

**BUFORD HIGH  
SCHOOL**  
2750 SAWNEE AVE.  
BUFORD, GA 30518

# Wolves Weekly

## February 16, 2009

### OUR MISSION

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.

### TRIPLE "A" EXCELLENCE

We strive for Triple "A" Excellence every day at Buford High School. That is excellence in Academics, excellence in Athletics, and excellence in the Arts. Excellence is not just an act. Excellence is a habit. Excellence is done inside the classroom and outside the classroom. This is critical to the success of our students in the present and well into the future.

### THIS IS OUR BUSINESS

Our core business at BHS is teaching and learning. Our focus at BHS is on student learning, achievement, and success! All of our curriculum, instructional, and support programs focus on student learning, achievement, and success. This focus will continue our students on the road of excellence.

### SCHOLARSHIPS INFORMATION!

#### Georgia Scholars

[http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/tss\\_learning.aspx?PageReq=TSSLearningScholars](http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/tss_learning.aspx?PageReq=TSSLearningScholars) 3/1/2010

The Georgia Scholar Program is an effort by the Georgia Department of Education to identify and recognize high school seniors who have achieved excellence in school and community life. At this time, **no money** is attached; however, the recognition is available.

#### The Georgia Scholar has:

- High scholastic ability.
- Carried an exemplary course load in the four years of high school.
- Performed excellently in all courses.
- Successfully participated in interscholastic events of the school or community.
- Assumed an active role in extracurricular activities sponsored by the school.
- Exhibited good citizenship

#### American Society of Military Comptrollers 3/5/ 2010

The **ASMC** is a non-profit organization promoting professional resource management. The Greater Atlanta Chapter at Fort McPherson is offering a \$1000 scholarship to an outstanding high school senior pursuing a degree in Accounting, Business Administration, Public Administration, Auditing, Math, Computer Science or Economics. Scholastic achievements, ACT/SAT test scores, leadership ability, extracurricular activities, career goals, and financial need will all be considered. Local winner goes to national level competing for scholarship awards of up to \$3000. A 250 word essay is required.

#### Gene Henson Scholarship Program 3/12/ 2010

Atlanta Association of Legal Administrators requests nominations for an outstanding 2010 senior who plans to attend a four-year college, university or specialized course of instruction **within the State of Georgia**. Criteria for selection includes academic achievement, SAT scores, extracurricular activities, 2 essays of 500 words each, a personal interview and financial need. The award is for \$5,000 (\$2500 each semester). Student must remain in school and maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher at all times or forfeit future scholarship money. Anyone affiliated with members of the Atlanta Association of Legal Administrators or Association of Legal Administrators is ineligible. If interested, see Ms. Hamby.

#### Buford North Gwinnett Rotary 2010 Student Scholarship 3/16/ 2010

\$500 scholarship will be awarded to a 12th grade student planning to enter a college or university. Students must submit an essay of 200 – 400 words exploring one or more aspects of Rotary's 4-Way Test. Notification of recipients in late March.

\*\*See BHS website for a complete listing of scholarships available

### Buford High School's Important Upcoming Events

#### Region Basketball Tournament this week!!

Girls BB: Friday, February 19th vs. Avondale at GAC @ 7 p.m.

Boys BB: Thursday, February 18th vs. Westminster at GAC @ 5:30

Wrestling State Championships: Wednesday-Friday (17-20) @ Gwinnett Arena

## Academics



There will be a few FAFSA assistance nights for parents and students in the near future. Here are the dates as follows:

**February 17<sup>th</sup>** from 3:00-6:00 p.m. It will be held in Room 3110 of Building SA at Georgia Perimeter College (Decatur campus).

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 5:00-8:00 p.m. It will be held in the Academic Building Room 210 of the Atlanta Metropolitan College.

**February 24<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00-7:00 p.m. It will be held in rooms 0150, 0220, and 1170 of Building NE at Georgia Perimeter College (Dunwoody camp).

**Bring your driver's license, social security card and 2009 tax returns for FAFSA assistance.**

The **Latin American Association** invites you to participate in C.R.E.C.E. This is an educational program about the importance of postsecondary education and how to achieve it. It will be held on Saturday, March 6, 2010 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at 2750 Buford Highway. Seminars include information on acceptance tests (SAT), career options, and how to apply for a FAFSA loan or grant.

---

## Athletics

Alysha Rudnik led the scoring for the Lady Wolves on Tuesday as they traveled to Atlanta to take on Decatur in a region 6-AA matchup. She had 21 points as the ladies coasted to a 50-33 victory, Pushing their record to 21-2. On Wednesday, the girls travelled to Cross Keys for a make-up game. The ladies easily won, moving to 22-2. Lovett topped Buford 46-38 Monday night in Buford's Region 6-AA regular season finale. Andraya Carter led the Wolves with 11 points. The ladies are now 22-3. They will face Avondale this Friday at GAC at 7:30. The winner will play the winner from the Lovett-Westminster game on Saturday at 3:00. The championship game will be Monday at 7:00 and the consolation game will be Monday at 4:00. Good luck to them.

The boys team went to Atlanta to take on Decatur as well. They lost by a score of 43-28. The guys bounced back quickly the next night, beating Cross Keys 65-31. On Monday, the boys travelled to Atlanta for a make-up game versus Lovett. They lost a heartbreaker at the buzzer, 52-51. The wolves will play Westminster at GAC this Thursday at 5:30. The winner will receive and automatic berth in the state playoffs. The winner will also face the winner of the GAC-Cross Keys game on Saturday at 7:30 at GAC. The winner on Saturday will play Monday at 8:30, and the loser at 5:30. Best of luck to our guys!

