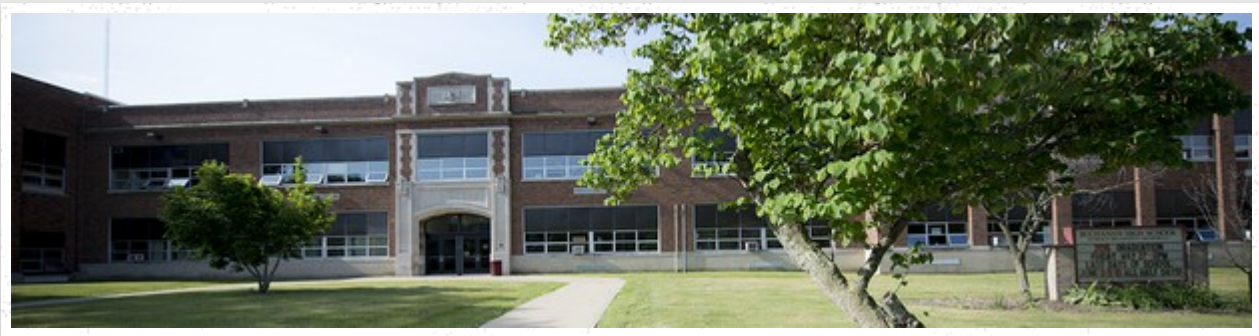


BHS Bucks Principal's Update

NOVEMBER 2021



DEAR BHS STUDENTS AND FAMILIES,

October has come and gone and that means that November and December will be slipping away along with what days are left of our first semester. Students are being reminded almost daily that our semester is shorter this year and will end before we leave for winter break. This is especially important information for students who procrastinate and have not met expectations to earn credit in courses. If this happens, semester schedules will be rearranged to accommodate failures. It's also a great reminder for parents that students will be taking exams right before break and those students who will be absent will need to make up those exams before credit can be earned in classes.

Thank you parents for your patience as we did have some issues with double booking conferences this time around. We identified the issue and hope to have it all fixed by spring conferences. However, you don't have to wait for conferences to reach out to our teachers. Please feel free to send them an email anytime and request a phone call if you'd like to touch base.

I hope you have a wonderful autumn and enjoy what beautiful weather we have left this year. As always, it's always a great time to be a Buck!

Mrs. DeMaio

ATTENTION SENIORS!! SENIOR SHIRT ORDER!

Order forms are in! Please see Mrs. Neal to get an order form.

They are due no later than Friday, November 19th. By turning in the forms by the 19th, we are ensuring the shirts will be here before Christmas break. Turn in the order form and money (checks made out to Buchanan Community Schools) to Mrs. Hess.

The order form will also be on our website --> seniors.buchananschools.com

STANDARDS BASED MINDSET

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Teachers have been participating in on-going, systemic PD that addresses how we can effectively move to a more standards-based approach to grading and teaching. Department teams have identified the most essential standards that they have committed to ensuring that ALL students gain proficiency. Our next steps will be to design assessments that measure proficiency on those standards and determine how we report that measurement to accurately reflect proficiency.

MYTH 3: STUDENTS ARE NO LONGER HELD ACCOUNTABLE

Buchanan High School will continue to hold students accountable. Standards-based grading still holds students accountable, but with a new definition of accountability. Accountability is redefined, not eliminated. Two teachers may have two differing ideas on what accountability means. One may believe that accountability is a consequence for behavioral mis-steps, while the other teacher may believe that accountability is the belief that all learning is essential. Being held accountable for irresponsible behavior does not have to equate to experiencing punitive consequences. This shift in focus encourages educators to examine evidence of learning holistically rather than mathematically.

When we focus on learning, teachers focus on identifying necessary evidence. Teachers may consider missing assignments are unnecessary, or alternatively, may find that the assignment is critical and will make every effort to ensure that students complete it. Allowing students to accept a zero in the gradebook as a consequence for not doing it is not holding students accountable, it's simply a punishment. Real accountability means teachers deem that no essential evidence is optional and that students are responsible for all of the learning.

In a standards-based school, students are still held accountable, responsibility is still important, and deadline still matter. Those behaviors are simply not impacted in the grading of learning. Although every new implementation has it's wrinkles to iron out, we are working to ensure that student grades reflect learning

STUDENTS AT WORK AND AT PLAY!

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT - SHANNON CENTER

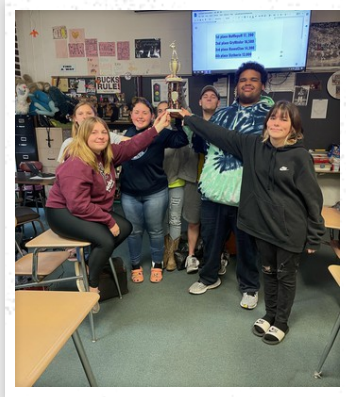
Shannon is working diligently on her art portfolio this year in hopes of earning an art scholarship. Shannon attended National Portfolio Day at the School of the Art Institute in Chicago where she met with admissions advisors and was able to speak to representatives about several art school possibilities. Shannon is primarily a digital artist, but is also fluent in other media. Currently, she finished a beautiful pen and ink drawing that will be going in the art showcase soon and is showcased here. Keep up the good work Shannon! We are excited to see where your art takes you.



HIGH SCHOOL MYTHOLOGY

Mrs. Holok's Fantasy class wrapped up their Harry Potter unit with a mythological pumpkin decorating and writing contest. Students then rolled the pumpkins down Buck Hill in a Hogwarts House point competition. Early in the year students are broken into Harry Potter

houses and complete various tasks for points. Team Gryffindor was victorious in the pumpkin roll, but Team Hufflepuff won the ultimate year one House Cup Trophy.





ARE YOU IN NEED OF SOMETHING?

BHS Bucks Clothes Closet

BHS has a special place that is open to all students who may be in need of clothing, coats, shoes, or hygiene items. Everything in it is free!

SAVE THE DATE!!!

- November 24 - Half Day (Hours 1-6) Dismissal at 11:00am
- November 25 - 26 - NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving)
- December 1 - Half Day (Hours 1-6) Dismissal at 11:00am
- December 16 - Half Day Exams 1-3, Dismissal at 11:00am
- December 17 - Half Day Exams 4-6, Dismissal at 11:00am, End of First Semester
- December 20 - 31 - Winter Break
- January 3 - Second Semester Begins
- January 17 - NO SCHOOL
- February 2 - Half Day (Hours 1-6) Dismissal at 11:00am
- February 21 - NO SCHOOL (President's Day)
- March 9 - Half Day (Hours 1-6) Dismissal at 11:00am
- March 16 - NHS Induction & Academic Letter Awards
- March 17 - Half Day (Hours 1-6) Dismissal at 11:00am , Parent/Teacher Conferences
- March 21 - 25 - Spring Break
- April 6 - Half Day (Hours 1-6) Dismissal at 11:00am

- May 4 - Half Day (Hours 1-6) Dismissal at 11:00am
- May 27 - Commencement
- May 30 - NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)
- June 7 - Half Day Exams 1-3, Dismissal at 11:00am
- June 8 - Half Day Exams 4-6 Dismissal at 11:00am



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