



# Bobcat Pride

Buchholz High School  
Gainesville, FL

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August 2013

**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. Valerie Freeman**

Assistant Principal

**Mr. Randy Scott**

Assistant Principal

## SCHOOL DAY

The first day of school for students is **Monday, August 19**. 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.

## ORIENTATION FOR NEW STUDENTS

Thursday, August 15

3 hour program

From 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

We will see you then!

Brief parent orientation starting at 9:00am

## 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.



5510 NW 27th Ave  
Gainesville, Florida 32606

Phone: 352-955-6702

Fax: 352-955-7285

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

Students attend: 8:25am to 2:40pm



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**buchholz.sbac.edu**

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**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

Buchholz believes that student 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.
- Walkmans, iPod's, boom boxes, 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.

**THINGS ALL BOBCATS MUST KNOW****Buchholz High School Alma Mater**

For our school days,  
And for always,  
We will honor Buchholz High.  
Friends we'll cherish  
'till we parish,  
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"*

**BOBCAT ATHLETICS****Sports Contacts****Fall Sports**

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

**Winter Sports**

Boy's Basketball– Coach Horodyski  
Girl's Basketball– Coach Williams  
Boy's Soccer- Coach Aulick  
Girl's Soccer– TBA  
Wrestling– Coach Pankey  
Weightlifting- Coach Szymansky

**Spring Sports**

Baseball– Coach Brooks  
Softball- Coach Monaghan  
Track– Coach Norris  
Boys Lacrosse– Coach Reynolds  
Girls Lacrosse- Coach Millinoff  
Boys Tennis– Coach Johnston  
Girls Tennis– Coach Cribb  
Athletic Director– Jay Godwin



**FOOD4KIDS**

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

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

**HOW TO UPDATE YOUR NEW ADDRESS**

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

Please note: Simply writing your new address on the emergency card does NOT correct you're 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 (make sure we have your current address)
- Phone-Homes (make sure we have your correct phone number)
- BHS website (daily announcements given at school through paw press)

**Bobcat Vocab**

- The Mall**– The area in the center of the school
- The Fishbowl**– 4-080 “eSchool” Lab
- CatProwl**– Homecoming Pep Rally
- Spirit Spot**– School Store
- Paw Press**– Daily announcements
- WCAT**– Buchholz’s News Station
- Portal**– Buchholz’s online resource to view grades and assignments
- Aviance**– BHS Dance Team
- Bobcat Branch**– On-campus bank

**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.

**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.

**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.



## 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 need staff and faculty know of your student's condition and it's 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, EpiPen®).

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

## TELEPHONE USE

Unless students are sick or there is an emergency, they will not be allowed to use office telephones. A student may be in possession of a cellular telephone at school. The cellular phone should NOT be visible and should NOT be turned on during the following times: while riding a school bus to and from school; during class time (including time while passing in the hallways to the next class); during lunch. Cell phones should not be seen or heard from 8:25 AM to 2:40 PM. Cell phones may be used on campus after the final bell (before entering a school bus) and at school events unless otherwise specified. 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.



- D. Shoes must be safe and appropriate. You may not wear bedroom slippers or shoes with wheels. A manufacturer's logo/image is acceptable. Elementary only, you must wear shoes that are closed toe 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.

### **You may not wear**

- A. Clothing that is not properly fastened;
- B. Clothing that is torn, has holes, or pants that are frayed;
- C. Athletic shorts, cut-off pants, short-shorts, or running shorts;
- D. Visible undergarments, sleepwear or outer garments traditionally designed as undergarments such as boxer shorts, or bras;
- E. Outer garments or accessories (such as backpacks, jewelry, and purses) which have slogans, signs, images, or symbols that:
  - promote drugs, alcohol, tobacco, gang identification, weapons, or lewd sexual behavior or
  - 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.
 A manufacturer's logo/image is acceptable;
- F. Hats, headgear, or other head coverings, except when approved by the principal/designee;
- G. Body piercings, except for earrings on the ears. All other body piercing jewelry must be removed or concealed;
- H. Jewelry or accessories that may be used as weapons, such as chains, spiked jewelry or arm bands;
- I. Combs, curlers, or hair picks; or
- J. Sunglasses inside the school building.

