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GENERAL

- TODAY: The Spirit Spot will be closed, please plan accordingly and thank you for your continued support.
- Last Day: ACATemy Awards nominations will be held in the mall from Monday Feb 28 thru Friday March 4 during both lunches. Students please come and nominate your friends for the Superlatives for the ACATemy Awards. The price per nomination is \$0.25
- Last Day: GradBash tickets for seniors are going to be sold through Friday, March 4th at the ticket window during both A and B lunch. Permission slips can be found in the front office. To receive your GoFan code, the permission slips must be filled out and turned in at the ticket window, and additionally, your debts must be cleared. If you have any outstanding debts, they can be cleared at the Debt list table in front of the office. The cost is \$145, and this will cover your ticket of admission into the GradBash event as well as your bus seat. Bus assignments will be random, but you can pick *one* person to sit next to on the bus. If you have someone in mind, turn their permission slip in at the ticket window along with yours and make sure their debts are cleared as well. For more information about GradBash - <https://www.universolorlandoyouth.com/Grad-Events/Grad-Bash/Default.html>
- TOMORROW: Learners Permits: Saturday, March 5 at the Tax Collector's Office on Archer Road (behind Best Buy) will be open from 8:00am-11:00am for Alachua County students only that have already passed the test and just need to pick up the permit. Be sure to bring your birth certificate, social security card, two proofs of address, eye glasses if required, and cash or check for \$54.25. Call 955-6959 or the Tax Collectors office at 374-5263 with questions.
- TOMORROW: The Rotary Youth Speech Competition: **extended to March 5** - this year the cash awards for the top three place winners have been increased to \$500, \$300 and \$200 respectively. If you have any questions and to request an application, email Michael Conroy at mikeconroy49@bellsouth.net or call him at (352) 219-7503.
- COVID vaccines: Friday, March 7th in Building 8 Cafeteria from 7:30am – 11:30am. Students must have the consent form signed by parents.
- Great news for Buchholz and Alachua County. For the 4th time in as many years schools from Alachua County have claimed the top two spots at the North Florida Regional Science Bowl. This is also the seventh year in a row that either Buchholz Or Eastside has won the competition and represented Florida at the National Science Bowl in Washington DC. This time, after a back and forth day that proved these two programs are in a class above the rest by standing in first and second through all seven rounds of questions and cuts, Buchholz claimed the top spot by a margin of less than the final bonus question missed by Eastside. Readers may recall that Eastside went on to the national semi-finals last year and so were recognized as one of the four best Science Bowl teams in the country. The top competitors on both teams for this streak have been in the competitive STEM program housed at Buchholz for at least three years. Nationals for high school teams will be May 21st. Congratulations to Mr. Moody and his students:
 - Ahan Mishra
 - Andrey Nikitin
 - Nicholas Dang
 - Abhinav Pothuri
 - Emmanuel Zheng
- BHS wrestlers had a great weekend as a team as we qualified 6 wrestlers for this weekend's state tournament. These 6 men have joined the exclusive list of BHS wrestlers to make the state tournament and they are numbers 80-85 in our school's history. These two regional champions are the first from BHS since 2012-2013.
 - 120: Jed Brown 4th Place
 - 126: CJ Liddie Region Champion (2nd time as a SQ)
 - 132: Venumadhava Mirel 2nd Place (3rd time as a SQ, 2nd time regional finalist)
 - 145: Aiden Moore Champion (3rd time as a SQ)
 - 182: Kason Nichols 3rd place (2nd time as a SQ)
 - 195 Mari Chisolm 2nd place

