

School Board of Alachua County

Buchholz High School

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School hours: 7:00am to 3:30pm
Students attend: 8:25am to 2:40pm



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Bobcat Pride

Buchholz High School
Gainesville, FL

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August 2015

Welcome Bobcat Students and Parents!

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

Mr. Vince Perez
Principal

Mr. Jared Taber
Assistant Principal

Mrs. Julie Smith
Assistant Principal

Dr. Randy Scott
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 20th

From 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Students should arrive by 9:00 am and should be picked up at 3:00 pm

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

Snacks and lunch will be provided

We will see you then!

Brief parent orientation starting at 9:00AM

IMPORTANT DATES

TUES., AUGUST 18th – Junior Schedule Distribution & lockers 9AM-12PM
Sophomore Schedule Distribution & lockers 12PM-3PM

WED., AUGUST 19th – Senior Schedule Distribution & lockers 9AM-12PM
Senior Early Parking Sales 8AM-12PM (*see page 14*)

THURS., AUGUST 20th – New Student Orientation 9AM-3PM

FRI., AUGUST 21th – Schedule Distribution in room 4-061 9AM-11AM

MON., AUGUST 24th – 1st Day of classes





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



Initially, students will receive an application for a locker in their first period class. The application must be filled out completely and turned in to the Dean's Office. 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 shall 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 to the teachers who issued them. If textbooks are lost, students are financially responsible for those books. No textbooks will be issued until any and all textbook debts have been cleared. Students should take care of their textbooks because they are not easily replaced. Book covers can save money.



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 24th 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!



SCHOOL DAY

The first day of school for students is **Monday, August 24th**. School hours are from **8:25 AM to 2:40 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.



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 now be available through email and the school website. We will no longer be mailing hard copies home.

BOBCAT ATHLETICS

Sports Contacts

Fall Sports

- Football– Coach Whittemore
- Volleyball– Coach Robinson-Huggins
- Cross Country– Coach Norris
- Swimming– Coach Bates
- Boy's Golf- Coach Tribby
- Girl's Golf– Coach Ellard

Winter Sports

- Boy's Basketball– Coach Horodyski
- Girl's Basketball– Coach Jefferson
- Boy's Soccer– Coach Pobee
- Girl's Soccer– Coach Peterson
- Wrestling– Coach Pankey
- Weightlifting- TBA

Spring Sports

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

Athletic Director– Jay Godwin



**WHAT ARE THE STATE ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS?****Class of 2016****Students must pass the following statewide assessments:**

- Grade 10 FCAT reading (or ACT/SAT concordant score)
- Algebra I end-of-course (EOC) if Algebra I is taken after 2010–2011 or a comparative score on the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (P.E.R.T.)

Students must participate in the following EOC assessments:

- Algebra I (if enrolled after 2010-2011)
- Biology I (if enrolled after 2010-2011)
- Geometry (if enrolled after 2010-2011)
- U.S. History (if enrolled after 2011-2012) and performance on the EOC constitutes 30 percent of the final course grade

Class of 2017**Students must pass the following statewide assessments:**

- Grade 10 ELA (or ACT/SAT concordant score)
- Algebra I end-of-course (EOC) or a comparative score on the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (P.E.R.T.)

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

-Algebra I—Biology I—Geometry—U.S. History—Algebra II (if enrolled)

Class of 2018**Students must pass the following statewide assessments:**

- Grade 10 ELA (or ACT/SAT concordant score)
- Algebra I end-of-course (EOC) or a comparative score on the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (P.E.R.T.)

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

- Algebra I*—Biology I—Geometry*—U.S. History—Algebra II* (if enrolled)

Class of 2019**Students must pass the following statewide assessments:**

- Grade 10 ELA (or ACT/SAT concordant score)
- Algebra I end-of-course (EOC) or a comparative score on the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (P.E.R.T.)

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

- Algebra I*—Biology I—Geometry*—U.S. History—Algebra II* (if enrolled)

*Special Note: Thirty percent not applicable if enrolled in the course during the 2014-2015 school year.

**Welcome Assistant Principal Julie Eberhard Smith**

Mrs. Julie Eberhard Smith has been an educator since 2004. Throughout this time she has taught for several county elementary schools, taught in Orange County and worked as the Curriculum Resource Teacher for several years in Bradford County. She was raised in Gainesville and attended Alachua County Public Schools for the duration of her K-12 education. She later received her undergraduate degree from Florida State University and earned her graduate degree from Saint Leo University. She is excited to join the Buchholz family and work alongside parents and students to provide the best educational experience for all students.