The state championship wrestling matches will be held Wednesday, February 17th-Saturday, February 20th. Admission is \$7.00 on Thursday and \$10.00 on Friday and Saturday. A total tournament ticket can be bought for \$24.00. Represent well Buford wrestling!

There will be an FCA CHAOS meeting at Mill Creek High School on March 3rd from 6-8 pm. Anyone interested in going should contact Coach Snell. There will be worship and a speaker. Come enjoy the great fellowship.



## Arts

The Band is busy playing and practicing for their upcoming concert in March. Since the Marching season is over, the band has focused on practicing for auditions and on playing different music for diversity. The Symphonic Band classes are playing Their Blossoms Dows, Alla Marcia, and Symphonic Dance #3 Fiesta. The Jazz Ensemble is playing Get it On, Count Bubba's Revenge, Lil' James, and Cubano Chant. The Symphonic Band will be rehearsing every Tuesday Feb. 16-March 16 from 3 to 4:30pm. The Percussion rehearsals will be Mondays: 3-5pm on the same dates. They are rehearsing for their Winter Concert, Thursday, March 11 at 7pm in the Fine Arts Center.

Over the weekend, the Drama went to ThesCon in Columbus, GA. The following students were recognized for their outstanding achievements.

Josh Thomas, semi-finalist in Ultimate Improv Competition

Danny Sachais, winner of Ultimate Improv Competition

Taylor Morgan and Efrain Davila, Superior rating for an Individual Event from **Young Frankenstein**

Austin Duncan, Hannah Parets, Sarah Davenport, and Greg Hunter, Superior rating for an Individual Event from **I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change**

Greg Hunter, Superior rating for an Individual Event from **In the Heights**

Sarah Davenport, elected as a **State Student Officer** for GA Thespians

Greg Hunter, winner of a \$2,000 college scholarship presented by GA Thespian for his involvement in our local Thespian troupe.

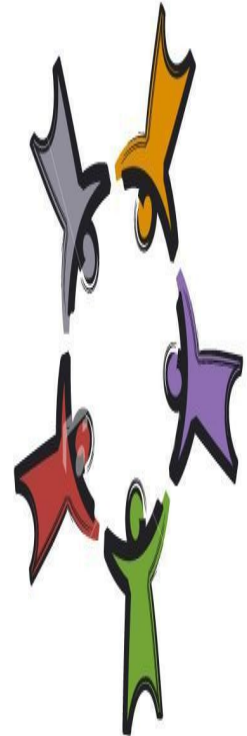


## Community

The 17<sup>th</sup> annual **Miss Sweetheart of Georgia** and **Little Miss Buford** pageants will be held February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Fine Arts Center starting at 10 a.m. and ending at 3:30 p.m. Participants will be young girls to 15+ years of age. All participants will receive awards and a trophy. A Queen will be crowned for each separate division. Entry fees are set at \$40. We wish all the participants good luck! See Mr. Conrath for more information. Volunteers are needed and will be working alongside with the Buford Band Boosters Association.

Well... it's here again. The **United States Census** is commencing this year. The 2010 census will begin April 1, 2010. Census forms will begin showing up in your mailboxes within the next few months. The census form has been revised and is very simple. It is only ten items consisting of questions about name, age, sex, date of birth, Hispanic origin, race, household relationship, and if you own or rent a house. The return envelopes are postage paid- aren't taxes wonderful?

On February 22nd, **Buford FCA** will hold its annual banquet. There will be a silent auction, and the keynote speaker will be Head Coach Mark Richt of the University of Georgia football team. The banquet is at Lake Lanier's Legacy Lodge.



## BUFORD HIGH SCHOOL

2750 Sawnee Avenue  
Buford, GA 30518

Phone: 770.945.6768  
Fax: 770.932.7570  
[www.bufordcityschools.org/bhs](http://www.bufordcityschools.org/bhs)

[WWW.BUFORDCITYSCHOOLS.ORG](http://WWW.BUFORDCITYSCHOOLS.ORG)

### GETTING TO KNOW...

#### GETTING TO KNOW MR. JUSTIN JOHNSON

Coach Johnson has been teaching for six years—all of them at Buford. Growing up in Snellville, Georgia, Coach Johnson attended Georgia Tech. At Buford, Coach Johnson has many extra-curricular jobs. He is the 9th grade baseball coach, 8th grade basketball coach, Director of Football Operations, and helps lead up Buford's Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Coach Johnson is married to Mandie and they have two dogs. They are proud to be the expectant parents of a little girl due in the end of June.

Coach Johnson cites being named as 2007 Teacher of the Year as his greatest accomplishment as a teacher. His source of inspiration wasn't a finite, direct human being or group, but rather a work of God. He says, "God has blessed [me] with spiritual gifts that have given me the ability to lead, instruct, and connect with young people. There is nothing I'd rather do as a career choice." New York City is his favorite place to visit.



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I hope you have been enjoying the BHS Newsletter. I would like to thank Coach Durden and his 6th period Multimedia class for creating the newsletter each week. They have done a phenomenal job.

As we draw closer to mid-terms, please closely monitor your child's progress through powerschool. Also, keep in close communication with your child about possible upcoming tests, projects, quizzes, and/or presentations. Please dedicate some time each night to discuss the assignments taking place at school. If you see that your child is in need of help, advise them to ask the teacher for help and then, follow up with an email to the teacher. If you need my help, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for all of your help and support!

Dr. Banks Bitterman  
Principal