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- The Robotics Team's first tournament was on Saturday at FAMU! The team came in 6th overall and made it to the semifinals round against 16 other teams. 5 students travelled to represent the team which includes about 15 total kids who all worked together this semester to design, build, program, and drive their robot. BHS hasn't had a Robotics team since 2017. After that program ended, all the equipment was given away to other schools. We started this year with absolutely nothing but a group of really motivated kids and no money. Reviving the club this year took support from quite a few people that made our team a success. Thank you. It's great to be a BOBCAT – Go CATS!
- Speech & Debate National Qualifiers: Please join me in congratulating the following BHS Speech & Debate students who qualified this weekend to attend the Grand Nationals tournament in Washington, DC, at the end of May:
 - Emmanuel Zheng in Extemporaneous Speaking
 - Hailey Lin in Declamation
 - Timothy Jin in Declamation
 - Sophia Vernon in Original Oratory
 - Avery Bernstein in Public Forum Debate
 - Alex Lou in Public Forum Debate
- March is Women's History Month: Here are some [short biographies](#) for your reading pleasure of important women in U.S. History that can be shared and enjoyed.
- Buchholz Dance Marathon will host our fundraising event on Friday, March 11th. The event will run from 6:00pm-10:00pm. All Buchholz students are welcome to attend for a night full of food, games, and fun with 100% of funds raised donated locally to Children's Miracle Network through UF Dance Marathon. \$10 per ticket, or \$50 or more fundraised via Donor Drive. Stop by Mrs. Lugin's room in 04-011 to get your ticket from Monday March 7th through Friday March 10th. Tickets will also be available the door.
- My Brother's Keeper will host the 2022 Black Male Enrichment Conference on Thursday, March 17th from 10:00am to 12:00pm. This FREE program provides 7th - 11th-grade Black male students a unique opportunity to access important information about college, financial aid, scholarships, SF programs, and other services we offer. Additionally, they will experience some of our Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs and a keynote address that will highlight the theme "The Lies We've Been Told." Space is VERY limited. To register: scollege.edu/mbk/bmec
- Medal of Honor Day, March 25: will be observed on Friday, March 18th 2022, as this is on the last day of spring break. Students can write a letter to a Medal of Honor day recipient. [5th Annual Medal of Honor Mail Call - The National Medal of Honor Museum](#) [The National Medal of Honor Museum](#)
- Masks are no longer required: with COVID cases way, way down in our schools since the peak of the omicron surge in mid-January, the district is lifting the mask requirement for employees and visitors in schools. Anyone who wishes to wear a mask may certainly do so, but it will not be required after today. While the case numbers are much better, COVID is obviously not over, so we encourage everyone to continue taking precautions. In particular, if you are sick, please stay home, and if you have COVID symptoms, get tested! Thanks so much for all your efforts to protect students, their families and your coworkers!
- The Distribution of Fliers through Peachjar: The district is moving to an online platform called Peachjar to distribute fliers to families. This will eliminate most of the distribution of paper fliers in classrooms. Instead, parents/guardians will be receiving district-approved fliers electronically. For more information, visit the district website at www.sbac.edu/peachjar.
- An excellent career opportunity in the pipe trades. Request an application from January 3, 2022 to April 1, 2022 at applications.apprenticeship@gmail.com. More info about this opportunity in the front office.

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- Florida Forest Service: Virtual Education Programs include Career Day, Smokey Bear Story, Forest Products, Why Do We Cut Down Trees, and Tree Identification. All programs are free, and the preferred platform is Microsoft Teams. Contact Brooks White for more details at (850) 681-5892 or Brooks.white@fdacs.gov.
- Yearbooks and Senior Ads: Can be ordered now at www.swiphoto.com/yb or on the school website under information and click on yearbook. Pre-Ordered yearbooks are on sale now for \$85. Once the Yearbook arrives it the price will be \$100.
- Any students interested in Night School Driver Education, registration is now open. Please contact Scott Pritchett at 955-6959 to sign up. You can get more information from the SBAC website @ [Night Driver's Education](#).
- Your Future Looks Bright: Test Prep with the Alachua County Public Library. Get ready for the SAT, ACT, AP Exams, PERT, or CLEP with materials from our collection! www.aclib.us/testprep.
- BOBCAT Benches: The Buchholz PTSA wants to provide more outdoor seating for students by providing permanent, high quality benches in various locations on campus. If you want to help provide more outdoor seating for students, go to BobcatBenches.com.
- New After-School CROP Requirements: going into effect beginning the week of February 7th: After School CROP has altered the requirements in that a student MUST attend a minimum of one day a week to remain in the After-School CROP program. If you cannot attend for obvious reasons such as illness, quarantine, or absence from school, Mr. Pettit must be alerted, preferably in person, but at minimum via email. In an effort to make attendance more readily available "After School CROP" will be as always from 3:00pm till 5:00pm Monday through Thursday and I will also be available Wednesday and Thursday in the MORNING from 7:30am to 8:15am. Attendance in the morning would count for your attendance for the week. Please report directly to my classroom 08-056. As always CROP will progress much quicker with regular attendance and regular work on your course. The attendance policy of once a week is a bare minimum to remain in the program. If you do not attend once a week you will be removed and will have to wait until the next semester to be re-enrolled or attend Summer CROP.
- Beyond the Bell Program: Free, virtual homework help and tutoring is now available to students in grades K-12 after school Mondays through Thursdays. Help is available in English/language arts, math, science and social studies and will be provided by certified teachers. To access the program, students should go to www.sbac.edu/tutor. They will then select the appropriate link for their grade level and log in to the myPortal system with their Active Directory user name and password they use to log on to computers at school. Students/families who need technical support can call (352) 955-7745.
 - Elementary School sessions will run Mondays through Thursdays from 3:00pm to 4:00pm and from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.
 - Middle School sessions will run Mondays through Thursdays from 4:00pm to 5:00pm and 6:00pm to 7:00pm.
 - High School sessions will run Mondays through Thursdays from 4:00pm to 5:00pm and from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.
- Homework Assistance and Tutoring: In the Media Center after school from 3:00pm-4:00pm. On Mondays and Wednesdays will cover Math and Science. Tuesdays and Thursdays will cover English, Social Studies and Foreign Language.
- Bobcat Branch bank is open. Hours are 7:50am – 8:20am and both lunches.
- Follow student government on Twitter: @buchholz_high or Instagram: buchholz.high.
- Follow Buchholz High on Twitter: @BuchholzHigh
- Support our students with the BHS PTSA. Smile.Amazon.com

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- Buchholz High School Creative Writing Workshop: The workshop meets Tuesday afternoons from 3:00 to 4:00pm in Mr. Burns' room, 4-130. We will critique members' writing as well as exploring how to develop your style and narrative voice, write good dialogue and description, create effective story arcs and vivid characters, perfect your world-building, and even how to go about getting published. New members are always welcome!
- [BHS Club Website Link](#)

SPORTS

- Tickets exclusively on sale for \$10 through GoFan.co website/app for paperless tickets. Be ready to show your electronic ticket at the gate for entry.
- Coach Contact Information is located under the Sports tab on the Buchholz Home page.