**People to know at BHS****Principal:** Vince Perez**Assistant Principals:** Julie Smith, Randy Scott, Jared Taber**Guidance Counselors:** Christine Borden, Erin Inman, Karen Dishman, Barbara Leytem, Mary Welch**Deans:** Marc Ellard, Jay Godwin, Pearlie Shelton, Kevin White**Data Base Manager:** Jenny Frazer**Student Activities Director:** Ana Journey**Media Specialists:** Rebecca Goodnight, Jennifer Nycz, Sean Timmons**Athletic Directors:** Jay Godwin**School Resource Deputies:** Deputy Adams, Deputy Trueluck**Food Service Manager:** Cindy DeJesus**School Secretary:** Coni Bryant**Registrar:** Jamea George**Bookkeeper:** Nancy Nanke

Want to know the most current BHS information during the school year?

Check buchholz.sbac.edu

Paw Press is updated daily!





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 also), 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 in the beginning of this school year and leave daily and as needed medications with signed permission slips.

Have a safe and healthy school year!!

Jill Tomar, BSN, RN



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.



KEEP UP WITH YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION WITH THE PARENT PORTAL APP

If you have a smartphone or other electronic device, keeping up with your child's education is just an app away.

We encourage all families and students to sign up for the Parent Portal. It provides immediate access to a student's grades, test scores, attendance record, assignments and other school-related information through Apple, Android and Google devices, including phones, tablets, laptops or desktops.

If you have more than one child in school, the app allows you to switch easily from one child's information to another. You can also arrange to receive an alert on your device as soon as new information is uploaded by the school—for example, when a new quiz grade comes in or if your student is absent from school.

Parent Portal allows parents and students to view a monthly calendar screen that has homework, assignments, upcoming tests and any other item the teacher or school uploads. The screen can be set to display information for all students in the family.

Signing up for Parent Portal means filling out a simple authorization form in the school's front office and verifying your identity. You'll then be provided with a secure access code.

More information is available on the district's website at www.sbac.edu by clicking on the 'IC Parent Portal' link on the left hand side of the page. The direct link is:

http://www.sbac.edu/pages/ACPS/Departments_Programs/Departments_G-L/Textbook_Services_Instructi/Just4ParentsTemp

Please call (352) 955-6702 if you have any questions.

Find the link to the Campus Portal on the ACPS home page and click on the "Infinite Campus" icon.

Find the direct link to the Campus Parent Portal and click on it or type in the following url: <https://campus.sbac.edu/parentportal.jsp>

To activate your account with your GUID, click on "click here" next to Campus Portal Activation Key and enter the GUID number given to you by your school. Keep your username and password in a safe place.

Once you have created a username and password, you will enter them here to log on.

For teachers, administrators and staff

For parents

First time using Campus Portal?
If you have been assigned a Campus Portal Activation Key, [click here](#)
If you do not have an Activation Key, [click here](#)

Already have a Campus Portal account?
User Name
Password
Log In | Problems logging in?

**SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY**

Students are required to follow a school dress code at all times while attending school or at any school-sponsored activity during the school day. The dress code is as follows:

Girls: The basic uniform for girls is a long or short-sleeved collared blouse or polo shirt; or a school sponsored T-shirt, skirts, pants, walking shorts, jumpers or skorts. Dresses may be worn with either long or short sleeves.

Boys: The basic uniform for boys is a long or short-sleeved collared shirt, such as a polo, oxford, or dress shirt, or a school sponsored T-shirt with pants or walking shorts.

Clothing must be the appropriate size, not 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. Baggy/saggy pants are not permitted. Shirts/blouses/dresses must cover the midriff, back, and sides at all times; clothing should be fastened with no visible cleavage or undergarments showing. 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).

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

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:

- Quarterly Newsletter (emailed and available on website)
- Phone-Homes (make sure we have your correct phone number)
- BHS website (daily announcements given at school through paw press)

**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 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 and one of the following works:

- For Whom the Bell Tolls by Ernest Hemingway
- The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
- How to Win Friends and Influence People by Dale Carnegie
- The Outliers: The Story of Success by Malcolm Gladwell.

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
- and one of the following novels:

- Emma by Jane Austen
- Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
- Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
- Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe.

Students registered to take **English IV** are required to read

- Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe.



