



Polishing Triple “A” Excellence

For many years, the faculty and staff at Buford High School has been working 110% year-round to get Triple “A” Excellence to a satisfactory level. The front office staff and the janitorial staff contribute greatly to Triple “A” Excellence, but sometimes their efforts go unnoticed by the students. The janitorial staff creates a clean and healthy environment for the students here at Buford High School. The front office staff, along with the janitorial staff, are always at the school working diligently to keep the school running well.

We talked to a few of the custodians about their specific jobs around the school. Mr. Terry Maddox’s, a Buford employee for five years, main jobs are cleaning the ten big rooms, minor maintenance and helping

rooms, minor maintenance and helping teachers. He really appreciates the help of students in detention. He works an eight to ten hour day depending on what events are scheduled for that day. We also got a chance to talk with Mr. Bennett, another custodian who has been working at Buford for six years. He is in charge of cleaning the gym offices and twelve other rooms. He also does maintenance work and creates the master cleaning schedule. He said that it would be a great help for students to clean up after themselves and respect the school property. As you can tell, the janitorial staff here at BHS does a great job of keeping our school clean. Mr. Cofer, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Harrison and Mr. Ingram are other important custodians who keep our school clean.

Another vital part of keeping our school running well is the front office staff. Mrs. Tucker is the secretary, Mrs. Adam and Mrs. Hamby are guidance counselors, Mrs. Simmons is Dr. Bitterman's secretary, Mrs. Earls is the lower school secretary, Mrs. Barrett is the athletic secretary, and Mrs. Brown is the bookkeeper.

We got a chance to talk to Mrs. Tucker. She is considered the face of Buford High School because she is the first person visitors see. She is there to answer any questions and greet students when they come in late or have to check out early. She has been working in the front office for two years and at Buford for eleven years. Having Mrs. Tucker as a part of the front office staff helps polish Triple “A” Excellence.

BHS Mission Statement

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.

Upcoming Events

Football

- 9/9/11: vs. Yulee 8:30 pm

Cross Country

- 9/10/11: @Habersham Mountain Eagle Race 10:00am

Volleyball

- 9/8/11: @ North Gwinnett 6:00pm
- 9/10/11: vs. Paideia, Clarkston, Decatur

Softball

- 9/6/11-9/10/11: Buford Softball Tournament

Academics

- 9/6/11: Benchmark #1 LA/Fine Arts
- 9/7/11: Benchmark #1 Science/Health/PE
- 9/8/11: Benchmark #1 SS/CTEA
- 9/9/11: Benchmark #1 Math/ Foreign Language

All Students

- 9/9/11: BHS Picture Day
- 9/10/11: ACT
- 9/10/11: Saturday school

Athletics

Last Friday the 26th, the Buford football team set out to play Gainesville. Most thought the game would be close but the Wolves blew out the Gainesville Red Elephants with the score of 49-0. Seven different players scored touchdowns during the game. The team played great defense, holding the Red Elephants to only 69 rushing yards while Buford's offense rushed for 360 yards.

The Cross Country team had a race last weekend at

Athens Christian in the NEGA competition. We would like to give you a little outlook for the upcoming season. They boy's team is loaded with experienced seniors. They ran over 200 miles this summer in preparation to get back to state after barely missing the cut last year. The boys are currently ranked 6th in the preseason rankings for the AA region. The girls team has many new faces but that does not mean they are rebuilding. The new runners are already having a great impact on the team.

The girls are looking to continue their success from their 5th place finish last year at state. They girls were ranked 4th in the preseason rankings for the AA region.

The softball team played Brookwood and lost by the score of 1-7. The softball team played Jefferson yesterday, September 5.

The volleyball team played Lambert and Roswell yesterday, September.

Academics

The first benchmarks of the year in each class are coming up. They will start on Tuesday, September 5 and run through Friday, September 9. On Tuesday, the Language Arts and Fine Arts benchmarks will be given. On Wednesday, the Science, Health and PE benchmarks will be given. The Social Studies and CTEA benchmarks will be given on Thursday. The Math and Foreign Language benchmarks will be given on Friday. These benchmark tests are cumulative tests that are

given to make sure that students are retaining all information that he or she has been taught. The benchmark tests will gain value every time they are given. Remember that the benchmark tests contribute to 30% of the final grade. Don't forget about these tests because they will be following the Labor Day Weekend.