Buchholz High School Athletic Schedule – Week of February 27– March 5:

- **Monday - NO EVENTS**
- **Tuesday - Boys Baseball @ The Villages – 6:00pm
Boys Lacrosse vs. Trinity Catholic – 6:00pm
Girls Lacrosse @ Bartram Trail – 7:00pm
Girls Softball @ Union County – 6:00pm**
- **Wednesday - Boys & Girls Tennis @ Ocala Forest
JV Track & Field @ Santa Fe High – 7:30pm**
- **Thursday - Boys Baseball @ Leon – 4:00pm
JV Boys Baseball @ Suwannee– 6:00pm
Boys & Girls Tennis @ Creekside – 4:00pm**
- **Friday - Girls Softball @ Santa Fe High - Invitational
Boys & Girls Tennis vs. Spruce Creek @ JTC – 4:00pm
Track & Field @ Bolles – All Day
Wrestling States**
- **Saturday - Boys JV Baseball vs. Chiles Leon – 2:00pm
Girls Softball @ Santa Fe High - Invitational**

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Interested in Rent - Free Housing for specific colleges in Florida? Apply with the Southern Scholarship Foundation. For more information come to the front office (Jenkins)
- The Delta Sigma Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. is offering scholarships up to \$5,000. Scholarships are available to female high school seniors with a 3.0 GPA or above who have demonstrated leadership abilities. **Deadline, March 30, 2022.** For information: [Zetas](#). Application link [Delta Sigma Zeta Scholarship Application](#)
- North Florida Sheet Metal Workers want to announce their Sheet metal Workers Apprenticeship Program. Special Requirements need to be followed, the cutoff deadline is **April 24th**. More information in the front office. (Jenkins)
- **Gainesville Veterans for Peace Scholarship Program for Alachua County Students. Deadline for Application, April 27, 2022:** Gainesville Veterans for Peace Chapter 14 is excited to announce our 8th annual Peace Scholarship Program for the spring of 2022. We are awarding three college and/or vocational scholarships of \$1,000 each for high school seniors with a commitment to activities including: immigrant rights, Black Lives Matter, conflict resolution and/or nonviolent social change. Veterans for Peace created these scholarships to give financial support to students in Alachua County, Florida who are planning careers in pursuit of a world of peace with justice. The full announcement and instructions for applying may be found at <http://www.vfpgainesville.org/>

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- The Beta Pi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is sponsoring the **Neil A. Butler Scholarship** and the **Richard E. Dukes Scholarship**, which will provide financial aid to senior high school students who are planning to attend a college or university in the Fall of 2022. The scholarship amounts are \$1,500. Applicants for the scholarships should be students of special or outstanding promise who seek financial support to continue their education. The scholarship is limited to students who are graduating seniors of an Alachua County, Bradford County, Columbia County or Putnam County high school, and have a 3.0 GPA or better on a 4.0 scale. In addition, the student must be a member of an underrepresented minority group (i.e. African American, Hispanic/Latino, Pacific Islander, Native American descent). In order to be considered for the scholarships, all qualified applicants must mail a complete submission package on or before **Friday, April 29th, 2022**. For more information, see Mrs. Jenkins in the front office.
- Scholarship for students who have experienced personal challenges that may not have allowed them to perform well academically, but still have the drive to succeed. Deadline **May 30th**. More information come to the front office (Jenkins)
- Santa Fe College has a new program called SF Achieve which offers college coaching and college prep activities to help motivate students to attend college. In addition, eligible BHS students would get an opportunity for a full-tuition scholarship to SF. For more information, go to: <http://www.sfcollege.edu/achieve>
- Going Merry: SBAC recently entered into an agreement with Going Merry to offer this free service to our high school students and their families. Students create a personal profile and the site provides scholarship opportunities, online applications and information about applying for financial aid. More information is available at www.goingmerry.com
- LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS: local organizations and community members to share their scholarship opportunities with our schools at scholarships@gm.sbac.edu

MENU

Custo Line: Build Your Own Meal: Chicken Primavera Pasta, Tomato Sauce, Penne Pasta & Italian Medley Vegetables. Or choose from the above items or build your own salad or nachos daily! All meals can be topped with fresh items from our cold bar!

Choice of Sides: Frozen Strawberry Cup, Fresh Fruit

Galley: Pizza or Poppers

In the Spirit Spot Café: CLOSED