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
Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card
The Hobbit by J. R. R. Tolkien

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

Summer Reading for Incoming Tenth Grade Students

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

The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas (Lowell Bair translation)* and two of the following works:

Big Fish by Daniel Wallace
The Dressmaker of Khair Khana by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon
The Girl Who Fell from the Sky by Heidi W. Durrow
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams
The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer
The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan
Like Water for Chocolate by Laura Esquivel

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

The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas (Lowell Bair translation)* and one of the following works:

Big Fish by Daniel Wallace
The Dressmaker of Khair Khana by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon
The Girl Who Fell from the Sky by Heidi W. Durrow
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams
The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer
The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan
Like Water for Chocolate by Laura Esquivel

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

*Students are expected to complete the written assignment for The Count of Monte Cristo by Friday, August 28, 2015. The assignment requirements can be found on the Buchholz High School web page.



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. 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.mylunchmoney.com

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

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 open an account during orientation, all you need is to complete an application and have your social security number. The Florida Credit Union will give you \$25 in your account.
- 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!





BRIGHT FUTURES COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS REQUIREMENT

“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

SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures will be taken through English classes on September 9, 2015. 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 make-ups are scheduled for September 8th, 2015.



SCHOOL CALENDAR 2015 - 2016

Monday, August 17 – Friday, August 21	Pre-Planning (5 weekdays)
Monday, August 24	First Day for Students
Monday, September 7.....	Holiday - Labor Day
Tuesday, September 29	Send Interim Reports Home
Tuesday, October 27.....	End of First Nine Weeks
* Friday, October 30.....	Pupil Holiday / Teacher Workday
Friday, November 6	Holiday – UF Homecoming
Tuesday, November 10.....	Send Report Cards Home
Wednesday, November 11	Holiday – Veterans Day
Monday, November 23 - Wed, November 25	Pupil/Teacher Holidays
Thursday November 26 – Fri, November 27	Thanksgiving Holidays
Friday, December 11.....	Send Interim Reports Home
Monday, December 21 - Fri, January 1	Winter Holidays (10 weekdays)
Monday, January 4	Classes Resume
Monday, January 18.....	Holiday - ML King Day
Friday, January 22.....	End of First Semester
* Monday, January 25.....	Pupil Holiday / Teacher Workday
Tuesday, January 26.....	Begin Second Semester
Thursday, February 4	Send Report Cards Home
Monday, February 15	Holiday – Presidents’ Day
Wednesday, March 2	Send Interim Reports Home
Monday, March 21 - Fri, March 25.....	Spring Holidays (5 weekdays)
Tuesday, April 5.....	End of Third Nine Weeks
Friday, April 8	Pupil Holiday / Teacher Workday
Thursday, April 14	Send Report Cards Home
Thursday, May 12	Send Interim Reports Home
Monday, May 30	Holiday - Memorial Day
Thursday, June 9	Last Day for Students
* Friday, June 10	Post-Planning
Monday, June 13	Post-Planning

• These days **MAY** be used to make up days cancelled due to hurricanes or other emergencies. For the 2015-16 calendar, they will be used in the following order:

- (1) October 30
- (2) January 25
- (3) June 10



Important Testing Dates for the 2015-2016 school Year

SAT Registration 2015-2016

\$54.50 Fee includes Writing portion
www.collegeboard.org

TEST DATE	TEST(S) OFFERED	Registration Deadline
October 3, 2015	SAT and Subject tests	September 3, 2015
November 7, 2015	SAT and Subject tests	October 9, 2015
December 5, 2015	SAT and Subject tests	November 5, 2015
January 23, 2016	SAT and Subject tests	December 28, 2015
March 5, 2016	SAT Only	February 5, 2016
May 7, 2016	SAT and Subject tests	April 8, 2016
June 4, 2016	SAT and Subject tests	May 5, 2016

ACT Registration 2015-2016

\$56.50 Fee includes Writing portion (\$38.00 w/o Writing)
www.actstudent.org

TEST DATE	Registration Deadline
September 12, 2015	August 7, 2015
October 24, 2015	September 18, 2015
December 12, 2015	November 6, 2015
February 6, 2016	January 8, 2016
April 9, 2016	March 4, 2016
June 11, 2016	May 6, 2016

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

PSAT—Wednesday October 14, 2015 watch for more information next fall
Buchholz Semester Exams

Fall Exam December 16-18, 2015
Final Exams June 7-9, 2016

FCAT Testing-

October 12th-23rd 11th and 12th grade retakes
March 28th – April 8th 11th and 12th grade retakes (Districts Select Week)

ELA 9-11 graders

October 12th-23rd – Retakes for 11th graders
March 28th-May 6th (Districts Select Week)

