

School Board of Alachua County

Buchholz High School

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School hours: 7:00am to 3:30pm

Students attend: 8:30am to 2:47pm



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# Bobcat Pride

Buchholz High School  
Gainesville, FL

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August 2018

Welcome Bobcat Students and Parents!

The Administrative Staff at Buchholz High School looks  
forward to another great year!

**Mr. James TenBieg**

Principal

**Mrs. Julie Smith**

Assistant Principal

**Mr. Jared Taber**

Assistant Principal

**Mr. Bruce Johnson**

Assistant Principal

## FIRST DAY INFORMATION FOR ALL STUDENTS

Schedules will be distributed at the beginning of the first day of school. Students are to report to the classroom that contains the alphabetic section by last name. Lists of room assignments will be posted on the windows of the media center, cafeteria, front office, and other conspicuous places. **This is not a grade level assignment.** Each room will serve grades 9-12 for a particular part of the alphabet, **all students** on the first day must report to their assigned alphabetic classroom.

## ORIENTATION FOR NEW STUDENTS

Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

From 9:00 AM to 1:30PM

Students should arrive by 9:00AM and should be picked up at 1:30PM

Gym doors open at 8:40 am

Get your schedule, lockers, lunch #, and it will be a fun day

Snacks and lunch will be provided

We will see you then!

There is a brief parent orientation starting at 9:00AM in the auditorium

## IMPORTANT DATES

**TUES., AUGUST 7<sup>th</sup>**— Junior Schedule Distribution & lockers in 4-068 9AM-12PM  
Sophomore Schedule Distribution & lockers 12PM-3PM

**WED., AUGUST 8<sup>th</sup>** – Senior Schedule Distribution & lockers in 4-061 9AM-12PM  
Senior Parking Sales 8:00AM-12PM (*see page 8*)

**THURS., AUGUST 9<sup>th</sup>**—New Student Orientation 9AM-1:30PM

**FRI., AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup>**— Schedule Distribution in room 4-061 9AM-11am

**MON., AUGUST 13<sup>th</sup>**— 1st Day of classes

**BOBCATS**  
BUCHHOLZ HIGH SCHOOL



## Administration



**Mr. TenBieg**  
Principal



**Mr. Taber**  
Assistant Principal  
Curriculum



**Mrs. Smith**  
Assistant Principal  
Students Services



**Mr. Johnson**  
Assistant Principal  
Administration

## Guidance Counselors

In order to better serve all of our students, we have decided to change the counselor caseloads to grade level counselors. This change will allow our counselors to be more proactive with our underclassmen and it is in the best interest of all students at Buchholz High School. Buchholz is committed to reaching the district's goal of reaching 100% graduation rate.



**Mrs. Bates**  
Freshmen



**Mrs. Leytem**  
Sophomores



**Mrs. Borden**  
Juniors



**Dr. Warner**  
Seniors A-L



**Mrs. Welch**  
Seniors M-Z

## Deans



**Dean Ellard**  
A-J



**Dean Shelton**  
K-R



**Dean White**  
S-Z



**Dean Peoples**



## Buchholz High School Alma Mater

For our school days,  
And for always,  
We will honor Buchholz High.  
Friends we'll cherish  
'till we perish,  
Sing her praises to the sky!  
Gold and Black,  
Still leading 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 Beethoven's "Ode to Joy"*

**The Bobcat Pride quarterly newsletter will be emailed to families and will be available on the BHS website.**

# BOBCAT ATHLETICS

## Sports Contacts

### Fall Sports

- Football– Coach Whittemore
- Volleyball– Coach Wiseman
- Cross Country– TBA
- Swimming– Coach Bates
- Boy's Golf- Coach Tribby
- Girl's Golf– Coach Ellard

### Spring Sports

- Baseball– Coach Brooks
- Softball- TBA
- Track– TBA
- Boys Lacrosse– Coach Adams
- Girls Lacrosse- Coach Millinoff
- Boys Tennis– Coach Godwin
- Girls Tennis– Coach Mehan

### Winter Sports

- Boy's Basketball– Coach Horodyski
- Girl's Basketball– Coach Jefferson
- Boy's Soccer– Coach DaSilva
- Girl's Soccer– Coach Peterson
- Wrestling– Coach Pankey
- Girl's Weightlifting– Coach Mashburn
- Weightlifting- Coach Mashburn
- Athletic Director– George Atohi





## Graduation Requirements

Students Entering Grade Nine in the 2014-2015 School Year and Forward  
Academic Advisement Flyer—What Students and Parents Need to Know

### What are the diploma options?

Students must successfully complete one of the following diploma options:

- 24-credit option
- 18-credit Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning (ACCEL) option
- Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) curriculum
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma curriculum

### What are the state assessment requirements?

Students must pass the following statewide assessments:

- Grade 10 English Language Arts or a concordant score
- Algebra I end-of-course (EOC); the results constitute 30 percent of the final course grade\* or a comparative score.

