



## Athletic Domination

Athletics at Buford High School have gotten off to an exceptional start. Buford currently has six sports that are in season. The volleyball team, football team, softball team, cross country team, competition cheerleading squad and the sideline football cheerleading squad are all working hard to have the best season possible.

The volleyball team is currently having a successful varsity season. They have an overall record of 10-6. They hosted the area playday and had a very successful weekend. To add to their wins, the Lady Wolves beat Clarkston, Paideia and Decatur to start off with a 3-0 record in area matches. Maggie Roper leads the team with 115 kills and Bailey Hicks leads the team in assists with 197. Head coach Hadli Daniels said, "I am very proud of how well the girls have been competing so far this season."

The cross country team is having a very successful start to their sea-

son. The team did great at their race at North Georgia Tech in Habersham County. Both varsity teams placed 2nd bringing home hardware for the first time this season. Ten runners also picked up honors at this meet as well.

The Lady Wolves Softball team is doing very well in their drive for their fifth consecutive Sate Championship. They have a 13-6 overall record and are ranked eighth in the AA State rankings. They started the season with a 1-3 record, but are now 12-3 since their tough start. The Lady Wolves won their eighth straight game going into the game against second ranked GAC. They hope to continue this winning streak. In their last tournament, the Buford Invitational, they dominated with a 6-0 record.

The competition cheerleading squad is made up of seventeen squad members and is led by senior captain, Bridget Burns. The team has nine new members and is look-

ing to gain experience in the early competitions so that they will be ready to compete for a Region Championship and earn a spot in the State Finals. The team I coached by Lisa Cole, Breanne Smith and Allen Harkness. They kicked off their season on September 17th.

The football has started their season with domination. They shut out Clarke Central in the scrimmage and dominated each of the teams they have played so far. Only fourteen points have been scored on the wolves this year. They have played four regular season games. Their offense has also dominated this year, scoring numerous touchdowns. They played a huge game against Yulee on September 9th. the game was televised on ESPNU and over one million people watched as the football team dominated with a score of 49-7.

## 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

- 9/23/11: Lovett @ 7:30

## Volleyball

- 9/20/11: vs. Providence 5:00pm
- 9/22/11: vs. Mountainview @ Collins Hill 4:30pm
- 9/22/11: vs. Collins Hill 5:45pm
- 9/22/11: vs. Central Gwinnett @ Collins Hill 7:00pm

## Cross Country

- 9/24/11: Blessed Trinity Invitational time TBA

## Softball

- 9/20/11: vs. Decatur (Senior Night) 5:30pm
- 9/21/11: @ Brookwood Tournament vs. Grayson 5:00pm
- 9/21/11: @ Brookwood Tournament vs. Northgate 6:30pm
- 9/23/11: @ Brookwood Tournament vs. Fannin 5:00pm
- 9/24/11: Brookwood Tournament time TBA

## Competition Cheerleading

- 9/24/11: @ Commerce High School 10:00am

## Academics

- 9/19/11: Project Post Secondary meeting 7:00pm (Commons Area)
- 9/21/11: Language Arts Performance Essay
- 9/24/11: Saturday School
- 9/24/11: Kaplan/SAT Practice Test

# Athletics

There are currently 238 Buford students participating in a fall sport. That is approximately 30% of the student body at Buford High School.

The Football team did great last week in their ESPNU televised game against Yulee. Over one million people watched as Buford went out and dominated Yulee with a score of 49-7. The team will play Lovett at home Friday night at 7:30. Be there to be a part of all of the action.

The softball team dominated the Buford Invitational Tournament. They came home with a 6-0 record for the tournament. They have an eight game winning streak going into the GAC game.

The cross country team is doing very well so far. Their last race was at North Georgia Tech in Habersham County. Both varsity teams placed second and brought hardware home for the first time this season.

The volleyball team played GAC and lost a tough battle. They also played Riverwood and won that match. They have a short break from games but will continue working hard at practice.

The competition cheerleading had their first competition on Saturday. We will have the details from this event in the next publication.

# Academics

FCCLA will be sponsoring a Food Safety Education Week on September 19- September 24.

