored t-shirts and apparel for the new school year. The Spirit Spot is the Buchholz school store operated by students in the Academy of Entrepreneurship. We carry a wide variety of t-shirts, hoodies, hats, scarves, socks, jackets, and seat cushions for the game that allow students to show their Bobcat pride. The Spirit Spot is located in Building 9, right next to the covered bus port on the east side of the campus. We will be open August 4-10, 2021 during business days from 9-2 pm. Customers will save \$10 off of purchases of \$50.00 or more. Students/Parents attending orientation can stop in and make purchases.



 <p>\$10</p> <p>\$10 off a purchase totaling \$50 or more in store, with this coupon</p> 	<p>Back-to-School Sale</p> <p>Instant Money!</p> <p>Before August 10th ONLY!</p> <p><i>SPIRIT SPOT</i></p> <p>Special shopping hours 9am - 2 pm each day!</p> <p><small>\$10 or \$15 savings coupons are valid for one-time use on a single purchase of \$50 or \$75 or more respectively, from Tuesday, August 4-Friday, August 9, 2021. One coupon per customer, must be used within 30 days of purchase. Discount does not apply to Books, Cell Phones, or Clearance items. Discounts cannot be combined with any other discount coupons. Discount applied to all qualifying items on the printed basis, any refunds will be given on the printed amount. No Cash Value.</small></p> <p><small>The Spirit Spot is a school-based store located in the Academy of Entrepreneurship shop at Buchholz High School. It is operated by students, and proceeds are used to fund Academy activities including field trips, before/after school meals, state and national competitions, school trips, and other programs.</small></p>	 <p>\$15</p> <p>\$15 off a purchase totaling \$75 or more in store, with this coupon</p> 
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DRESS CODE

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You are expected to dress for school and school activities in a way that contributes to your health and safety, promotes a positive school learning environment and does not disrupt the events and activities of the school.

General Dress Code Requirements:

This general dress code applies to all students at school and to all students while attending school-sponsored activities after the regular school day.

Clothing must be the appropriate size for you, not be oversized or undersized. The waist of the garment shall be worn so that the waistband is worn at the waist and not below the waist. You may not wear baggy/saggy pants.

Shirts/blouses/dresses must cover midriff, back, and sides at all times and should be fastened with no visible cleavage or undergarments.

Shorts/skirts/jumpers/skorts/dresses shall be worn no shorter than "mid thigh." Mid thigh is determined by extending the arms to the sides of the body and finding the tip of the longest finger (using normal posture).

In addition to the above basic uniform, the principal may designate more restrictive dress code requirements, if approved by the school's SAC. ie. "Tank tops are prohibited. This has been approved the Principal and the SAC."

Exceptions:

You may wear special clothing necessary for a school-sponsored activity, as permitted by the principal.

If you are enrolled in a career academy, you may wear the uniform of that program.

The Superintendent, in consultation with the principal, may waive the dress code policy on a case-by-case basis for reasons such as, but not limited to, medical necessity or sincerely held religious belief. Shoes must be safe and appropriate. You may not wear bedroom slippers or shoes with wheels. Elementary students only, must wear shoes that are closed-toed and closed-heel and/or athletic shoes; you may not wear platforms, sandals, flip flops, crocs or jellies.

Outer Garments: You may wear coats, jackets, sweat-shirts, sweaters, or other appropriate outer garments when necessary due to weather conditions or for other legitimate reasons. The outer garments must be of the appropriate size for you and shall not be overly baggy or violate any other provisions of the dress code.

PROHIBITIONS

You may not wear:

- Clothing that is not properly fastened
- Clothing, hair styles, piercings, jewelry, or accessories that are dangerous to the health and safety of yourself or others, or are distracting or disruptive to the orderly learning environment;
- Clothing that exposes undergarments or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner
- Clothing that is unlined sheer or unlined lace
- Clothing that is form fitting, unless proper outer garments are worn over top of it
- Visible undergarments, sleepwear or outer garments traditionally designed as undergarments such as boxer shorts, or bras;

PARENT INFO

PARENT INFORMATION

IMPORTANT POLICIES

PROHIBITED ARTICLES AND SUBSTANCES

There are several school policies that we wish to call to your attention in hopes that awareness of these policies will make the start of school a satisfying and orderly process for all involved.

Smoking and tobacco products are not allowed on the school campus, in areas adjacent to the school, or at school sponsored activities on and off campus. Drinking or possession of intoxicating beverages at school or school sponsored activities is prohibited. Possession or use of drugs and/or drug paraphernalia on school property (including buses), at school sponsored activities, and in any vehicle brought onto school property or to school sponsored activities is prohibited.

Possession of weapons and the use of weapons on school property (including buses), at school sponsored activities, and in any vehicle brought onto school property or to school sponsored activities is prohibited.

iPOD's, headphones, CD and DVD players, and similar devices are prohibited.

Playing cards are prohibited.

The items prohibited above are subject to confiscation by school authorities and any student possessing them is subject to the Code of Student Conduct. The school is NOT responsible for confiscated items.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Parents, please determine in advance your student's reason for needing to remain on campus after school and the length of time the activity involves. Doing so allows you to make arrangements for prompt pickup. This is especially important for evening activities, both on and off campus. Home varsity football games at Citizen's Field are over at approximately 9:30 PM.

ATTENTION PARENTS

For your child's protection, BHS policy restricts contact with students to parents/legal guardians and those persons who have been authorized by the parents/legal guardians. "Contact" includes checking a student out of school, asking to speak to a student, or making deliveries of any kind (i.e. homework, gym clothes, etc.). This policy covers all "non-parents" including immediate family (siblings, grandparents, uncles, aunts), as well as friends, neighbors, etc. This policy means only those visitors that have been pre-approved by parents may have contact with students. Non-parents can be approved by listing those names on your child's signed emergency card. If you have any questions, please contact BHS at (352) 955-6702.

TRANSPORTATION

BUS SCHEDULES

Bus schedules can be accessed through the School Board Website at www.sbac.edu

DROP OFF AND PICK-UP AREAS

For the safety of students, do not drop off at the intersection of 55th and 27th Avenue (the front of the school). This policy will help keep traffic jams to a minimum and help us prevent students crossing against traffic. The east parking lot and bus driveway are for the use of faculty and school buses only. Bus movement must not be hindered. These areas are monitored by the Sheriff's Office and you may receive a ticket for dropping off students in these areas. The designed drop off zone is in the front of the gym, along the loop at the top of the hill.

Parents should park in visitor spaces. All numbered spaces are reserved.

IMPORTANT ITEMS TO LOOK FOR ON THE FIRST DAY

Each student will receive a class schedule, school insurance application, and an application for free/reduced lunch on the first day of school. Parents, please look for this important information so the necessary forms can be returned to school as soon as possible.