Refer to [Graduation Requirements for Florida's Statewide Assessments](#) for concordant and comparative scores.

Students must participate in the EOC assessments; the results constitute 30 percent of the final course grade\*. These assessments are in the following subjects:

- Biology I
- U.S. History
- Geometry

\*Special note: Thirty percent not applicable if not enrolled in the course but passed the EOC.

### What is the credit acceleration program (CAP)?

This program allows a student to earn high school credit if the student passes an Advanced Placement (AP) examination, a College Level Examination Program (CLEP) or a statewide course assessment without enrollment in the course. The courses include the following subjects:

- Biology I
- U.S. History
- Geometry
- Algebra I

### What are the graduation requirements for students with disabilities?

Two options are available only to students with disabilities. Both require the 24 credits listed in the table, and both allow students to substitute a career and technical education (CTE) course with related content for one credit in ELA IV, mathematics, science and social studies (excluding Algebra I, Geometry, Biology I and U.S. History).

- Students with significant cognitive disabilities may earn credits via access courses and be assessed via an alternate assessment.
- Students who choose the academic and employment option must earn at least 0.5 credit via paid employment.

### What are the requirements for the 24-credit standard diploma option?

<b>4 Credits English Language Arts (ELA)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ELA I, II, III, IV</li> <li>• ELA honors, AP, AICE, IB and dual enrollment courses may satisfy this requirement.</li> </ul>
<b>4 Credits Mathematics</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One of which must be Algebra I and one of which must be Geometry.</li> <li>• Industry certifications that lead to college credit may substitute for up to two mathematics credits (except for Algebra I and Geometry).</li> </ul>
<b>3 Credits Science</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One of which must be Biology I, two of which must be equally rigorous science courses.</li> <li>• Two of the three required credits must have a laboratory component.</li> <li>• An industry certification that leads to college credit substitutes for up to one science credit (except for Biology I).</li> <li>• An identified rigorous computer science course with a related industry certification substitutes for up to one science credit (except for Biology I).</li> </ul>
<b>3 Credits Social Studies</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 credit in World History</li> <li>• 1 credit in U.S. History</li> <li>• 0.5 credit in U.S. Government</li> <li>• 0.5 credit in Economics with Financial Literacy</li> </ul>
<b>1 Credit Fine and Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, or Practical Arts†</b>
<b>1 Credit Physical Education†</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To include the integration of health</li> </ul>
†Special note: Eligible courses and eligible course substitutions are specified in the <a href="#">Florida Course Code Directory</a> .
<b>8 Elective Credits</b>
<b>1 Online Course Within the 24 Credits</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must meet the state assessment requirements (see left column).</li> <li>• Students must earn a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.</li> </ul>



## NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Buchholz is once again home to the national math champs.

Buchholz High School has won its 11<sup>th</sup> national mathematics title in twelve years after defeating American Heritage School at the 2018 Mu Alpha Theta competition in Colorado Springs. The win avenges Buchholz' losses to the South Florida private school in the 2017 national competition and the 2018 state competition.



Congratulations Mr. Frazer and Mr. Lu and the BHS CATS!!

## SCHOOL DAY

The first day of school for students is **Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**. School hours are from **8:30 AM to 2:47 PM**. Students attend six classes per day. Each class is 50 minutes in length with 5 minutes between classes. **Students are not permitted to leave the campus for lunch.**

## SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

The school's main office is open from 7:00 AM until 3:30 PM, (Fridays @ 3:00PM) Please arrange to call or visit during those hours.

## OPEN HOUSE FOR PARENTS

We are eager for our parents to feel welcome and at home at BHS! To assist you in meeting our school administrators and teachers, we invite you to attend our Open House on Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. You will follow an abbreviated version of your student's schedule to meet his or her teachers. We hope to see you there!