### **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.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY**

You are required to wear a school uniform at all times while attending school or any school-sponsored activity during the school day.

**A. Basic Uniforms**

**Girls:** The basic uniform for girls is a long or short-sleeved solid colored collared blouse or polo shirt with plain solid colored skirt, pants, walking shorts, jumpers, or skorts of corduroy, cotton, twill, or denim fabric. Jeans need to be solid color, without color trims, embroidery, or other decorations. Dresses may be worn but must be solid color with short or long sleeves and follow the other requirements of this policy.

**Boys:** The basic uniform for boys is a long or short-sleeved, solid color collared shirt, such as a polo, oxford, or dress, with plain solid color pants or walking shorts of corduroy, cotton, twill, or denim fabric. Jeans need to be solid color, without color trims, embroidery, or other decorations.

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

Shirts/blouses/dresses must cover midriff, back, and sides at all times; should be fastened with no visible cleavage or undergarments; and may have a small manufacturer's logo.

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).

**B. Alternatives**

In addition to the above basic uniform, the principal may designate:

1. Collared shirts with a school logo;
2. School-sponsored T-shirts with a crew neck; and
3. More restrictive dress code requirements, if approved by the school's SAC.

Each school will provide students/parents with a copy of the school's dress code.

**C. Exceptions**

If you enter the Alachua County Public School system after the start of the school year, you will have a grace period of ten (10) school days before being required to wear the school uniform.

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

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

The Superintendent, in consultation with the principal, may waive the school uniform policy on a case-by-case basis for reasons such as, but not limited to, medical necessity or sincerely held religious belief.

**Welcome Assistant Principal Taber**

Mr. Jared Taber has been part of the Buchholz faculty since 2008. Throughout this time he taught social studies and served in several leadership capacities. He was born and raised in Gainesville and attended Alachua County Public Schools for the duration of his K-12 education. He later graduated from the University of Florida for his undergraduate and graduate studies. He is excited to be given the opportunity to continue his service to Buchholz High and continue the tradition of excellence it is known for.

**PEOPLE TO KNOW at BHS**

**Principal:** Vince Perez

**Assistant Principals:** Valerie Freeman, Randy Scott, Jared Taber

**Guidance Counselors:** Chris Borden, Karen Dishman, Barbara Leytem,

Erin Camizzi, Mary Welch

**Deans:** Marc Ellard, Jay Godwin, Pearlie Shelton, Kevin White

**Data Base Manager:** Jenny Frazer

**Student Activities Director:** Ana Journey

**Media Specialists:** Cheryl Hurt, Rebecca Goodnight, Sean Timmons

**Athletic Directors:** Jay Godwin

**School Resource Deputies:** Deputy Baker-Trueluck and Deputy Adams

**Food Service Manager:** Cindy DeJesus

**School Secretary:** Coni Bryant

**Bookkeeper:** Nancy Nanke

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

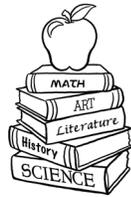
Each student will receive a class schedule, school insurance application, locker request form, and an application for free/reduced lunch on the first day of school. Parents, please look for this important information so the necessary forms can be returned to school as soon as possible.

**LOCKER REQUESTS**

During the first day of school, 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 19th 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!



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



**Buchholz High School**  
**Summer Reading Requirements 2013**

English I

No assigned reading

English I Honors and English I Pre-AP**Mythology** by Edith Hamilton and***The Beggar King and the Secret of Happiness*** by Joel ben IzzyEnglish II

No assigned reading

English II Honors and English II Pre-AP***The Count of Monte Cristo*** Lowell Bair Translation by Alexander DumasEnglish III and English III-FCAT***The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*** by Frederick Douglass\*English III Honors***The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*** by Frederick Douglass\* and***The Grapes of Wrath*** by John SteinbeckEnglish III AP***The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*** by Frederick Douglass\*,***How to Win Friends and Influence People*** by Dale Carnegie, and***The Outliers*** by Malcolm GladwellEnglish IV***Things Fall Apart*** by Chinua AchebeEnglish IV Honors***Things Fall Apart*** by Chinua Achebe and ***Great Expectations*** by Charles DickensEnglish IV AP***Crime and Punishment*** by Fyodor Dostoyevsky and  
***East of Eden*** by John Steinbeck