- We have provided some study tips so that students can properly prepare for the benchmarks.
- Because the benchmarks will be following a holi-

day weekend, make sure you budget your time so that you spend enough time studying.

- Make sure you go over the textbook and any notes, assignments, homework or tests that you have from the past few weeks.
- Make sure you eat a healthy and filling breakfast before the test that will give you energy but avoid heavy foods that could make you sick or groggy.

Arts

The choral department has been working very hard trying to prepare themselves for their holiday concert on December 8, 2011 at the Fine Arts Center. Mr. Fowler has a set plan every day that the students go by to get work done quickly. The students are preparing many songs all in different languages including Latin, German, and Italian. The main songs that will be sung in the chorale production include "O Occi Manza Mia," "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairies," "Let Every Thing That Hath Breath," "African Noel," "The Bells," "Little Innocent

Lamb," "Gesu Bambino," and "I Carry Your Heart With Me."

Mr. Fowler encourages everyone to come out and support the students as they prepare for an amazing program!

The band department, however has been working hard to perfect their marching band show AEROSMITH. Their first show at the Buford stadium was a hit to the home crowd and even to the visiting crowd. They are hoping to add on another Aerosmith favorite (Dream On) and a snip it of "I don't want to miss a thing" this week to make complete marching band show.

When the football season approaches the end, the band will start to work on their holiday concert. They will prepare for this event which will be held on December 5, 2011 at the Fine Arts Center. Don't miss out on both the chorus and band holiday concert.

Make sure you come out and support your Buford High School arts department when they have their productions. Support from the community is great when they prepare for so many hours.

Community

Lake Lanier Islands has many events planned for the Labor Day weekend. Here is a quick glimpse of the events planned for this weekend:

- Live entertainment on the floating stages at Sunset Cove and Big Beach at Gianni's.
- Drive in movie night at the wave pool in the Family Fun Park on Saturday at 8:00pm.
- Fireworks spectacular on Monday, September 5. The best views are from Sunset Cove. Free admission to the beach area. \$10 parking fee. Not outside foods or beverages allowed.

- There will be many places serving great food like the new Italian bistro and pizzeria, Gianni's, Sunset Cove Beach Café, Fire and Ice House, Islands Grill, Tiki Hut and more.

Stone Mountain Park is showing appreciation and honor to our everyday heroes of the southeast in a three-day Labor Day weekend celebration. They will be showing their extra special appreciation on September 3 through September 5. All active and retired firefighters, law enforcement and EMT workers will receive one free all attractions adventure pass with a valid ID and will save

save up to \$10 per person for immediate family members along with 20% off food and merchandise.

We would like everyone to have a safe and fun filled weekend with friends and family!

Mrs. Tucker

Mrs. Tucker is a vital part of the front office staff. She is considered the face of Buford High School because she is usually the first person visitors see when they enter BHS. She said that the most enjoyable part of her job as the front office secretary is helping people, meeting new people, and answering questions. She learns a lot about the school and the community being the front office secretary. Mrs. Tucker has worked for eleven years at Buford. She has spent six years working as a parapro in Mr. Fowler's chorus class. She worked for three years as the registrar for students. She has worked as the front office secretary for two years. Before coming to Buford she worked at a private school as the front office manager. She also was a partner with the biggest mail order camera business in the nation. Along

with working as the front office secretary, Mrs. Tucker also helps backstage with Mrs. Staples in the theatre department. She also helps the girls and boys basketball teams with the books. Mrs. Tucker helps with the academic booster club as well. She has four children. Her oldest son was on the first championship team for football in 2001. Mrs. Tucker's second son, Michael, was a member of the 2002-2004 football team and was a part of the basketball team that made it to the Final Four. One of her daughters, Kelly, is currently in grad

school working on her degree in athletic training and did her internship here at Buford for eight weeks. Her daughter, Jennifer, is a senior at the University of Georgia and was a part of the first State Championship softball team.

