

BHS Bucks Principal's Update

June 2021



Dear BHS Bucks students and families,

We've made it! The 2020-2021 school year is almost over. I think we can all breathe a heavy sigh of relief once June 16th arrives. I am so proud of our students and the resiliency they showed by coming to school everyday, wearing masks, and trying their best. It was most certainly a very stressful year... for all of us. We will be happy to put this one in the books and return in the fall with a fresh, new attitude and a willingness to achieve, improve, and grow everyday.



As a reminder, we are offering summer school for students who need a little extra boost before returning in the fall. Students in grades 9-12 who need to make up credits from previous classes should look at registering for summer school classes. We are able to offer them free this year with the help of some grant funds. Students in 8th grade who have failed 3 or more core classes in a semester will need to take summer school to help build skills to prepare them for high school. Taking summer school does not ensure a student will be promoted to the next level; student effort and skills building will determine that. Summer school information can be found on our school website. 9-12 grade registration form can be found by [CLICKING HERE](#) or by visiting the counseling office. A student contract will be signed before classes will be assigned. Any student who signs up will be accepted and can plan to attend on the first day, June 21.

Please enjoy the enclosed pictures from our end of the school year activities and class projects. Students have been working so hard and showing their creativity, it's been a very tactile end to the school year!

Stay safe, healthy and rested these next few months. We will see you back in the fall on the first day of school, **August 30!**

New Courses!!!

Buchanan High School has 10 new courses recently approved by the board of education. We will be offering a wide variety of courses to fit the needs of our students to help ensure that our BHS students are in a classroom with teachers and not taking courses online. We strongly believe that in person learning is best and are striving to make sure we give our students that opportunity. The following courses have been approved and added to our Course Descriptions Guide for fall:

- AP Calculus
- AP Statistics
- AP Psychology
- Statistics
- Intro to Psychology
- Environmental Science
- Astronomy
- Surviving with Social Studies
- Debate
- Weight Training

[Click here to view the Course Descriptions Guide](#)

Summer School

HIGH SCHOOL

Due to the large amount of course failures, Buchanan High School will once again offer summer school for students who need to recover credits due to failed courses over the year. This is a great opportunity for students to keep the pace and earn credits to be able to graduate with their class. The district has applied for grant funds to help pay for this cost. Courses will be online using the Edmentum platform. All courses will be made available free of charge. 9th and 10th graders will be expected to work in our air conditioned lab, 11th graders may work from home as long as progress is being made toward completion.

8th GRADE

We will offer an in-person 8th grade summer school that will focus on English and Math. Any student who has failed three or more semester courses in a core area will be retained. Students who failed a class during the first or second semester of 8th grade are strongly encouraged to attend.



Mythology Boat Burning

For the past few weeks students in Mythology have been studying Ancient Norse culture and stories. Students worked in groups to recreate a viking's life, and Norse Viking Ships. Buchanan's Fire

Department (former Buchanan Mythology students) came and burned the boats demonstrating a proper Norse burial.



Artist Spotlight

Sophomore Studio Artist, Chloe Waller, has been working hard this year on character design. She is well versed in digital animation and enjoys drawing cats. Her stories show interesting characters that interact in various scenes showing a range of emotions easily identified through facial expressions. Keep up the great job!



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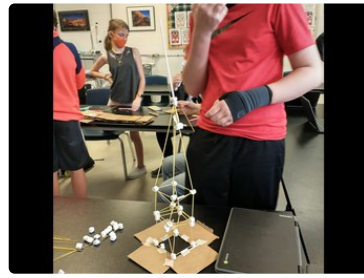
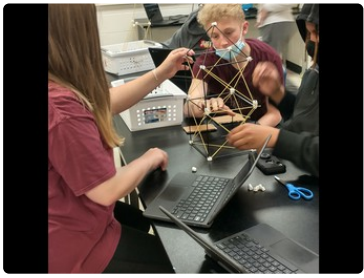
Physical Science Circuits

Below are some pictures from Mrs. Lentz's Physical Science class. They were given the opportunity to experiment with circuit building!



Earth Science in Action

Mrs. Lentz's Earth Science students tried their hand at creating earthquake resistant structures!



NHS Food Packaging

Buchanan High School NHS members hosted the Kids Coalition Against Hunger Food packaging event on Saturday, June 5. Volunteers from around the community came to help package meals to help feed impoverished families in our community, our country, and around the world. Over 18,000 meals were prepped in an assembly line fashion.



2021 Pep Assembly

Unfortunately, all the pep assemblies had been cancelled this year, until the final week of school when we were able to gather in our stadium for our one and only pep assembly celebrating the end of the year. It was a beautiful day with great weather and lots of laughs!



CLASS OF 2021 NEWS

Senior Send Off

This year seniors were surprised with a little ice cream sundae send off. Students were called to the cafeteria during their 6th hour to have one last social event together as a group.



Senior Banquet & Awards Night

Seniors experienced a beautiful night at the park to celebrate their accomplishments and enjoy one last meal together. They started the evening by reading their letters to self that were written in 8th grade. It's always fun to see how much they've grown over the years. Once everyone arrived, students

were invited to eat dinner and sign their personalized yard signs to show the community what their plans are for after high school. We started our night awarding our Honor students, Top 10, and our 3 Valedictorians and 3 Salutatorians. We then awarded all other scholarships, awards, and honors and ended the evening by passing out their caps and gowns. It was a great night that students appreciated being able to have.



Dinner



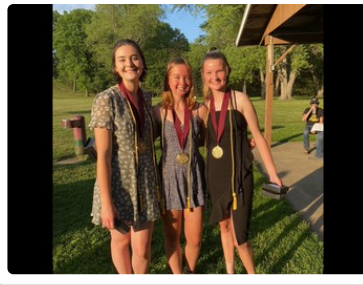
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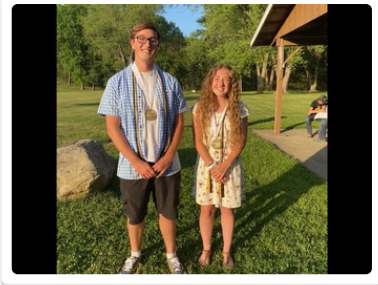
Honor Students



Top 10



Salutatorians



Valedictorians



BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL

2021 Commencement

144TH GRADUATING CLASS



June 11, 2021

MEMORIAL FIELD

2021 Graduation Celebration

Our 2021 graduation ceremony will be held at Memorial Field on Friday, June 11 @ 6:30. The outside ceremony is available for anyone to attend while space is available. If we have to move our ceremony inside, this will be a ticketed event and only those with tickets may attend. We wish to give our class of 2021 a magnificent send off and hope you can join us in our celebration.

Important Dates to Note

June 11 - Commencement

June 15 - Half Day (exams 1-3)

June 16 - Half Day (exams 4-6), Last day of school

June 21 - Summer School begins (8-12, no Friday sessions)

July 5 - No Summer School sessions

August 13 - Summer school ends, all work must be completed

August 30 - First day of school





Buchanan High School

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At Buchanan High School, we strive to prepare students for life outside of the academic setting. We are always looking for partnerships within our community to bring real world life experiences to our students. Please reach out to us if you have an idea you'd like to discuss to help our students become successful.

If you call our office, our phone menu has changed, please listen carefully to the new option. Please check out our new Facebook page and like us!

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