## STUDENT PLANNERS

The BHS band will be selling 2018-2019 Student Planners during the New Student Orientation and during both A and B lunch on the first day of school. Purchase your 2018-2019 Planners for \$10 and support the BHS Band program.

## People to know at BHS

- Graduation Coach:** Jay Godwin
- Data Base Manager:** Jenny Frazer
- Student Activities Director:** Ana Journey
- Media Specialists:** Rebecca Goodnight, Jennifer Nycz, Sean Timmons
- School Resource Deputies:** Deputy Nystrom, Deputy Trueluck
- Food Service Manager:** Cindy DeJesus
- School Secretary:** Nancy Nanke
- Registrar:** Jamea George
- Athletic Director:** George Atohi
- Bookkeeper:** Tammy Witt, Kaye Marinoff



**IMPORTANT ITEMS TO LOOK FOR ON THE FIRST DAY**

Each student will receive a class schedule, school insurance application, locker request form, 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.

**LOCKER REQUESTS**

Students can get a locker at schedule distribution the week before school starts or they will receive an application for a locker in their first period class. The application must be filled out completely and turned in to 1st period teachers. Lockers are assigned through the Dean's Office only. The Dean's Office will then send the locker information back to the student through the first period teacher. Lockers are assigned on a first come, first served basis. Lockers will not be shared. Students are required to provide a lock. The Dean's Office does not maintain a list of combinations or keys and reserves the right to remove locks from lockers. All assigned lockers must be secured with a lock. Students may place locks on their assigned lockers after they receive the information in their first period class. Students assume all responsibility for items stored in lockers.

**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.

**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? Since students are not permitted to carry medication (this includes any over the counter medication), a permission slip must be filled out by the parent 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 for elementary school students. At middle and high schools, this practice is also desirable, 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 9th and 10th 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!!  
Meredith Brown, RN



- G. Clothing, including outer garments or accessories (such as backpacks, jewelry, and purses) which have slogans, signs, images, or symbols that:
1. promote drugs, alcohol, tobacco, gang identification, weapons, or lewd sexual behavior or
  2. denigrate or promote discrimination for or against an individual or group on the basis of age, color, disability, national origin, sexual orientation, race, religion or gender.
  3. no tank tops
- H. Hats, bandannas, sweat bands, headgear, or other head coverings, inside the school building, except when approved by the principal/designee;
- I. Combs, curlers, or hair picks; or
- J. Sunglasses inside the school building. You may wear sunglasses, hats, or other sun-protective wear while outdoors during school hours.

**Discipline:** The principal or designee has the authority to decide if your clothing complies with Board policy. If the principal determines that your clothing does not comply with Board policy, your parent/guardian may be asked to bring an appropriate change of clothes to school, or you may be asked to leave an after-school activity. You may also receive a disciplinary consequence for violating the school's dress code policy. Repeated violations may result in progressively more serious consequences. You may appeal the principal's decision through the Student Grievance Procedure in Policy 5710, Student Grievances.

**FOOD4KIDS**

Food4Kids Backpack Program has teamed up with Buchholz to help kids in need. Food4Kids Backpack Program provides food for children over the weekends and during extended breaks from school when other resources are not available.

For more information about sponsoring a student visit [www.food4kidsbackpackprogram.com](http://www.food4kidsbackpackprogram.com)

**HOW TO UPDATE YOUR NEW ADDRESS**

In order to change or update your address, you will need two (2) proofs of address. Some examples of a proof of address are: a utility bill, a cable bill, or a HOME phone bill (not a cellular phone bill), your mortgage or lease. If you have any question about your address change (update), please contact the Zoning Department at 352-955-7700.

Please note: Simply writing your new address on the emergency card does NOT correct your address in the school system.

**IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION INFORMATION**

It is extremely important that parents and the school stay in connection throughout the year. The following is a list of ways that the school attempts to regularly communicate with all parents and guardians:

- Phone-Homes (make sure we have your correct phone number)
- BHS website (daily announcements given at school through paw press)

**SCHOOL DRESS CODE**

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.

