

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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Buchholz High School
Gainesville, FL

Bobcat Pride
August 2017

Welcome Bobcat Students and Parents!

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

Mr. Mike DeLucas

Principal

Mrs. Julie Smith

Assistant Principal

Mr. Jared Taber

Assistant Principal

Mr. John Green

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 10th

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 #, 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

IMPORTANT DATES

TUES., AUGUST 8th – Junior Schedule Distribution & lockers 9AM-12PM

Sophomore Schedule Distribution & lockers 12PM-3PM

WED., AUGUST 9th – Senior Schedule Distribution & lockers 8:30AM-12PM

Senior Parking Sales 8:00AM-12PM (*see page 8*)

THURS., AUGUST 10th – New Student Orientation 11AM-2PM

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

MON., AUGUST 14th – 1st Day of classes

BOBCATS
BUCHHOLZ HIGH SCHOOL



SCHOOL DAY

The first day of school for students is **Monday, August 14th**. 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.

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 14th 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 2017-2018 Student Planners during the New Student Orientation and during both A and B lunch on the first day of school. Purchase your 2017-2018 Planners for \$10 and support the BHS Band program.

CHANGING TO SKYWARD

Alachua County Public Schools has moved to a new online system allowing parents to track students' grades, absences, disciplinary records and other school-related information. The district is switching from the existing Infinite Campus Parent Portal to the new Skyward Family Access system.

Family Access will be accessible from electronic devices including cell phones, tablets, laptops and desktop computers. Families will need to register for the new system. You received an email on July 23 from the school board email account.

Basic demographic information, including student names and addresses, will be available first. On August 11, families will be able to see their child's tentative schedule or teacher assignments for the upcoming school year. After Labor Day, more detailed information, including attendance and discipline records, grades and other information posted by teachers will be available.



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 Ariet
Cross Country– Coach Corr
Swimming– Coach Bates
Boy's Golf- Coach Tribby
Girl's Golf– Coach Ellard

Spring Sports

Baseball– Coach Brooks
Softball- Coach Gillingham
Track– Coach Corr
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 Pobee
Girl's Soccer– Coach Peterson
Wrestling– Coach Pankey
Girl's Weightlifting– Coach Mashburn
Weightlifting- Coach Mashburn
Athletic Director– Sean Timmons





Graduation Requirements

What are the diploma options?

Students must successfully complete one of the following diploma options:

- 24-credit standard diploma
- 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 ELA (or ACT/SAT concordant score)
- Algebra I end-of-course (EOC) and the results constitute thirty percent of the final course grade* 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:

- Biology I
- Geometry
- U.S. History

*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:

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

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 (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 .5 credit via paid employment.

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

4 Credits English Language Arts (ELA)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ELA I, II, III, IV ELA honors, AP, AICE, IB and dual enrollment courses may satisfy this requirement.
4 Credits Mathematics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of which must be Algebra I and one of which must be Geometry. Industry certifications that lead to college credit may substitute for up to two mathematics credits (except for Algebra I and Geometry).
3 Credits Science
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of which must be Biology I, two of which must be equally rigorous science courses. Two of the three required credits must have a laboratory component. An industry certification that leads to college credit substitutes for up to one science credit (except for Biology I). An identified rigorous computer science course with a related industry certification substitutes for up to one science credit (except for Biology I).
3 Credits Social Studies
1 credit in World History 1 credit in U.S. History .5 credit in U.S. Government .5 credit in Economics with Financial Literacy
1 Credit Fine and Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, or Practical Arts[†]
1 Credit Physical Education[†]
To include the integration of health
[†] Special Note: Eligible courses and eligible course substitutions are specified in the Florida Course Code Directory at http://www.fldoe.org/policy/articulation/ccd .
8 Elective Credits
1 Online Course
Students must earn a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.