\*Students are to complete the study guide by the first day of the 2013-2014 school term.  
The study guide may be found on the Buchholz High School web site



## How to Access the Campus Portal *Communication Tool to Parents and Students*

1. Present a photo ID at your school Registrar's office to receive an Activation Key (or GUID). Keep this in a safe place and do not share it with anyone. You will only need to enter the GUID once to get started.
2. Use any Internet browser, i.e. Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari.
3. Use the ***How to Navigate the Campus Portal*** to find out how to access all communication available on the Campus Portal.
4. Go to [www.sbac.edu](http://www.sbac.edu) (this is the Alachua County Public Schools home page)

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.

Please use the following convention when creating your username:  
last name, first initial, middle initial, two digits of birth day  
Example: Roger Paul Williams born on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 1960  
would have williamsrp25 as their username.



## CAFETERIA

The cost of breakfast is \$1.00 and the price for lunch is \$2.40. 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 in the front office or be visiting [www.sbac.edu](http://www.sbac.edu). Students may apply for free and reduced meals at any time during the school year should the family's circumstances change.

There are three meal payment options:

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

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

## 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.

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

FRESHMAN & SOPHOMORES



This web site for the NCAA is useful future information. Please visit and review your obligations prior to your junior year.

## SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures will be taken through English classes. 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. The dates of these pictures have not been officially set yet, however they usually take place during the second week of September.



## Important Testing Dates for the 2013-2014 school Year

### SAT Registration 2013-2014

\$51.00 Fee includes Writing portion  
[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

TEST DATE	TEST(S) OFFERED	Registration Deadline
October 5, 2013	SAT and Subject tests	September 6, 2013
November 2, 2013	SAT and Subject tests	October 3, 2013
December 7, 2013	SAT and Subject tests	November 8, 2013
January 25, 2014	SAT and Subject tests	December 27, 2013
March 8, 2014	SAT Only	February 7, 2014
May 3, 2014	SAT and Subject tests	April 4, 2014
June 7, 2017	SAT and Subject tests	May 9, 2014

### ACT Registration 2013-2014

\$52.50 Fee includes Writing portion (\$36.00 w/o Writing)  
[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

TEST DATE	Registration Deadline
September 21, 2013	August 23, 2013
October 26, 2013	September 27, 2013
December 14, 2013	November 8, 2013
February 8, 2014	January 10, 2014
April 12, 2014	March 7, 2014
June 14, 2014	May 9, 2014

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

**PSAT**—Saturday October 19, 2013 watch for more information next fall

### Buchholz Semester Exams

Fall Exam December 18-20, 2013  
Final Exams June 3-5, 2014

### FCAT Testing-

October 7th-18th 11th and 12th grade retakes  
April 7th –11th 11th and 12th grade retakes  
April 22nd-May 2nd 9th and 10th Grade FCAT Reading  
(Districts Select Week)

### Florida End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments

December 2nd-20th EOC Window  
April 28th— May 9th U.S History EOC  
May 5th-23rd— May 17th Geometry, Biology, Algebra 1 EOC  
(Districts Select Week)