Buford will be starting a Driver's Education class for students. This class will satisfy the 30 Hour requirement for "Joshua's Law". Students will also be required to complete a total of 40 hours of supervised driving, 6 of the hours which must be done in the night hours, and a sworn verification from the parent or guardian that these driving requirements were met. The course will be open for anyone 14 years of age

or older who would like to either obtain a license or prepare for his or her learners permit exam. Buford City Schools plans to pay for the class so there is going to be no charge for the Driver's Education class. The students are not required to have a learners permit to take the class, in fact the class will help those who haven't obtained their permit yet to pass the written exam. The classes will be offered at Buford High School either before or after school or on Saturdays with a Driver's Ed coach. In order to secure your spot in a class you must fill out the enrollment form and return

it to the front office by September 23. You will need to also make sure to include your preferred class times in your desired order so that they can work it out to conveniently fit your schedule. There will be a confirmation email sent to you that they successfully received your enrollment form so make sure to check your inboxes!

## Arts

Some of the BHS chorus members are preparing for the All State Chorus Region Audition in October. Mr. Fowler is working hard to prepare his students to succeed the best they can in the audition. The chorus is also practicing for the holiday concert that will be coming up in December 8, 2011. The students are preparing many songs all in different languages including of course English, Latin, German, and Italian. Examples of some songs would be "Little Innocent Lamb", "Christmas in about 3 Minutes", "The Bells", and

"Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairies". We encourage you to come out and support the students on December 8, 2011 at 7:30pm at the Buford Fine Arts Center. Don't forget this year chorus has also added an All-State sight reading, so if you are talented and enjoy site reading then this is the thing for you.

As for drama and theatre Mrs. Staples is working hard and preparing her students for the show that will be held in late October. The shows are based on Almost Maine and Sweeney Todd. The show is going to be

great and enjoyable to the audience. We hope you have the time to come and see their performance they made for our community. The Buford band will be having an exhibition on Monday, September, 19 and a competition on October, 15 at Collins Hill High School. Be sure to try and come out and help support the band.

# Community

For the second year Toast @ Town Center will promote entertainment and in-store events on September 22 at 6:00pm. During the event, patrons can bring drinks bought at Town Center restaurants – coffee and sodas – from shop to shop and within the park. Come and jump start your weekend with us at Suwanee town center is at the intersection of Buford Highway and Lawrenceville Suwanee Road.

Clear your calendar for an unBEAFable day at Mulberry Park. All proceeds from this event will

go to the Gwinnett parks Foundation for the construction of the new Karina Miller playground. The day starts off with a 6.2 mile race. Then from 10:00am-4:00pm visitors can enjoy family fun including live music, a petting zoo, inflatables, a rock climbing wall, a magician, games, contests and much more. Event bracelets are available for purchase at the price of \$10 per person. Access to a silent auction, arts and crafts, and food vendors will be available for an additional fee. The evening concludes with a private dinner concert by Erica Nicole which will be held from 6:00pm to

9:00pm . Tickets for the evening dinner and concert are available for \$75 per person. The event will be held at Little Mulberry Park, 3900 Hog Mountain Road, Dacula.

Stone Mountain will be having the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Great Chili cook-off is presented by Aaron's Sales and Lease. This cook-off will feature some of the South's best amateur chefs. Over 300 teams from across the United States are going to be in attendance with some good Chili. This event will be held on September 24th.

## Getting to know Coach Snell

**What are you involved with at BHS?** I work with the education pathway and help with the work-based learning center. I am also the defensive back coach on the football team, the head boys track coach, and I work with the FCA leaders.

**What is the best thing about your job?** I get to meet different kinds of people and make new relationships with students.

**What is the most difficult thing about your job?** The paper work is difficult, and I do not like the short lunch periods.

**Where did you work before Buford High School?** I worked at Pickett High School as a driver's education instructor.

**Did you ever have any wrecks as an instructor?** No, I never had any wrecks, but I did have some close calls. I had to hit the emergency brake several times in order to avoid an accident.

**In your opinion, are boys or girls better drivers?** Boys are usually the best drivers because they have had more experience on go carts or tractors or anything motorized. The girls be-

come too nervous and hesitate too much.

**What are some of your personal accomplishments?** I have coached in several State Championships; however my biggest accomplishment is that I have been married for 17 wonderful years and come home to my wonderful wife and twin girls that are now 8 years old.

**Do you have any quotes that you live by?** I actually do. The quote I live by is "We live by either the pain of discipline or the pain of regret, you must choose."