Revised April 2016



Administration



Mr. DeLucas
Principal



Mr. Taber
Assistant Principal
Curriculum



Mrs. Smith
Assistant Principal
Students Services



Mr. Green
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. Dishman
Freshmen



Mrs. Leytem
Sophomores



Mrs. Borden
Juniors



Mrs. Inman
Seniors A-M



Dr. Warner
Seniors N-Z

Deans



Dean Ellard
A-I



Dean Shelton
K-R



Dean White
J and S-Z



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 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 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. 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 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 at 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



- 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

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)

**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

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

On Writing by Stephen King





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.

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 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

The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas (Lowell Bair translation)*

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
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. 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

You may also utilize www.myschoolbucks.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 from the Buchholz website www.buchholz.sbac.edu. Follow the "Find my bus stop" link on the left.

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.

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.

2017- 2018 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 9th. 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.



SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017 - 2018

Monday, August 7 – Friday, August 11	Pre-Planning (5 weekdays)
Monday, August 14	First Day for Students
Monday, September 4.....	Holiday - Labor Day
Wednesday, September 20.....	Send Interim Reports Home
Friday, October 6.....	Holiday – UF Homecoming
Tuesday, October 17	End of First Nine Weeks
Friday, October 20.....	Pupil Holiday / Teacher Workday
Friday, October 27	Send Report Cards Home
Friday, November 10	Holiday – Veterans Day
Mon., November 20 - Tues., November 21.....	Pupil/Teacher Holidays
Wed., November 22 – Fri., November 24	Thanksgiving Holiday
Friday, December 1	Send Interim Reports Home
Mon., December 18 - Tues., Dec. 19.....	Flex Day/Pupil/Teacher Holiday
* Wed., December 20-Tues., January 2.....	Winter Holidays (10 weekdays)
Wednesday, January 3	Classes Resume
Friday, January 12.....	End of First Semester
Monday, January 15	Holiday - ML King Day
Tuesday, January 16	Pupil Holiday / Teacher Workday
Wednesday, January 17.....	Begin Second Semester
Thursday, January 25.....	Send Report Cards Home
Wednesday, February 21.....	Send Interim Reports Home
Wednesday, March 21	End of Third Nine Weeks
Monday, March 26 - Fri., March 30.....	Spring Holidays (5 weekdays)
Monday, April 2.....	Pupil Holiday / Teacher Workday
* Monday, April 9	Send Report Cards Home
Thursday, May 3	Send Interim Reports Home
Monday, May 28	Holiday - Memorial Day
Friday, June 1	Last Day for Students
Monday, June 4.....	Post-Planning
Tuesday, June 5.....	Post-Planning

These days **MAY** be used to make up days cancelled due to hurricanes or other emergencies. For the 2017-18 calendar, they will be used in the following order:

- (1) December 18 (2) December 19 (3) April 2



Important Testing Dates for the 2017-2018 school Year

SAT Registration 2017-2018

\$57 Fee includes Writing portion (\$45 w/o writing)
www.collegeboard.org

TEST DATE	TEST(S) OFFERED	Registration Deadline
August 26, 2017	SAT and Subject tests	July 28, 2017
October 7, 2017	SAT and Subject tests	September 8, 2017
November 4, 2017	SAT and Subject tests	October 5, 2017
December 2, 2017	SAT and Subject tests	November 2, 2017
March 10, 2018	SAT Only	February 9, 2018
May 5, 2018	SAT and Subject tests	April 6, 2018
June 2, 2018	SAT and Subject tests	May 3, 2018

ACT Registration 2017-2018

\$62.50 Fee includes Writing portion (\$46 w/o Writing)
www.actstudent.org

TEST DATE	Registration Deadline
September 9, 2017	August 4, 2017
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017
February 10, 2018	January 12, 2018
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018
July 14, 2018	June 15, 2018

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 13-15, 2017
Final Exams May 30-June 1, 2018

FSA ELA

Writing Retakes 11th and 12th graders– September 11-22
Reading Retakes 11th and 12th graders– September 11-29
Writing 9-10th graders– March 1-9
Reading 9-10th graders- April 16– May 11

End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments

Algebra 1 & Geometry– Sept 11-22, Nov 27-Dec 15, April 30- May 11
Biology & U.S. History– Sept. 18-29, Nov 27-Dec 15, April 30- May 11

Advanced Placement Exams– May 7–18



Parking at area business, such as churches is off limits and violators will be towed at their own expense. Parking may be available at the Boy's Club but you must go through them to purchase a special decal.

