

# Welcome

to

Buford High  
School

Dr. Banks Bitterman  
Principal

# Mission Statement

**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.**

# We believe in....

## Triple "A" Excellence

Excellence in

**A**cademics,

**A**thletics,

and the

**A**rts

# Definition of Terms

- Semester – 18 weeks; there are 2 per school year.
- Carnegie Unit-awarded for completion of a course with a passing grade (70+)
  - Each course at the end of each semester earns  $\frac{1}{2}$  Carnegie unit
- GPA - Grade Point Average
- Transcript- cumulative record of all course history and all grades beginning with 9<sup>th</sup> grade
- Eligibility - athletic/activities require that students maintain a certain level of academic standards.

# Graduation Requirements

There are 2 basic requirements:

- Total of 24 Carnegie Units
- Meeting course requirements in specific subject areas

\*Classes with an End of Course Assessment require that the assessment be taken in order for credit to be awarded



# Course Requirements

- 4 Carnegie units of English
- 4 Carnegie units of Math
- 4 Carnegie units of Science
- 4 Carnegie units of Social Studies
- 3 Carnegie units of Career Tech or Foreign Language, or Fine Arts (2 units of the same FL is required for college admissions)
- ½ unit of Health, ½ unit of PE
- 4 Carnegie units of Electives

# Tech Career Pathways

- Marketing
- Graphic Design
- Food and Nutrition
- Education and Teaching
- Healthcare Science
- Construction \*new starting 2017-2018\*

# AP Courses

We offer honors courses to help prepare students for AP courses.

- AP Human Geography (9<sup>th</sup>)
- AP World History (10<sup>th</sup>)
- AP US History (11<sup>th</sup>)
- AP Psychology (10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>)
- AP Chemistry (11<sup>th</sup>)
- AP Biology (12<sup>th</sup>)
- AP English Language (11<sup>th</sup>)
- AP Environmental Science (12<sup>th</sup>)
- AP Government (12<sup>th</sup>)
- AP Economics (12<sup>th</sup>)
- AP English Literature (12<sup>th</sup>)
- AP Calculus AB (12<sup>th</sup>)
- AP Statistics (12<sup>th</sup>)
- AP Studio Art (11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>)
- Various courses through Georgia Virtual School



# 9<sup>th</sup> Required Grade Courses

- Multicultural Literature, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Lit/Comp, or Honors 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Lit/Comp
- Foundations of Algebra, Algebra, or Accelerated Algebra
- Ecology, Biology, or Honors Biology
- World Geography, Honors World Geography, or AP Human Geography
- Health/PE
- Required summer reading in all Language Arts classes – information on BHS website at end of school year and mailed home in June for rising 9<sup>th</sup> grade students

# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective Courses

- Marketing Principles
- Intro to Graphic Design
- Nutrition & Wellness (Foods I)
- Intro to Education
- Intro to Healthcare Science
- Construction
- Math Support
- Chorus
- Band
- Percussion
- Jazz Band
- Visual Arts I
- Dance
- Intro to Drama
- Intro to Musical Theatre
- Costuming for Drama
- Technical Theatre and Design

# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective Options

- Elective course descriptions are listed for each course on the registration screens under “Prerequisite Notes.”
- Videos detailing Electives and Advanced Placement classes at BHS are available on the BHS website.



# Foreign Language in 9<sup>th</sup> Grade?

# Attendance

- Attendance is taken per class period
- **Students with excessive absenteeism may not earn credit in a class.**
- Written justification is required for all absences and must be turned in within 2 days of the absence(s)
- A doctor's excuse is required after 5 absences each semester
- Saturday School
- Tardy Accountability Program: late for class

# Grading Scale

A = 90 – 100

B = 80 – 89

C = 70 – 79

F = below 70

- Honors courses earn +5 points on final grade (points are deducted before HOPE Calculation)
- AP Courses earn +10 points on final grade (points are deducted before HOPE Calculation but 0.5 quality points are added, not to exceed 4.0)

# Promotion

To be promoted to the next grade level, students must earn a required number of Carnegie units of credit.

| <u># Units</u> | <u>Grade Level</u> |
|----------------|--------------------|
| 0 – 5.5        | 9                  |
| 6 – 11.5       | 10                 |
| 12 -16.5       | 11                 |
| 17 - 24        | 12                 |

# Advisement

- Program designed to assist students through high school
- Advisement will meet weekly for approximately 20 minutes.



# High School Testing

- PSAT – all 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> graders and 11<sup>th</sup> graders
- End of Course Assessments – Required State Assessments at the end of various courses throughout high school. The test score counts as a percentage of the student's final grade.
- SAT, ACT, Compass – college admissions tests – students must register through testing organization (SAT offered on BHS Campus)

# Extra-Curricular Activities

- Class Officers
- Academic Bowl
- Art Club
- Skills USA
- Beta Club
- DECA
- National Honor Society
- Green Club
- Healthcare Occupations Student Association
- FCCLA
- FCA
- Spanish Club
- Reading Bowl
- Key Club
- Band
- Chorus
- Drama
- Student Leadership
- Hispanics for Success

# Athletics

- Football
- Softball
- Cheerleading
- Basketball
- Riflery
- Wrestling
- Volleyball
- Lacrosse
- Fishing
- Cross Country
- Track
- Baseball
- Tennis
- Golf
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Weight Lifting
- Gymnastics

# Registration













- Registration will be completed through the parent portal on PowerSchool
  - Portal will be open by the end of the day tomorrow
  - Registration deadline is March 30<sup>th</sup>
  - We will have a Drop/Add period April 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>
  - No changes will be allowed after April 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Portal will be closed March 31<sup>th</sup> – April 16<sup>th</sup>

# Registration

- Registration instructions were distributed tonight as you arrived
  - Instructions can also be found online on the Buford High School website
- Courses were recommended by BMS teachers and entered into PowerSchool. Parents/ students must go into the portal to complete registration

# Registration

All students must choose an English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Health/PE course. Your 8th grade teachers/coaches may have recommended a course for you. You must also choose 2 elective choices as well as 1-3 alternate elective choices. If you would like to discuss additional course options or have questions concerning registration, please contact Ms. Adam at [carissa.adam@bufordcityschools.org](mailto:carissa.adam@bufordcityschools.org). Students must be registered by FRIDAY, MARCH 18. Students will be able to drop/add a course during April 11th - April 15th.

