

**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.

IMPORTANT SENIOR DATES

Senior Class Night Practice

May 14, 2010 ~ Times to be announced.
Seniors and Juniors will report to the FAC.
Seniors will be transported to BHS at 11:08 a.m.
Juniors will be called to report to 5th period.
Seniors will report to the stadium for Senior Cookout, Yearbooks, and Carnival.

Senior Class Night

May 21, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
Attire: Formal
Buford Fine Arts Center
Seniors will assemble in the Buford Academy Cafeteria @ 6:15 p.m.

Senior Exams

May 19, 2010 ~ 2nd, 4th, and 6th Period Classes
May 20, 2010 ~ 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th Period Classes

Inspirational Service Practice

May 21, 2010 @ 7:20 a.m.
Buford High School Gymnasium
The class will go to the FAC @ 7:20 a.m.

Inspirational Service

May 23, 2010 @ 2:00 p.m.
Attire: Cap, Gown, and Honor Regalia
Buford Fine Arts Center

Commencement Practice

May 24, 2010 @ 7:20 a.m.
May 25, 2010 @ 7:20 a.m.
Buford High School Gymnasium

Commencement

May 25, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
Buford High School Gymnasium

Buford High School's Important Upcoming Events

Girls BB: @ GAC at 7 on 2-22-10
First Round State Saturday: Details TBD, @ Buford
Baseball: vs Hebron 2-22-10 at 5:30
@ North Hall 2-24-10 at 5:30
Vs Lambert 2-26-10 at 5:55
Tennis: @ North Forsyth 2-22-10 at 4:00
Vs Decatur at 4:45
Vs Lumpkin County at 3:45
Soccer: vs North Hall 2-23-10 at 5:00
@ Athens Academy at 5:00

Academics

Mid-terms are fast approaching! They will be held during March 1st-4th. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, March 1 *ELA & Fine Arts*

Tuesday, March 2 *Math & Health*

Wednesday, March 3 *Social Studies & CTE*

Thursday, March 4 *Science & Foreign Language*

Congratulations to Rudi Han, our senior STAR Student! To qualify, a student must have the highest SAT score and be in the top ten percent of his/her graduating class. STAR students then nominate a STAR Teacher who they feel deserves recognition. Rudi Han nominated Mr. Tim Harris. Please congratulate these STARS if you see them.



Athletics

Soccer season is now underway. This week is a big week for both teams. The varsity teams host North Hall on Wednesday and travel to Athens Academy on Friday. The JV teams travel to Gainesville on Wednesday and host Flowery Branch on Friday. Come out and support the Wolves as they hope for promising seasons.

On Friday night the Lady Wolves got things going in the right way as they beat the Lady Blue Devils of Avondale by the score of 73 to 40. On Saturday afternoon, it was revenge on the minds of the Lady Wolves as they faced the Lady Lions of Lovett in the semifinals of the tournament. As the game started, you could see the focus in the eyes of the Lady Wolves as they set the tone early in the game with tough defense in the full court and good execution on offense in the half court. Andraya Carter started the first quarter off well by scoring 10 of her game high 25 points in the first eight minute period. Along with scoring her points, Andraya also held Lovett scoring threat Tatiarra Jackson to just 7 points in the whole game. All the Lady Wolves gave a great defensive effort and held the Lady Lions to just 35 points for the whole game and only one player scored in double figures. This great win puts the Lady Wolves back in the 6AA Region Finals vs the Lady Spartans of GAC for the 2nd year in a row at 7 pm at GAC.

Buford and Westminster met in the first round of the region 6-AA tournament. The two split their regular-season games. Shipes finished with 14 points and seven rebounds before fouling out. Kyle Kellem, a sophomore, and Jake Burnette, a junior, each scored 12 points for the Wolves. Buford fell to Westminster, 57-52.