### Advanced Placement Exams– May 5th-16th



## SCHOOL CALENDAR 2013 - 2014

Monday, August 12 – Friday, August 16 .....	Pre-Planning (5 weekdays)
Monday, August 19 .....	First Day for Students
Monday, September 2 .....	Holiday - Labor Day
Tuesday, September 24.....	Send Interim Reports Home
Monday, October 21 .....	End of First Nine Weeks
Friday, October 25.....	Pupil Holiday / Teacher Workday
Tuesday, November 5 .....	Send Report Cards Home
Friday, November 8 .....	Holiday – UF Homecoming
Monday, November 11.....	Holiday – Veterans Day
* Monday, November 25 - Wednesday, November 27 .....	Pupil/Teacher Holidays
Thursday November 28 – Friday November 29 .....	Thanksgiving Holidays
Friday, December 6 .....	Send Interim Reports Home
Monday, December 23 - Friday, January 3 .....	Winter Holidays (10 weekdays)
Monday, January 6 .....	Classes Resume
Thursday, January 16 .....	End of First Semester
* Friday, January 17 .....	Pupil Holiday / Teacher Workday
Monday, January 20 .....	Holiday - ML King Day
Tuesday, January 21 .....	Begin Second Semester
Thursday, January 30.....	Send Report Cards Home
Monday, February 17 .....	Holiday – Presidents' Day
Wednesday, February 26.....	Send Interim Reports Home
Monday, March 24 - Friday, March 28 .....	Spring Holidays (5 weekdays)
Tuesday, April 1.....	End of Third Nine Weeks
* Friday, April 4 .....	Pupil Holiday / Teacher Workday
Thursday, April 10.....	Send Report Cards Home
Thursday, May 8.....	Send Interim Reports Home
Monday, May 26 .....	Holiday - Memorial Day
Thursday, June 5.....	School Out - Last Day for Students
Friday, June 6.....	Post-Planning for Teachers
Monday, June 9.....	Post-Planning for Teachers

\* These days MAY be used to make up days cancelled due to hurricanes or other emergencies. For the 2013-14 calendar, they will be used in the following order:

- (1) November 25
- (2) January 17
- (3) April 4



## 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 18 and 19 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 will be held on Tuesday, August 23rd 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 and clubs, all showing school spirit in a "non-polo" way, and we will be open for your shopping convenience August 13-15 from 9am - 2pm. 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.



 <b>\$10</b> <i>\$10 off a purchase totaling \$50 or more in store, with this coupon</i>	<p><b>Back-to-School Sale</b></p> <p><b>Instant Money!</b></p> <p><b>Tues-Thurs</b> <b>Aug. 13-15 ONLY!</b></p> <p><i>Special shopping hours 9am -2 pm each day!</i></p> <p><small>\$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 13-Thursday, August 15, 2013. One coupon per customer, must be surrendered at time of purchase. Discount does not apply to: Books, Cate 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.</small></p> <p><small>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.</small></p>	 <b>\$15</b> <i>\$15 off a purchase totaling \$75 or more in store, with this coupon</i>
		

**BUCHHOLZ VOLUNTEER NEWS**

**Each school year you must fill out a new Alachua County volunteer application.** This year you will be able to fill out and submit an application online (saving paper!). The site is not up and running yet, but you will find the link in the Volunteers section of the Buchholz website once the form has been posted online. (buchholz.sbac.edu, "community", "volunteers")

*Volunteering at Buchholz during the school day? You must sign in at the front office when you arrive and sign out when you leave.* To help protect the safety of our students, we keep track of who is on campus at all times. The first time you come to school to volunteer, please bring your driver's license or state issued picture ID. You will be given a nametag to be worn while on campus.

Sports teams, clubs, drama, band, etc. have many volunteers who donate a lot of time. *Please help us keep track of the amount of volunteer hours donated to our school.* Please send an email with a summary of volunteer time donated to the email address listed below.

**All volunteers participating in activities associated with boosters for any organization must have a volunteer application on file.** This includes volunteer coaches.

Would you like to find out more about volunteer opportunities? After you fill out the volunteer application, you will receive emails about needs during the year. You don't have to make a commitment to one specific volunteer task; you can help when it fits your schedule. If you are looking to commit to a weekly or every other week volunteer task, we have a few openings in one of the offices. Please let us know if you are interested.

Laura Clark and Kathy Wheeler

Buchholz High School Volunteer Coordinators

Call: 955-6702

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



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.

**August 14th:** 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 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 15th:** New Sr. Day  
Seniors new to BHS that attend the orientation will be able to purchase a parking permit during the orientation

**August 20th:** Senior Day  
2:50 – 4:00 Seniors come to 4061 to process and pick up decal – bring copies!

**August 21st:** Junior Day  
3:00 – 5:00 Come to 4061 to process and pick up decal. Coaches and Band can give list of participants 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. Participants wanting a paved spot must stand in line to get a number. No students can line up before school is out.  
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.

