

*Excellence Now...And for the Future*

August 5, 2008

Dear Student and Parents:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Butler High School for the 2008-2009 school year. I believe with a positive attitude, good work ethics, communication, and regular attendance we will have an enjoyable and successful year. To have a successful year involves support from the students, parents, faculty, staff, administration and community members.

Schedules will be available for students to pick up in the main office at Butler High School according to the following: Student fees will have to be paid in full at this time to receive your class schedule.

Seniors	Monday, August 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am – 11:00 am
Juniors	Monday, August 18 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Sophomores	Tuesday, August 19 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am – 11:00 am
Freshmen Orientation		
Last name beginning		
A-E	Wednesday, August 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am – 11:00 am
F-L	Wednesday, August 20 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
M-R	Thursday, August 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 am – 11:00 am
S-Z	Thursday, August 21 <sup>st</sup>	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Any schedules not picked up will be available at an Open House for students and parents on Monday, August 25, 2008 from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm or they will be distributed the first day of school.

The office will not be open for schedule pick up on Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> due to meetings.

If your class schedule is not complete, please call the guidance office (415-6309) and set up a time to come in to see your counselor to get your schedule completed before the first day of school, Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. **Students are expected to be in their 1<sup>st</sup> period class at 7:15 am.** Tuesday and Wednesday students will be dismissed at 11:00 am.

Students driving to school will need to park in the student parking lot located next to the stadium (North Parking Lot) or along the vacant lot south of the main building. Student vehicles may not be parked against the PAT wall. ALL CARS MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL ON OR BEFORE September 5<sup>th</sup>. On September 8<sup>th</sup> unregistered vehicles will be dealt with according to Student Driving Privileges in the Student Code of Conduct.

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The 2008-09 student handbooks were approved by the Vandalia-Butler City Schools District Board of Education on May 6, 2008. The following information are changes you need to be aware of prior to returning to Butler High School on August 26<sup>th</sup>:

\*\*\*\*\*The following styles or manners of dress are prohibited:

1. Anything that can be considered a disruption, distraction, or a health and safety issue.
2. **Shorts, skirts or dresses which can be defined as a length that is shorter than fingertip length of the index finger when arms, hands, and fingers are fully extended downward along side the torso.** Or shorts with less than a 3" inseam.
3. Spandex and/or biker shorts.
4. **Shoulders must be covered** – i.e. no tank tops of any kind. No strapless tops.
5. **There should be no bare midriff.** Clothing which show the stomach or back area when arms are extended directly outward perpendicular to the body.
6. Apparel with excessive/inappropriate holes, rips, cuts or tears.
7. **Sleep apparel is not appropriate;** this includes but is not limited to pajamas, robes, lounge pants, and slippers.
8. Clothing or personal possessions containing messages that are obscene, sexually suggestive, or make references to violence, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco products.
9. Hats, hoods, sunglasses, or other head apparel, unless approved by the administration.
10. Excess ornaments that might cause damage or injury. (ex. chains on pants)
11. Clothes that expose undergarments.

\*\*\*\*\*Excused absences that do not count toward the student's ten days:

1. Funerals – Immediate Family members
2. **College visits** will be excused and will not count against perfect attendance if the visit is pre-approved by a counselor or administration and is verified upon return with letter from the college visited. The College Visit Request Form must be turned in **one week prior** to the visit. The principal will answer any questions concerning this matter.
  - a. **Maximum Number of Visits**
    - i. Juniors – 2 during the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester
    - ii. Seniors – 5 for the entire school year, but 4 in one semester.
    - iii. Extenuating circumstances will be taken into consideration.
3. Religious reasons
4. School sponsored activities.

Vandalia-Butler Board of Education voted on July 1<sup>st</sup> to place a bond issue on the November Ballot. This decision was made after reviewing facilities studies (12+ years), the strategic plan (community involvement), and considering the economy and budget. The bond will provide for a new Morton Middle School, renovations and improvements to Butler High School, replace the bus garage, provide for equipment, furnishings, site acquisition or improvements, as well as improvements to school facilities.

This opportunity will be accomplished with NO INCREASE in taxes. VBCS is currently collecting on 4.76 mills on an emergency levy through December 2009. The bond will collect on 4.76 mills beginning January 2010. The win-win scenario will be voted on by the community on November 4, 2008.

I look forward to seeing you and having a successful year.

Sincerely,

Chad B. Hill