Florida End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments

Algebra 1- Sept 14-18, Nov 30-Dec 4, April 18-29
Algebra 2- Sept 14-18, Nov 30-Dec 4, April 18-29
Geometry- Sept 14-18, Nov 30-Dec 4, April 18-29
Biology- Oct 12-23, Nov 30-Dec 18, April 18- May 20
US History- Oct 12-23, Nov 30-Dec 18, April 18- May 20
Old Algebra 1- Oct 12-23, Nov 30-Dec 18, March 28-April 8

Advanced Placement Exams— May 2nd –13th



PARENT SUPPORT

We urge all parents to become active participants at BHS as it enhances the academic success of your student. There are many ways you can become involved. Please feel welcome to visit our campus at any time. You may make arrangements to visit classes or make appointments with any of the staff. The volunteer program, School Advisory Committee, and all academic, athletic, and curricular booster groups would like your support. Please see the volunteer information in this newsletter on page 10 to see how you can help.

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 22nd at 6:00 PM. We hope to see you there!

SCHOOL SPONSORED T-SHIRTS ON SALE AT THE SPIRIT SPOT

The *Spirit Spot* is your one-stop shop for school sponsored t-shirts which meet the school uniform requirements! *The Spirit Spot* is the Buchholz school store operated by students in the Academy of Entrepreneurship. We carry a wide variety of school-approved t-shirts and hoodies that allow students to show their Bobcat pride. *The Spirit Spot* carries t-shirts for many of our school sports, all showing school spirit in a "non-polo" way, and we will be open for your shopping convenience August 18-19 from 9am – 2 pm, and on Thursday, August 20 from 8:30-3:00 (or until the freshman activities end). *The Spirit Spot* is located in Building 9, right next to the covered bus port on the east side of the campus. We only accept cash and checks, so please keep that in mind.





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



Back-to-School Sale

Instant Money!

Tues-Thurs
Aug.18-20 ONLY!

Special shopping hours
9am - 2 pm
each day!



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



**BUCHHOLZ VOLUNTEER NEWS**

Each school year you must fill out a new Alachua County volunteer application. Please fill out a volunteer application online. You can access the online application by going to Buchholz's website under the volunteers section. (**Go to buchholz.sbac.edu, select "community" then select "volunteers."** There will be step by step instructions on how to fill it out online.) You only have to fill out the online application one time (each year), even if you are volunteering at several schools.

Volunteering at Buchholz during the school day? You must sign in at the front office when 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 nametag to be worn each time you are on campus.

Would you like to find out about volunteer opportunities happening at our school? After you fill out the volunteer application, you will receive emails 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 offices. Send us an email and we will tell you what time slots are open. Please let us know if you have any questions. Welcome to Buchholz!

Becky Lancer, Donna Jo Toney and Kathy Wheeler
Buchholz High School Volunteer Coordinators
Call: 955-6702
Email: volunteeratbuchholz@gmail.com

Please complete a volunteer application online. Follow the steps below and you will have no problems with the application. Thanks!

1. Go to sbac.edu
2. Click on "Employment"
3. Click on "Volunteer Application"
4. If you have filled out the online application in the past, sign in at the top of the page with the information you entered the last time, then go to step 5. If you have never completed the application online, choose "Register" in the top right corner. After registering, sign in then go to step 5.
5. Click on "Applications"
6. Click on "Volunteers"
7. Fill out each of the four sections in the top left of the page:
 - A. "Personal Data" (Please make sure to tell us where you will be volunteering in question 15. For example: volleyball, band, drama, guidance office, etc.)
 - B. "Skill"
 - C. "Education Background"
 - D. "Statement of Acceptance"
8. Click "Done" (If you have filled in all of the required steps, there will be a ü by each of the four sections listed above. If you have missed something, go back to that section and complete it.)
9. Choose "Activate this Application"
10. Next, Apply to "Current Job Postings"
 - A. Choose "Volunteers"
 - B. Choose Buchholz (and any other schools where you plan to volunteer.)
11. Click on APPLY at the top left. THIS IS THE LAST STEP AND THE ONE MOST FOLKS DO NOT COMPLETE!

You are done!!! Thank you so much for taking the time to fill it out online!

**August 19**

8:00 am

Senior Early Bird Day

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 4061

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 20th: New Sr. Day Seniors new to BHS that attend the orientation will be able to purchase a parking decal during the orientation

August 25th: Senior Day 2:50 – 4:00pm Seniors come to 4061 to process and pick up decal – bring copies! After this day the paved spaces available will be sold to interested Juniors.