August 9th:

Time	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 10th: New Sr. Day Seniors new to BHS that attend the orientation will be able to purchase a parking decal during the orientation

August 15th: Senior Day 2:50 – 4:00pm Seniors come to 4-068 to process and pick up decal – bring copies! After this day the paved/grass spaces available will be sold to interested Juniors.

August 16th: 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 will 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 14th till Wednesday Aug 16th 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.

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 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 and Signed Statement of Parking Responsibilities (**found on website-please print a copy**)

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 before purchasing decal.



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 6th, 2017. 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 5th, 2017. Any senior who did not get their photo taken over the summer is encouraged to do so at BHS on September 5th 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 8-15, 2016 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. We accept cash and credit using the school webstore.



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



Back-to-School Sale

Instant Money!



Tuesday-Thursday August 8-10 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 8 – Thursday 10, 2017. One coupon per customer, must be surrendered at time of purchase. Discount does not apply to: Books, CAFE 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 22nd at 6:00 PM. We hope to see you there!

VOLUNTEERS MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE AT BUCHHHOLZ 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. This year the district is going to 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 to see Kathy Wheeler. 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. Send me an email and I will tell you what time slots are open. Please let me know if you have any questions. Again, welcome to Buchholz!

Kathy Wheeler, Buchholz High School Volunteer Coordinator

Call: 955-6702 or Email: volunteeratbuchholz@gmail.com

The Alachua County Online Volunteer Application Link: Bit.ly/ACPSapp



A LETTER FROM OUR PTSA PRESIDENT

Dear Bobcat Families,

I hope you had a terrific summer and enjoyed some rest and relaxation! With school starting back soon I would like to welcome you to the 2017-2018 school year. For all our families new to Buchholz, we are excited you are a part of the Bobcat Family.

My name is Lillian Swanger and I am your PTSA President. On behalf of the 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. I am also excited to introduce you to our Board for 2017-2018.

President:	Lillian Swanger
Vice President of Membership:	Rebecca Masio
Vice President of Academic Enhancement:	Lisa Duncanson
Treasurer:	Karen Beaty
Secretary:	OPEN
Campus Beautification:	OPEN
Faculty Representative:	Jared Taber
Heart to Heart:	Nancy Evans
Hospitality:	Erica Watson & Wendy Gluckman
Honor Roll Ice Cream Social:	Christy Payton
Programs:	Karin Polifko
Student Member:	Phillip Evans
Teacher Staff Appreciation:	Kara Rowland
Volunteer Coordinator:	Kathy Wheeler
We Noticed:	Karen Beaty

Buchholz welcomes and encourages parents to volunteer and there are many ways in which you can do this. Our Volunteer Coordinator Kathy Wheeler has included information about how to sign up in this newsletter. We also have opportunities to be involved with our PTSA Board and Committees and hope you will consider joining us. If you are interested please contact me at lillianswanger@gmail.com for more information.

The PTSA has several programs in place to recognize our students and their achievements. Throughout the year we celebrate our students through A/B Honor Roll Ice Cream Socials, special notes written to students when "we notice" they have done something great, and awards ceremonies at the end of the year celebrating students' academic accomplishments. We also like to honor our amazing faculty with a luncheon each semester and a week appreciating them in May. For our families, the PTSA sponsors educational programs to provide resources about college planning and financial aid that you will find extremely useful.

Since the PTSA does NOT fundraise, we rely solely on our Bobcat families joining the PTSA to fund these wonderful things we do plus much more. We hope you will consider joining and helping us continue to make a difference in our students' lives. We 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. A membership form is provided in this newsletter, available in the office, and we will have a table set up in the mall area on Open House Night. If you have any questions about joining please contact me.

We look forward to seeing you at Buchholz soon!

Lillian Swanger, BHS PTSA President

Partner with the PTSA in 2017-2018

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 Rebecca Masio, PTSA Membership VP, masiori@gm.sbacc.edu