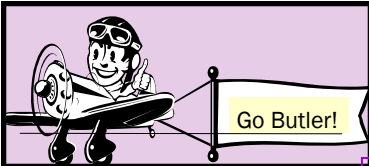


BUTLER HIGH SCHOOL



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S PEN



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Dear Student and Parents:

Staff and students have returned to the building and completed the first semester. Report cards will be sent home (through the mail) on January 23. If you have not received your child's report card, please contact Kim Thaler through the main office.

We are continuing our work for this school year, planning for next school year, and gearing up for the standardized testing for our students. As well as working with the community and the architectural firm (Steed/Hammond/Paul) in the design phase for the renovations to Butler High School.

The staff is preparing our students for the annual OGT (Ohio Graduation Test) in March. These tests are important to students, staff, parents, and the community. The OGT is administered to all sophomores during the weeks of March 16-23. A schedule will be forthcoming from the Guidance Department. The freshmen will be taking the TerraNova tests. The testing will be in four areas; Reading/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. The administration of this test will be on some of the same days as the sophomores are taking the OGT. The results of these tests will enhance our knowledge base of the student's achievement in the four content areas. We have been preparing students all year for these tests and are looking forward to the results. Please know that standardized tests are just one form of evaluation and that our teachers continually assess your student in a variety of ways all year long.

The Butler High School guidance department will be meeting with the 8th grade students late January through the first week of February to discuss course registration for the 2009-10 school year. There will be a parent meeting on Monday, Feb. 9 in the LIR at 7:00 pm. The guidance department will be meeting with students in grades 9-11 during the month of February to determine course registration as well.

Seniors have begun their final semester at Butler High School. A major portion of their 2nd semester grade is the Butler Senior Exit Project. Students need to meet the mandatory deadlines beginning with Wednesday. The final projects will be presented during April 27 - May 8.

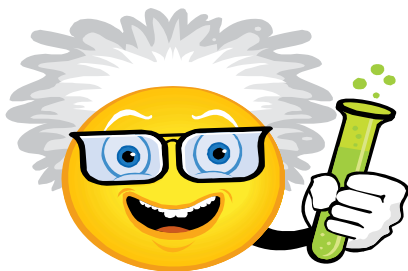
Second semester exam exemptions for Seniors will be determined according to the student handbook. The Senior class will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 21 in the morning as a reminder of the criteria. The criteria can be found on the Butler High School website.

As a member of the community, you play an important role in helping the youth and schools of tomorrow. Please do not hesitate to contact your student's teachers or the administrative staff with any questions, comments, or concerns throughout the school year. The next scheduled Parent/Teacher Conference evening is scheduled for March 18, 2007 from 4:00-7:00 pm. We look forward to an enjoyable and successful year.

Sincerely/Educationally,

Chad B. Hill
BHS Principal





HELP AVAILABLE FOR THE SCIENCE OGT

Students (juniors and seniors) who have not passed the science portion of the Ohio Graduation Test are encouraged to attend one or more of the help sessions being offered by the Butler High School Science Department. Sessions will take place from 2:30 – 3:30 in the High School Media Center on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 3rd

Thursday, March 5th

Tuesday, March 10th

Thursday, March 12th

Students will have access to teacher prepared materials (study manuals), the “*Study Island*” web-based intervention program, the Ohio Department of Education’s website, and one or more of Butler’s Science Department staff.

Attendance at the sessions is voluntary, but is **highly** recommended.

Students may attend any number of sessions and may arrive late or leave a session early in order to accommodate their schedule. Pre-registration is not required.

Students will also have access to the manuals, “*Study Island*”, and the ODE website during their study hall, however, a Science Teacher will not be available.

Important Parent Information

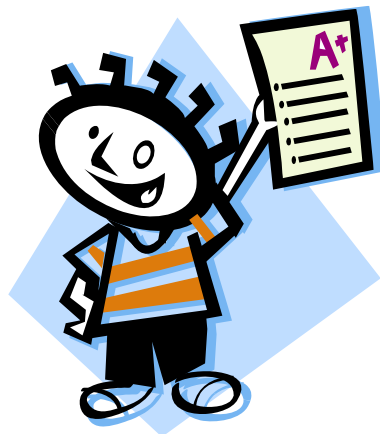
**IF YOU HAVE THE PARENT INTERNET VIEWER LINK ON
YOUR MOODLE/WEB SITE
OR HAVE IT SAVED AS A FAVORITE/BOOKMARK!!!**

PLEASE READ!