The Baseball team looks to a fresh start in 2010. The Wolves will open the season against Hebron Christian Academy today at 5:30 at home. Led by a strong pitching staff and a core group of seniors, the expectations are high this year despite a strong region. The Wolves will travel to North hall on Wednesday at 5:30. On Friday, Lambert visits Buford for a game on the diamond. Starting this Friday, if you cannot make a baseball game or wish to listen to a replay, go onto ustream.tv and search BufordBaseball. Seniors Nolan Alexander and Wright Gazaway will call the action this season.

The tennis team travels to North Forsyth for a match today at 4:00.



Arts

The Choral Department is busy practicing for their upcoming Variety Show. This year's theme will be "School Days." All of the classes are working hard to learn the dances and songs so that this year's show will be better than ever. This year's participants are extremely talented so the show is expected to be a crowd pleaser. Rehearsals for the show will be the week before and the week of the show. The Variety Show will be held April 22nd through the 24th. Good luck to all of the students participating in the Show!



Community

The Historic Buford Spring Festival will be held May 1, 2010 from 11 AM to 6 PM. It will be held in downtown Buford near the amphitheatre. It features local artists and bands. It will be held rain or shine. Food will be available from select vendors. It's a fun day that all can enjoy. We hope everyone plans on attending.

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 home ownership. The return envelopes are postage paid- aren't taxes wonderful?



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GETTING TO KNOW...

GETTING TO KNOW MR. DAVID WATKINS

Coach Watkins has been in the teaching and coaching business for 34 years; 15 of those, he has been at Buford—he moved here from Stone Mountain HS. For eight out of 34 years, Coach Watkins coached at the collegiate level. Born and raised in Rome, GA, Coach Watkins attended the University of Alabama where he played under the legendary coach Paul “Bear” Bryant. In addition to having many successful seasons while playing there, he and Coach Wood were college teammates. Coach Watkins was a long time football coach for the varsity football program, but since his move to Assistant Principal, he hasn't had much time left for coaching. Coach Watkins has coached the 8th grade team for the past three years. His family is his strong point.

Coach Watkins says he has “a wonderful wife..that has supported [him] in [his] coaching career which involved 8 moves in 3 states. [He] has two sons and a daughter who are great..and [they] have two grandchildren as well.” His greatest accomplishment as a coach or teacher is when he



sees his students or players grow into productive citizens. He finds it neat that he has been able to coach children of former players and cites the relationships formed as the best part. Coach Watkins attributes his desire to be a teacher and coach to his high school coach, Nick Hyder, and his college coach, Paul “Bear” Bryant. He feels that being a teacher was his calling because it gives him the opportunity to influence young people's lives. Some advice from Coach Watkins: “Things cannot get too tough. There is always going to be adversity. However, there is nothing that can

destroy you if you have the faith in God's plan for you and you treat other people as you would like to be treated.” We are so thankful to have people like Coach Watkins in this school.

Scholarships Information: 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. Additional information is available in the Career Center. Notification of recipients in late March.

Balanced Man Scholarships

5/1/ 2010

Georgia Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity is sponsoring scholarships for \$1,000, \$500, and \$250. Candidates must be male freshmen entering the University of Georgia in the fall of 2010. Candidates should qualify as leaders, scholars, gentlemen and athletes. One to two page essay is required. Student is not obligated to join Sigma Phi Epsilon. Application is available online or in the Career Center.

www.uga.edu/sigep

Buford Youth Cheerleading Association

5/7/2010

The BYCA sponsors a scholarship of \$1000 per year to be paid directly to the post-secondary school upon verification of enrollment. Scholarship could be split between a maximum of 2 recipients (no less than \$500 each). Any BHS senior who has participated in the BYCA for a minimum of one full season may apply. Any student receiving a full four-year scholarship is NOT eligible. A 300 word essay is required explaining your vocational or educational goals. Committee will consider academic ability, performance, extracurricular activities, awards, and leadership ability. Additional information is available in the Career Center.