- A. 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.
- B. Shirts/blouses/dresses must cover midriff, back, and sides at all times and should be fastened with no visible cleavage or undergarments.
- C. 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).
- D. 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:**

- A. You may wear special clothing necessary for a school-sponsored activity, as permitted by the principal.
- B. If you are enrolled in a career academy, you may wear the uniform of that program.
- C. 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.
- D. 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.
- E. Outer Garments: You may wear coats, jackets, sweatshirts, 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:**

- A. Clothing that is not properly fastened;
- B. 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;
- C. Clothing that exposes undergarments or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner;
- D. Clothing that is unlined sheer or unlined lace;
- E. Clothing that is form fitting, unless proper outer garments are worn over top of it;
- F. Visible undergarments, sleepwear or outer garments traditionally designed as undergarments such as boxer shorts, or bras;

**DELIVERIES FOR STUDENTS**

Buchholz works very hard to limit disruptions to the instructional environment of our classrooms. We purposely limit announcements and other items to avoid disruptions during instructional time.

While it is understandable that students may occasionally forget to bring items they need for school, we would like to remind you of school rules regarding deliveries for students. If a student has forgotten something and has requested that a parent bring the item to school, that student should check with the front office **between classes or during lunch** to see if the item has arrived, without notification from the office.

If you must bring cash to school for your student, for lunch or any other reason, please be prepared to wait for your student to be called out of class to come to the front office to pick up the money from you, personally. **We cannot accept cash for delivery to students.**



**We can accept items only from a parent, guardian, or someone listed on your student's emergency card.** There are no exceptions. If parents wish to have grandparents, brothers, sisters, or other family members to be able to make deliveries to students, their names must be listed on the student's emergency card.

As always, there can be no deliveries of flowers, balloons, candy, or other non-school related items during the instructional day.

**TELEPHONE USE**

Unless students are sick or there is an emergency, they will not be allowed to use office telephones. Phones that create a disruption will be confiscated by school officials and returned to the student's parent or guardian. The School Board of Alachua County is not responsible for cellular phones that are damaged, lost, or stolen.

You may possess personal Wireless Communication Devices (WCDs" at school, on school property, during after-school activities (e.g., extra-curricular activities) and at school-sponsored activities.

You may use WCDs before the first school bell and after the final dismissal bell, at school-sponsored activities, including extended day and other after-school activities, provided the use does not interfere with the activities and follows the directives of the school's administration.

In addition, you may use personal WCDs during classroom instructional time, but only as permitted by your teacher.

At all other times during school hours and on school buses, you must have WCDs powered completely off (not just placed into vibrate or silent mode) and stored out of sight. Students shall not use the telephone functionality of any WCD during the school day without teacher or administrator permission.

**SCHOOL 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.** Students who have more than six unexcused absences in a semester must pass a comprehensive final exam and have a passing grade for the semester in order to earn credit. 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.

**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.

**SUMMER READING LIST**Summer Reading for Incoming **Eleventh Grade** Students

Students planning to take **AP English Language and Composition** are required to read the following three works:  
***Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass: An American Slave*** by Frederick Douglass  
***How to Win Friends and Influence People*** by Dale Carnegie  
***The Outliers: The Story of Success*** by Malcolm Gladwell.

Students planning to take **English III Honors** are required to read  
***Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass: An American Slave*** by Frederick Douglass  
***Ethan Frome*** by Edith Wharton

Students registered to take **English III** are required to read  
***Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass: An American Slave*** by Frederick Douglass

Summer Reading for Incoming **Twelfth Grade** Students

Students planning to take **AP English Literature and Composition** are required to read the following two novels:  
***Crime and Punishment*** by Fyodor Dostoyevsky  
***East of Eden*** by John Steinbeck

Students planning to take **English IV Honors** are required to read  
***East of Eden*** by John Steinbeck

There is no required reading for English IV.





## SUMMER READING LIST

### Summer Reading for Incoming Ninth Grade Students

Students planning to take **English I Honors Pre-AP** (Advanced Placement) and students planning to take **English I Honors** are required to read

**Mythology** by Edith Hamilton  
and  
one of the following novels:

**The Book Thief** by Markus Zusak  
**The Hobbit** by J. R. R. Tolkien

There is no assigned summer reading for students registered for English I.

Students will be tested on summer reading the first week of school.

### Summer Reading for Incoming Tenth Grade Students

Students planning to take **English II Honors Pre-AP** (Advanced Placement) are required to read

**Life of Pi** by Yann Martel  
and one of the following works:

**The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy** by Douglas Adams  
**The Joy Luck Club** by Amy Tan

Students planning to take **English II Honors** are required to read

**Life of Pi** by Yann Martel

There is no assigned summer reading for students registered for English II.

