

July 15, 2011

Dear Students and Parents,

I hope all of our Buford High School families have enjoyed a wonderful summer vacation and that you are ready to begin the 2011-2012 school year at BHS.

I am so excited about the upcoming year especially after the incredible successes we had last year! Our Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHSGT) scores were also the highest they have ever been, **ESPECIALLY IN THE EXCEEDS category!** We were in the top 3% in the state (all schools) in **ALL** GHSGT content areas. We were the #1 system in the state of Georgia in GHSGT scores!

We had a phenomenal year in our athletic program. We won four different athletic state championships! Our teams won the AA Softball State Championship, the AA Football State Championship, the AA Girls' Basketball State Championship and the AA Baseball State Championship. We were also AA Boys' Basketball State Championship Runner-Up. We also had several other sports that placed very high in region and state competitions.

Our Fine Arts program had an incredible year as well. The Literary team won the AA Literary State Championship for the third year in a row, and our One Act Play team was the One Act Play Region Runner-Up. Our Fine Arts program is one of the best Fine Arts programs in the state.

Our summer preparations are almost complete. The faculty and staff are energized and ready to begin the journey. We invite all BHS students and parents to school on **Thursday, July 28**, to pick up schedules, purchase lockers, sign up for parking, pay class dues, purchase yearbooks, sign up for the Academic Booster Club, and visit our school store, the "Wolves Den." Please see the below times for specified students to come to BHS:

8:30 – 8:45 AM	Honor Roll Seniors
8:45 – 9:45 AM	Seniors
9:45 – 10:00 AM	Honor Roll Juniors
10:00 – 11:00 AM	Juniors
12:00 – 12:15 PM	Honor Roll Sophomores
12:15 – 1:15 PM	Sophomores
1:15 – 2:15 PM	Freshmen
2:15 – 3:15 PM	<i>"Becoming Accustomed to High School"</i> Parent/Student Meeting

Please check the enclosed list to see if your student is on the Honor Roll. These students are eligible for early schedule pick-up, early parking registration, and early locker purchasing.

Schedules may be picked up after ALL outstanding fees have been paid from the previous year(s). All students returning without outstanding debts may pick up their schedules according to the time slots listed above

The “Becoming Accustomed to High School” Parent/Student Meeting session for all incoming freshmen and their parents will be held in the auditorium. There will be time for questions following the orientation. It will be an opportunity for the freshmen to understand high school credits, high school routines, and the *do*’s and *don*’t’s of high school.

Locker fees for the 2011-2012 school year are \$15.00. Parking fees for the 2011-2012 school year are \$20.00. Students planning on parking at BHS for the 2011-2012 school year must have a valid driver’s license, student car tag number, student insurance card, and policy number to obtain a parking permit. A completed application with parent signature is required to obtain the parking permit. A copy of the parking application is enclosed.

Lunch prices will be \$2.50 for the upcoming 2011-2012 school year. Free and Reduced Forms are available in the main office.

Also, as a reminder, please work with your child on the summer reading assignments for Language Arts classes, Honors classes, and AP classes. These assignments and a tremendous amount of information can be found at our website at <http://www.bufordcityschools.org/bhs/home.html>.

Buford High School Open House is Tuesday, August 2, from 4:00 – 6:00 PM. We look forward to seeing you there. The first day of school is Thursday, August 4. Classes begin at 7:20 AM and end at 2:30 PM.

I give you my 100% commitment to ensure that we will maximize each student’s educational potential and opportunities and that we will also continue to achieve Triple “A” Excellence – Excellence in Academics, Athletics, and in the Arts! The mission of Buford High School is to empower students to reach their full potential as lifelong learners and effective members of society by inspiring them to think, to achieve, and to care! We will continue to strive to reach this mission day in and day out at Buford High School. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 770-945-6768 or banks.bitterman@bufordcityschools.org. Also, please remember that throughout the year, my door is always open to you.

We look forward to an incredible year with you and your child!

Dr. Banks Bitterman
Principal
Buford High School

“Excellence is our Standard!”

“It is not where you begin that matters; it is where you finish that makes all the difference!”