The Parent Internet Viewer has been closed to parents until February 2, 2009. In order to accomplish this, we have had to change the link on the Vandalia-Butler Schools website homepage.

If you have used this link on any Web or Moodle page you created you **MUST** replace it with the **NEW** link. You will also need to delete your current bookmark in your web browser and re-save the new link to your favorites.

If you do not make this change, you will receive an UGLY server error!



Classroom Pages

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New course for 2009-2010 school year.

The Family and Consumer Science department will be offering **Career and Financial Management**. The classes will give students the skills and knowledge that are necessary in today's society to be successful in their careers and basic money management.

Course Topics:

- Career Exploration
- Resumes
- Applications
- Interviews
- Job Skills
- Financial Decisions
- Budgeting
- Money Management Tools
- Savings
- Credit
- Financial Protection



BSEP NEWS

BSEP—Butler Senior Exit Project

During the second semester of their school year, all seniors at Butler High School select a topic of interest to research and prepare a 10-12 minute presentation. Students select a partner and determine a topic for their research and presentation. Throughout the second semester, students work toward deadlines for assignments including topic sign-up, outline, and required conferences with the team's BSEP advisor. The expectation is that students will complete ALL BSEP assignments, research, and preparation outside the school day. BSEP handbooks are distributed to every senior student at the senior class meeting held in January. These handbooks provide specific information regarding the BSEP process, requirements, and deadlines. Feel free to contact the BSEP coordinators at Butler High School if you have any questions, at Butler High School at 415-6300, Paula Yablonski (paula.yablonski@vandalia-butler.k12.oh.us) or Cindy Rinesmith (cindy.rinesmith@vandalia-butler.k12.oh.us)

Seniors—Important BSEP Dates

Wednesday, January 21	Senior Meeting (BSEP Handbooks Distributed)
Wednesday, January 28	Partner Sign-up
Wednesday, February 4	Topic Submission Form
Several additional due dates and assignments are listed in the BSEP Handbook.	
April 27-May 8	Presentations in Large Instruction Room at Butler

Participating BSEP Classes

The BSEP will count as 15% of second semester grades in all participating senior classes. The 15% will consist of all preliminary assignments and the final presentation. Participating BSEP teachers and classes:

Mrs. Baker	Government
Mr. Bergman	Accounting and Economics
Mrs. Dadey	Algebra II
Mrs. Fernandez	AP English 12
Mrs. Filc	World Mythology
Ms. Gonet	Creative Writing
Mrs. Kovacs	Precalculus and Algebra III
Mr. Mesko	Latin III and Latin IV
Mr. Peck	Business Skills, Marketing Education, and Principles of Marketing
Mrs. Penix	Desktop Publishing
Ms. Penrod	Honors Algebra III
Mrs. Rinesmith	Humanities
Mr. Stevens	AP Biology
Mr. Sucher	Earth Science
Mr. Tregoning	AP Calculus
Mrs. Walters	Advanced Computer and Internet
Mr. Williamson	Government
Ms. Woehrmyer	Spanish III and Spanish IV
Mrs. Yablonski	World Mythology
Mr. Young	Government

Yearbooks

2008-2009 Yearbook

The last day to place orders for your 2008-2009 yearbook is February 27 or February 28 if ordered on-line.

Information / Order forms are available on the school website under the yearbook link.

Don't Be Left Out!!



Calendar of Events

January 13-15	Semester Exams
January 15	End of 2nd Quarter
January 16	No School—Teacher Report Day
January 19	No School— Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 22	Kickline COP Pageant Preview
January 24	SAT Test 8am—1pm
January 28	Muse Machine Performance PAT 8:15-9:15
February 14	OMEA District Solo and Ensemble Contest 12:00pm
February 14	Turnabout Dance 8:00pm—11:00pm
February 16	No School—President's Day
February 18	Progress Reports Distributed
February 26	Parent Teacher Conferences 3:00pm-6:30pm