Want to know the most current BHS information during the school year?  
Check [buchholz.sbac.edu](http://buchholz.sbac.edu)  
Paw Press is updated daily!



## CAFETERIA

The cost of breakfast is \$1.00 and the price for lunch is \$2.50. Reduced prices are \$0.30 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch. Breakfast and lunch will be served on the first day of school. We have a standard hot lunch, salads, an a la carte menu, and a pizza bar. Vending machines are also available during lunch for snacks and soft drinks. Students approved last year for free and reduced meals in Alachua County will automatically receive meals through September. New forms will be available by visiting [www.sbac.edu](http://www.sbac.edu). Students may apply for free and reduced meals at any time during the school year should the family's circumstances change.

There are three meal payment options:

1. Daily Payments (cash or check)
2. Prepayment– This option is a courtesy to our customers who wish to pay for breakfast, lunch or a la carte meal in advance preferably by the week or more.
3. Credit Card– This option is available online to customers who want to pay by credit card for a small fee. [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com)

You may also utilize [www.mylunchmoney.com](http://www.mylunchmoney.com) to access and replenish your child's meal account. For more information, contact Cindy DeJesus at 955-6722.

## 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 955-6702.

## HOMEWORK REQUESTS

A parent may request homework by calling the Guidance Department. A minimum of 24 hours advance notice is needed to obtain homework from teachers. If homework is provided, the student is expected to have it completed and turned in to the teacher upon his or her return to school.



## TRANSPORTATION

### BUS SCHEDULES

Bus schedules can be accessed through the School Board Website at [www.sbac.edu](http://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 Sherriff'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.*

### 2018- 2019 RESERVED PARKING INFORMATION

There are 242 reserved paved parking spaces and 95 parking spaces available in the unpaved areas and 50 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. Seniors can buy parking decals on a first come first serve basis, starting on August 8th. To be a senior, you must have at least 16 credits. You must have a 2.0 GPA and you must also not have any debts owed to Buchholz High School. So make sure you turn in all books!

Driving to and from campus is a privilege and such privilege may be revoked at any time at the discretion of an administrator with cause (ex. Speeding, reckless driving, parking in another student's space or parking in no parking zones. Excessive parking fines, unpaid debts, possession of weapons and/or illegal substances—alcohol, drugs and tobacco; excessive tardies, absences, skipping, discipline referrals, and/ or leaving campus during class time without proper checkout procedures.) Vehicles are subject to search, upon reasonable suspicion, for prohibited or illegally possessed substances or objects. Please understand that parking privileges may be revoked if you fail to adhere to the rules and regulations of the school. Parking passes will be reviewed at Semester break for any infractions of school rules, and possibly reissued. Also, if you are no longer attending classes on campus or lose your pass due to disciplinary action, the parking space assigned to you will revert to the school and be re-assigned to another student. There are no special provisions for athletes, dual enrolled or job shared students. Parking may be available at the Boy's Club and the Church of the Nazarene but you must go through them to purchase a special decal. Parking in these areas without a proper decal will result in the vehicle being towed at the owner's expense. There is limited parking along the street by the Boy's Club. This parking is available on a first come first serve basis every day.



## SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018 - 2019

Monday, August 6 – Friday, August 10 .....	Pre-Planning (5 weekdays)
Monday, August 13 .....	First Day for Students
Monday, September 3.....	Holiday - Labor Day
Friday, September 21.....	Send Interim Reports Home
Monday, October 15 .....	End of First Nine Weeks
Friday, October 19.....	Student Holiday/Teacher Workday
Friday, October 26 .....	Send Report Cards Home
Friday, November 2 .....	Holiday – UF Homecoming
*Monday, November 12 .....	Holiday – Veterans Day
Mon., November 19 - Tues., November 20.....	Student/Teacher Holidays
Wed., November 21 – Fri., November 23 .....	Thanksgiving Holiday
Friday, November 30 .....	Send Interim Reports Home
*Friday, December 21 .....	Student/Teacher Holiday
Mon., December 24-Fri., January 4.....	Winter Holidays
Monday, January 7 .....	Classes Resume
Friday, January 11.....	End of First Semester
Monday, January 14.....	Begin Second Semester
Friday January 18 .....	Student Holiday/Teacher Workday
Monday, January 21 .....	Holiday - ML King Day
Thursday, January 24.....	Send Report Cards Home
Thursday, February 14.....	Send Interim Reports Home
Monday, February 18 .....	Holiday– President's Day
Wednesday, March 20 .....	End of Third Nine Weeks
Friday, March 22 .....	Student Holiday/Teacher Workday
Friday, March 29 .....	Send Report Cards Home
Monday, April 1– Friday, April 5.....	Spring Holidays
Monday, April 2.....	Pupil Holiday / Teacher Workday
Tuesday, April 30 .....	Send Interim Reports Home
Monday, May 27 .....	Holiday - Memorial Day
Friday, May 31 .....	Last Day for Students
Monday, June 3– Tuesday, June 4.....	Post-Planning