**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, check (made out to Buchholz High School) or credit card online (Buchholz website, Home page – Links on right side – Click on Buchholz WebStore – Bring proof of purchase). Paying online DOES NOT RESERVE A PARKING SPACE. It is strictly a payment convenience. All Parking Procedures listed above and paper work must be completed by all students.

**FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT [BUCHHOLZ.SBAC.EDU](http://BUCHHOLZ.SBAC.EDU)**

**TRANSPORTATION****BUS SCHEDULES**

Bus schedules can be accessed starting Aug 12th through the School Board Website at [www.sbac.edu](http://www.sbac.edu)

**DROP OFF AND PICK-UP AREAS**

For the safety of students, do not drop off at the intersection of 55th and 27th Avenue (the front of the school). This policy will help keep traffic jams to a minimum and help us prevent students crossing against traffic. The east parking lot and bus driveway are for the use of faculty and school buses only. Bus movement must not be hindered. These areas are monitored by the 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 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.

**2013- 2014 RESERVED PARKING INFORMATION**

There are 242 reserved parking spaces and 100 parking spaces available in the unpaved areas. Each year the number of BHS students changes. Therefore, each year there is a different challenge to provide parking to all students that request this option. 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 14th. To be a senior, you must have at least 16 credits. You must have a 2.0 GPA and no outstanding 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; 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.

**A LETTER FROM OUR PTSA PRESIDENT**

Dear Bobcat Families,

Welcome to the 2013-2014 School year! My name is Tina Kaercher and I am your incoming PTSA President. I have been a parent here at BHS for the past 10 years. I have had three sons graduate from BHS. Currently I have a tenth grader here at BHS. This has been a wonderful school for my family and it is my pleasure to serve on the PTSA. 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, yes even at the high school level.

- PTSA is very excited to announce the board for 2013-2014.
- President: Tina Kaercher
- Vice President of Membership: Kim Anderson
- Vice Presidents- Academic Enhancements: Lisa Duncanson & Christine Fleming
- Secretary: Angel Rodriguez
- Treasurer: Theresa Grant
- Volunteer Coordinators: Laura Clark & Kathy Wheeler
- Hospitality: Elisa DuVall
- Ice Cream Social: Vicki Wilt
- Teacher Appreciation: Anne Murray & Lisa Hunt
- We Noticed: Trish Everitt
- Programs: Kathy Murphy
- Student Representative: Ginny Annable
- Faculty Representative: Jared Taber

For those parents and students new to the high school life let me be one of the first to welcome you! I hope you have a wonderful experience here!

PTSA (Parents Teachers Students Association) is the same as PTA just at the high school level. SO both you and your student(s) can join and support the school. We have many programs in place to help us recognize our students' academic, athletic, artistic and other successes while they are at BHS. We also have programs to honor our amazing faculty, and educational programs to provide resources for our Bobcat families. The big difference between PTA and PTSA here at BHS is that we do not fundraise!!! We rely solely on our families joining PTSA and any contributions they would like to make. So please consider joining and helping us continue to make a difference in our children's lives.

For more information please look for our table set up in the mall area during New Student Orientation and Open House Night or you may call the school at (352) 955-6702.

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 2013-2014  
**Membership Form**  
**Buchholz High School Parent, Teacher, and Student  
 Association**

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

Parents, please provide student(s) name and grade:

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**DUES PAID:**  
 Individual Member (\$8.00 per member) \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed  
 Bobcat Level (Includes 2 members - \$32) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gold Level (Includes 4 members - \$60) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Faculty Member (\$8.00 per member) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student Member (\$8.00 per member) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Senior members are eligible for PTSA Scholarships) \_\_\_\_\_

**DONATIONS PAID:**  
 Please consider a donation to assist the following committees:  
 Academic Enhancement \_\_\_\_\_  
 Faculty and Staff Appreciation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hospitality, including student programs \_\_\_\_\_  
 Heart to Heart committee \_\_\_\_\_  
 Senior Scholarship Fund \_\_\_\_\_  
 Unspecified \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please mail Membership Form and check to:  
 Buchholz High School PTSA  
 Membership Committee  
 5510 NW 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
 Gainesville, FL 32606

Or bring to the BHS front office. Questions: Please email Kim Anderson at [kander9383@aol.com](mailto:kander9383@aol.com)