

BUFORD HIGH
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Wolves Weekly

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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.

Big News

Parents/Students Schedule Changes

In BHS's constant pursuit for academic excellence, we are extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to provide two new members to our Buford High School faculty to help with our increased enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year. We would like to welcome Mrs. Amy Wright and Mrs. Patsy Kritch to our school. The addition of these faculty members will drastically decrease class sizes in several areas. Students have received new schedules during an advisement session before first period on Thursday, August 26th. Due to the re-scheduling, teachers will be re-entering grades. Therefore, PowerSchool will not be available until August 31st. We appreciate your patience and support as we all seek the best for our students.

If you have any questions about schedules or other issues, please email Dr. Banks Bitterman at banks.bitterman@bufordcityschools.org



Buford High School's Important Upcoming Events

Sports!

Volleyball:

- 8/30-@Lakeview 5 PM
- 8/31- Vs East Hall 5 PM
- 8/31- Vs. Mountain View 7 PM
- 9/2- @ West Hall 5 PM
- 9/2- Jefferson @ West Hall 6 PM

Softball:

- 9/1- East Coweta @ Georgia Perimeter 4:30 PM

Football:

- 9/3- @Carver Columbus 7:30 PM



Academics



If you enjoy academics, then why not join quiz bowl? Quiz bowl, or the Academic Team, is a competitive club that tests the knowledge of its members. The competitors are asked a series of questions and are trying to answer them correctly before the opposing team. Players joining this club must be well-rounded in core classes: math, science, social studies, and English. Some questions pertaining to arts and foreign languages may also be included. Students from all grades are needed! If you are in 9th or 10th grade, you can try out for the Junior Varsity team. Juniors and seniors are eligible for the Varsity team. Meetings for Quiz Bowl will be held every Friday afternoon from 2:45 to 3:30 in Mr. Harris's room (111). The first tournament will be in mid-October at Cherokee High School in John's Creek. If you are interested, see Mr. Harris for more information.



Athletics

Softball: The softball team came out with victories in both of their games last week against Jefferson and Providence. The final score of the Jefferson game was 5-1. They beat Providence with a score of 7-1. Our Lady Wolves softball team only has one upcoming game this week. They play East Coweta at Georgia Perimeter.

Volleyball: Our volleyball team also came out with victories in both of their games last Tuesday. We won with a score against Lambert High School was 25-15, 25-12. Another game was also played against Alpharetta High School and ended with a win of 25-20. A game at Lakeview Academy is scheduled for Monday, August 30, beginning at 5 PM. The next home game will be on Tuesday against North Hall High School and Mountain View. West Hall and Jefferson will be the next opponents on September 2 at West Hall High School. Come out and support your Lady Wolves in their road to victory!

Football: Our football team is playing at Carver Columbus High School on Friday, September 27. If you are planning to come and support our varsity team, the car ride should take approximately 2 1/2 hours. The game starts at 7:30 PM.

Cross Country: No events are scheduled this week.

Arts

Mrs. Staples, the theatre teacher, was raised in Clarkesville and Lake Burton, GA. She graduated from Habersham Central High School. She wanted to become a teacher because she always loved school and learning. She decided to become a theatre teacher because she thinks it is life changing and wants others to experience her same feelings. Before coming to Buford, Mrs. Staples has taught at Rabun County High School. She sponsors Thespian Troupe 2976, Improv, and Junior Thespians. On the state level, she is a member of the State Thespian Board, and she is the state student officer Liaison. The advanced drama students will be performing “Reckless” on October 17th (2pm.), October 18th/19th (7:00pm.). “Reckless” is a richly inventive and often startling dark comedy filled with bizarre characters and events. The play reflects the fractured lifestyles which have become the norm for so many in our tenuous times. With “Reckless” the author, Craig Lucas has given us a bittersweet Christmas table for our time. *It is a wonderful life* as it might be rethought as for a bruising contemporary America; in which homelessness may be a persuasive spiritual condition rather than a sociological crisis. “Reckless” will yank you through every unachievable absurdist hoop, fracturing narrative, language, and characterization on the way to its rending destination. Mrs. Staples would like everyone to know that the theatre program is always working towards the next production, and they love doing plays. The theatre theme for this year is, “more theatre, less drama”. The theatre students will really appreciate a large audience so make your plans to attend!



Community

The Mall of Georgia invites the community to gather on the Village lawn for the return of its popular family-friendly movie series, which launched last year. Guests can enjoy beautiful fall evenings under the stars every Saturday in September, while watching film favorites on the main screen. The movies will be held at the Village Pavilion. You could also go to the food court and enjoy great food from the various restaurants: Little Tokyo, Taco Bell, Dairy Queen, Checkers, and Cinnabon. So, if you are interested in having a great time with friends and family be sure to come out to the Village Pavilion at the Mall of Georgia and enjoy a fun movie.



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GETTING TO KNOW...

Mr. Conrath

Mr. Conrath, the band director, was born in York, Pennsylvania which is the barbell capital of the world. He lived there until he was four, but had to move around a lot because his dad was a minister who was frequently relocated. After that, finally got to settled into a high school called Bethlehem Central, located in Albany, NY.



His fortieth class reunion is coming up in the summer! Mr. Conrath is married to Cece Conrath who helps out with the BMS and BHS chorus and drama programs. She is a drama and theatre teacher at Lakeview Academy. He has a son named Quinn who is 9, in third grade, and attends Buford Academy. Mr. Conrath changed colleges a lot. As a freshman he started at Georgia Tech with a major in chemical engineering. Then he transferred to the University of Miami where he got his Bachelor's degree in music education. After that, he went to Georgia State and received his masters degree in music education. Finally, he received his leadership degree from UGA.

Mr. Conrath became a teacher because of his strong love for music. He also had the inspiration from his professors at the University of Miami to become a teacher. He has been teaching for 34 years, ten of those at Buford, and before coming to Buford, he was an Assistant Principal at South Hall Middle School. Mr. Conrath feels his greatest accomplishment as a teacher is how he still loves his job and teaching kids on a daily basis, even though he has been teaching for 34 years. At Buford, Mr. Conrath conducts each division of the band. They are marching band, symphonic band, jazz ensemble, percussion ensemble, and he is also involved with the color guard and winter guard. Most people would never know that Mr. Conrath loves to read, body surf, relax on the beach, play all sports, and watching movies. His favorite author is Steven King. Mr. Conrath's favorite thing to do, after spending time with his family, is to play his trumpet.