\* Notes on the calendar:

- Two minutes are being added to each school day for the 2018/19 academic year.
- By adding two minutes to the school day, the district will not need to utilize any Flex Days until we have missed the 2nd day of school due to a hurricane or other emergency. The Flex days would then be used in the following order: A. Veteran's Day B. December 21
- If more than three days of school are missed, the district will add minutes to the school day after utilizing the scheduled flex days.

**Important Testing Dates for the 2018-2019 school Year****SAT Registration 2018-2019**

\$64.50 Fee includes Writing portion (\$47.50 w/o writing)

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

TEST DATE	TEST(S) OFFERED	Registration Deadline
August 25, 2018	SAT and Subject tests	July 27, 2018
October 6, 2018	SAT and Subject tests	September 7, 2018
November 3, 2018	SAT and Subject tests	October 5, 2018
December 1, 2018	SAT and Subject tests	November 2, 2018
March 9, 2019	SAT Only	February 8, 2019
May 4, 2019	SAT and Subject tests	April 5, 2019
June 1, 2019	SAT and Subject tests	May 3, 2019

**ACT Registration 2018-2019**

\$62.50 Fee includes Writing portion (\$46 w/o Writing)

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

TEST DATE	Registration Deadline
September 8, 2018	August 10, 2018
October 27, 2018	September 28, 2018
December 8, 2018	November 2, 2018
February 9, 2019	January 11, 2019
April 13, 2019	March 8, 2019
June 8, 2019	May 3, 2019
July 13, 2019	June 14, 2019

**Students on Free/Reduced Lunch may see a guidance counselor for fee waiver for ACT and SAT testing**

**PSAT**—watch for information in the fall

**Buchholz Semester Exams**

Fall Exam December 18-20, 2018

Final Exams May 29-31, 2019

**FSA ELA**

Writing Retakes 11th and 12th graders— September 10-21

Reading Retakes 11th and 12th graders— September 10-28

Writing 9-10<sup>th</sup> graders— April 8-12

Reading 9-10<sup>th</sup> graders— May 1– 28

**End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments**

Algebra 1 & Geometry— September 10-28, Nov 26-Dec 14, May 1-28

Biology & U.S. History— September 10-28, Nov 26-Dec 14, May 1-28

**Advanced Placement Exams**— May 6–17

**August 8th: Senior Early Bird Day**

8:00 am Numbers given out at ticket window in front of auditorium – Seniors can only pick up one number at a time, if you are picking up for a friend, you will have to get back in line.

8:30 – 9:15 Numbers 1-50 come back for processing and to pick out your spot to room 4068

9:15 – 10:00 Numbers 51 – 100 come back

10:00 – 10:45 Numbers 101 – 150 come back

10:45 – 11:30 Numbers 151 and up come back

\*we realize that coming back twice in the same day is difficult, but we are trying to minimize the wait time for students.

If you cannot attend the first day, then the next option will be:

**August 9th: New Sr. Day** Seniors new to BHS that attend the orientation will be able to purchase a parking decal during the orientation

**August 14th: Senior Day 2:50 – 4:00pm** Seniors come to 4068 to process and pick up decal – bring copies! After this day the paved/grass/church spaces available will be sold to interested Juniors.