August 26st: Junior Day 3:00pm – 5:00 pm Come to 4061 to process and pick up decal. 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 for grass parking after practice. Any Junior wanting a paved space must fill out a parking request card. The card will be available beginning Monday August 24th in the front office until Wed August 26th at 2:45pm. There will be a random drawing of the number of paved spaces available. The drawing will begin at 3:00pm in the auditorium. You or someone standing in for you must be present in order to receive a paved space if your card is drawn.

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. Students may purchase a decal upon their 16th birthday with a valid driver's license.

Items to Bring: You will not be able to get a decal unless you are off the debt list and have these copies that you can leave with us!

Photo copy of current registration, Photo copy of valid Florida Driver's License and Signed Statement of Parking Responsibilities

Parking space fee - \$50 for paved, \$25 for unpaved, \$15 for dual enrolled unpaved

Payable by cash or check (made out to Buchholz High School).

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

FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT BUCHHOLZ.SBAC.EDU

**TRANSPORTATION****BUS SCHEDULES**

Bus schedules can be accessed starting Aug 17th 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.

CHURCH PARKING

Buchholz students should not park in the lot at Northwest Baptist Church (just south of BHS). Students parking there illegally will be towed. The Church of the Nazarene will offer a limited number of parking spaces. Students wishing to park in that area must contact the church office, directly. There is limited parking along the street by the Boys Club.

2015- 2016 RESERVED PARKING INFORMATION

There are 242 reserved paved parking spaces and 95 parking spaces available in the unpaved areas. Each year the number of BHS students changes. Therefore, each year there is a different challenge to park all students that wish. 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 19th. 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 reassigned to another student. There are no special provisions for athletes, dual enrolled or job shared students. Parking at area business, such as churches and the Boys Club, is off limits and violators will be towed at their own expense.

**A LETTER FROM OUR PTSA PRESIDENT**

Dear Bobcat Families,

Hope you are enjoying your summer. School will be starting back before we know it so let me be one of the first to say Welcome to the 2015-2016 School year! My name is Tina Kaercher and I am your returning "interim" PTSA President. For those parents and students new to Buchholz we are very excited to welcome you to the Bobcat Family.

On behalf of PTSA I would like to invite you to check us out, get involved and see how rewarding it can be to support your child's school.

PTSA is very excited to announce the board for 2015-2016.

- * President: (Interim) Tina Kaercher – *Open
 - * Vice President of Membership: Rebecca Masio, Cristina Hastings
 - * Vice Presidents- Academic Enhancements: Lisa Duncanson & Christine Fleming
 - * Secretary: Angel Rodriguez
 - * Treasurer: Vickie Wilt
 - * Volunteer Coordinators: Becky Lancer, Donna Jo Toney, Kathy Wheeler
 - * Hospitality: * Open
 - * Ice Cream Social/ Honor Roll: Mary Koenig & Christy Payton
 - * Teacher Appreciation: *Open
 - * Campus Beautification: Beth Thornton
 - * We Noticed: Keri Rodriguez, Abbie Wilt
 - * Programs: Sara Cottman
 - * Heart to Heart: Nancy Evans
 - * Ink Cartridge Recycling: Becky Lancer
 - * Student Representative: Keri Rodriguez, Kyle Brasfield
 - * Faculty Representative: Jared Taber
- *We are still actively seeking volunteers for these positions – if you are interested please contact me at tmkaercher@gmail.com

PTSA has several programs in place to recognize our students and their achievements! Throughout the year we celebrate our students through quarterly A/B ice cream socials, a special Straight A breakfast, awards ceremonies and special notes written to students when we notice they have done something great. We also like to honor our amazing faculty with two luncheons, one in the fall and one in the spring. For our families PTSA sponsors educational programs to provide resources and important information.

PTSA does not fundraise!!! We do, however, rely solely on our Bobcat families joining PTSA to fund the wonderful things we do. We also gladly 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. Please consider joining and helping us continue to make a difference in our children's lives.

For more information on how to join PTSA or to find out ways you can volunteers please look for our table set up in the mall area on Open House Night, call the school at (352) 955-670 or email me at above address.

Hope you had a wonderful summer and I look forward to working with all of you this school year!

Tina Kaercher, BHS PTSA President

Partner with the PTSA in 2015-2016

Membership Form

Buchholz Parent, Teacher, and Student Association

Please consider partnering with PTSA for only \$8.00 per member.

Name of Member	Parent	Student	Faculty	Staff	Other
_____	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
_____	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
_____	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]

*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:

Academec 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 27th Ave.

Gainesville, FL 32606

Please email any questions to Tina Kaercher, PTSA President at tmkaercher@gmail.com