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <b>ENGLISH</b>  | Click the edit button to request a course ⇅ |       |
| Your 8th grade English teacher has recommended a course for you. Please select the course. If you would like to discuss additional course options, please contact Ms. Adam at <a href="mailto:carissa.adam@bufordcityschools.org">carissa.adam@bufordcityschools.org</a> .                      |   |   |
| <b>MATH</b>   | Click the edit button to request a course ⇅ |       |
| Your 8th grade math teacher has recommended either 1 or 2 courses for you. Please select the course or courses. If you would like to discuss additional course options, please contact Ms. Adam at <a href="mailto:carissa.adam@bufordcityschools.org">carissa.adam@bufordcityschools.org</a> . |   |   |
| <b>SCIENCE</b>  | Click the edit button to request a course ⇅ |       |
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| <b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>   | Click the edit button to request a course ⇅ |     |
| Your 8th grade social studies teacher has recommended a course for you. Please select the course. If you would like to discuss additional course options, please contact Ms. Adam at <a href="mailto:carissa.adam@bufordcityschools.org">carissa.adam@bufordcityschools.org</a> .               |   |   |
| <b>HEALTH/PE</b>  | Click the edit button to request a course ⇅ |   |
| There are several options to complete the health and pe requirement. Read each note listed under the prerequisite column to decide which option is best for you. You are not required to select the recommended option but you must select one option.  |   |   |
| <b>1ST CHOICE ELECTIVE</b>  | Click the edit button to request a course ⇅ |   |
| Please choose 1 course that you are most interested in.   |   |   |

# Registration

**Science**

Your 8th grade science teacher has recommended a course for you. Please select the course. If you would like to discuss additional course options, please contact Ms. Adam at carissa.adam@bufordcityschools.

| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Course Name      | Number    | Course Description | Credits | Prerequisite Note  | Alerts                          |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|--------------------|---------|--|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Biology          | 260120000 |                    | 0.5     | Teacher recommendation required. Biology is a REQUIRED course for graduation.                                | Recommended<br>Leslie Markes    |
|                                     | Biology - Honors | 260120001 |                    | 0.5     | Teacher recommendation required. Biology is a REQUIRED course for graduation. Recommended summer review work | Prerequisites have not been met |
|                                     | Ecology          | 260610000 |                    | 0.5     | Teacher recommendation required.   | Prerequisites have not been met |















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✓ You may select up to 1 course. You have selected 0 courses.

Cancel Okay

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| <b>MATH</b><br>Your 8th grade math teacher has recommended either 1 or 2 courses for you. Please select the course or courses. If you would like to discuss additional course options, please contact Ms. Adam at <a href="mailto:carissa.adam@bufordcityschools.org">carissa.adam@bufordcityschools.org</a> . | <b>Coordinate Algebra - Block</b><br>270971010 - 0.5 credits<br> | <b>Coordinate Algebra Suppo</b><br>270981010 - 0.5 credits<br>                       |       |
| <b>SCIENCE</b><br>Your 8th grade science teacher has recommended a course for you. Please select the course. If you would like to discuss additional course options, please contact Ms. Adam at <a href="mailto:carissa.adam@bufordcityschools.org">carissa.adam@bufordcityschools.org</a> .                   | <b>Biology</b><br>260120000 - 0.5 credits<br>                  |   |   |
| <b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b><br>Your 8th grade social studies teacher has recommended a course for you. Please select the course. If you would like to discuss additional course options, please contact Ms. Adam at <a href="mailto:carissa.adam@bufordcityschools.org">carissa.adam@bufordcityschools.org</a> .     | Click the edit button to request a course =>  |   |   |
| <b>HEALTH/PE</b><br>There are several options to complete the health   | Click the edit button to request a course =>  |   |   |



# Registration Assistance

- Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm:
  - Computer Labs at the high school are open for those who would like assistance with registering for classes. Please come with PS login information.

# Summer Health/PE

- Tuesdays & Wednesdays during month of June
- PE in mornings, Health in afternoon \$125 each
- Transportation provided for morning session only for those in city limits
- Students must provide lunch if staying for both
- Mandatory Parent/Student meeting May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm

# Summer Health/PE

- Registration for Summer School starts May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Registration deadline is May 19<sup>th</sup>
- More information will be available on website
- Questions? Contact Marty Bozoian or Keith Johnson at BHS

# Fresh Start

- Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>
- All day program to help rising 9<sup>th</sup> grade students prepare for high school
- No fee to attend
- Transportation will be provided for students who live in the city limits
- More details will be mailed out at the beginning of June

# Fresh Start - transportation

- May 1st – Parents/students can go on the high school website and indicate that they need transportation to Fresh Start.
- A power alert will go out to remind parents.
- Bus information will be sent out prior to Fresh Start so that parents/students will know bus pick up location and times.
- Any non resident students will have to provide their own transportation.

# Marty Bozoian

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Administrator

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Thank you for coming!