**August 15th: Junior Day 3:00pm – 5:00 pm** There will be a random drawing of the number of paved spaces available on Wednesday Aug 16th at 3:00pm in the RT TA. After the paved spaces are awarded the remaining grass spots/church will also be drawn until spaces run out. Juniors should come to 4068 to process and pick up decal. Junior wanting an opportunity to purchase available parking spaces (paved or grass) must fill out a card in the front office for a drawing. The cards are available from Monday Aug 13th till Wednesday Aug 15th at 2:45. Please bring all necessary documents. Coaches and Band can give list of students to Mrs. Journey involved in practice. Participants on the list can turn in forms and \$ during school and then pick up a decal, if their name is drawn, after practice.

**August 16th:** If any decals remain after this day, they will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Students may also put their name on a waiting list that will also operate on first come, first serve basis. Sophomores may purchase a decal upon their 16th birthday with a valid driver's license.

*Items to Bring: You will need to be cleared of all debts and have the following copies to give us.*

- Photo copy of current vehicle registration (vehicle that will be driven to school)
- Photo copy of valid Florida Driver's License
- Signed Statement of Parking Responsibilities (found on website-please print a copy)
- Parking at NW Baptist Church requires a completed application and approval on the church website <http://www.discovernorthwest.org/>

**Parking space fee - \$100 for paved, \$75 for unpaved, \$30 for dual enrolled unpaved, \$50 for grass at NW Baptist Church Payable by cash or check (made out to Buchholz High School).**

Seniors will be permitted to paint parking spaces for \$25 on Saturday August 25th. Additional information TBA.

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

There is limited parking along the street by the Boy's Club. This parking is available on a first come first serve basis every day. Reserved parking may be available at the Boy's Club and at the Church of the Nazarene but you must go through them to purchase a special decal. Parking in these areas without a proper decal will result in the vehicle being towed at the owner's expense.



## BRIGHT FUTURES COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS REQUIREMENT

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.

High school 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 – ALL 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](http://www.ncaa.org)

## SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures will be taken through English classes on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Students must have their pictures taken to appear in the yearbook. This picture may also be used for ID cards. There is no cost for a student to have his/her picture taken. All students will have the option to purchase pictures.

Seniors photo retakes or absentees are scheduled for September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Any senior who did not get their photo taken over the summer is encouraged to do so at BHS on September 4<sup>th</sup> to be included in the yearbook.



## ACADEMY OF FINANCE BOBCAT BRANCH

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!



## GET YOUR BOBCAT GEAR @ 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 7-10, 2018 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.



\$10 off a purchase totaling \$50 or more in store, with this coupon



## Back-to-School Sale

**Instant Money!**



**Tuesday-Thursday  
August 7-10 ONLY!**

**Special shopping hours  
9am - 2 pm  
each day!**

\$10 or \$15 savings coupon is valid for one-time use on a single purchase of \$50 or \$75 or more respectively, from Tuesday, August 7–Friday, August 10, 2018. One coupon per customer, must be surrendered at time of purchase. Discount does not apply to Books, Café items, or Clearance items. Discounts cannot be combined with any other discount coupon. Discount applied to all qualifying items on prorated basis; any refunds will be given in the prorated amount. No Cash Value.

The Spirit Spot is a school-based enterprise located in the Academy of Entrepreneurship at Buchholz High School. It is operated by students, and proceeds are used to fund Academy activities including field trips, leadership conferences, state and international competitions, scholarships, and service projects.



\$15 off a purchase totaling \$75 or more in store, with this coupon





## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

We would like to invite all parents to participate in the School Advisory Council meetings. The Council meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the media center. While members have already been chosen for the year, we welcome all parents to attend meetings to observe, provide input, and participate. The first SAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. We hope to see you there!

## VOLUNTEERS MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE AT BUCHHOLZ HIGH SCHOOL!

Welcome to BHS! Buchholz depends on volunteers in many ways. Any time you have school related contact with a student who is not your child, you are considered a volunteer (including members of Booster Organizations such as Band, Football, DECA, etc.). A new application must be completed each school year and must be processed prior to being permitted to volunteer. The district requires a mandatory online application (see link below). **We will no longer accept paper volunteer applications.**

When volunteering at Buchholz during the school day, you must sign in at the front office as you arrive and sign out when you leave, every time you are on campus. The first time you come to school to volunteer this year, please bring your driver's license or state issued picture ID. We will scan your ID, then you will be given a name-tag to be worn each time you are on campus.

Volunteer parking is located in the grassy area that runs parallel to the fence along 55th Street in the main parking lot. Look for the sign "Volunteer Parking Only." On your first day, please arrive about 10 minutes early to go to the front office. You will be given a volunteer parking decal to place in the front windshield of your car. Because there is such a shortage of parking spaces at Buchholz, you cannot park in a numbered space as these are reserved for students who pay for spots. You will be ticketed if you park in a numbered space or grass that is not volunteer parking. If you park in the volunteer lot and do not have a volunteer sticker, you will also be ticketed. Therefore, it's important to get a volunteer parking sticker!

There are many other volunteer opportunities at our school. After you fill out the volunteer application, you will receive email volunteer newsletters about different volunteer activities during the year. If you would like to volunteer weekly or every other week, we have a few openings in one of the school offices. Again, welcome to Buchholz!

Email: [volunteeratbuchholz@gmail.com](mailto:volunteeratbuchholz@gmail.com)

The Alachua County Online Volunteer Application Link: [Bit.ly/ACPSapp](https://bit.ly/ACPSapp)



## A LETTER FROM OUR PTSA PRESIDENT

Dear Bobcat Families:

Welcome back to a new school year at Buchholz High School. Whether your student is a new freshman or a senior, there is an air of excitement and anticipation for everyone, and we are thrilled you are a part of the Bobcat Family! On behalf of the BHS Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA), I would like to invite you to join us by getting involved to see just how rewarding it can be to support your child's high school. Here are our Board members for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year:

- President: Karin Polifko
- Vice Presidents of Membership: Sharon Stankunas & Tasha Scheer
- Vice President of Academic Enhancement: Paige French
- Treasurer: Karen Beaty
- Secretary: Kara Rowland
- Heart to Heart: Nancy Evans
- Hospitality: Erica Watson & Wendy Gluckman
- Honor Roll Ice Cream Social: Nan Islam
- Programs: Karin Polifko (OPEN)
- Student Member: Phillip Evans
- Teacher Staff Appreciation: Kara Rowland
- Volunteer Coordinator: OPEN
- We Noticed: Karen Beaty
- Faculty Representative: Jared Taber

Buchholz welcomes and encourages parents to volunteer at our many student-oriented events, which include fun events such as the A/B Honor Role Ice Cream Socials, breakfasts for academic achievements and end of year academic award ceremonies, as well as saying "thank you" to our teachers and staff with week-long appreciation events in May. We also have numerous opportunities to be involved with our PTSA Board and its various committees, some which meet monthly and others that only convene when there is something special to plan. For our families, the PTSA sponsors several educational programs throughout the year to provide resources about college planning, financial aid and various scholarship opportunities that you will find extremely useful.

I sincerely hope you will consider joining us. Since the PTSA does NOT fundraise, we rely solely on our Bobcat families to join the PTSA to fund these wonderful events and activities. We will also accept any donations you may wish to make. You can specify a program you would like your donation to support or make a general donation. A membership form is provided in this newsletter, is available in the front office and at our PTSA table on Open House Night. If you have any questions about joining or you wish to participate, please contact me at [kpolfko@cox.net](mailto:kpolfko@cox.net). There are many committees and events in which a more assistance would be welcome!

Go Bobcats!

Karin Polifko, Buchholz High School PTSA President



# Partner with the PTSA in 2018-2019

## Membership Form

Buchholz Parent, Teacher, and Student Association

Please consider partnering with PTSA for only \$10.00 per member.

Name of Member	Parent	Student	Faculty	Staff	Other
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>				
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>				
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>				

\*Please note that Senior students may be eligible for a PTSA scholarship.

**Please provide name and grade of student(s) attending BHS:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide contact information.**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I would like to receive volunteer information and opportunities via email.

**DUES PAID:**

Members # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed

**Please consider a donation to assist the following committees:**

Academic Enhancement

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty and Staff Appreciation

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Hospitality, including student programs

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Heart to Heart committee

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Scholarship Fund

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL PAID: (Please make checks payable to BHS PTSA) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

You can bring your form & Payment to the front office or mail your BHS PTSA form and check to:

BHS PTSA - Membership Committee

5510 NW 27<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Gainesville, FL 32606

**Please email any questions to Sharon Stankunas [sstankunas@gmail.com](mailto:sstankunas@gmail.com)**

**or Tasha Scheer [Tscheer1013@gmail.com](mailto:Tscheer1013@gmail.com), PTSA Membership VPs.**