

BUTLER HIGH SCHOOL

PARENTS REPORT



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Important Dates to Remember

Fall-Play
November 13, 14

Picture Make-Ups
November 24

Harvest Ball
November 21

Tricky Tray
December 4

Winter-Concert
December 15

Baby Day
December 11

8th Grade Parents Night
January 13, 2010

Mid-Term Exam
January 25 – 29, 2010

We have had another great opening at Butler High School. In large part, I credit this to the cooperation and support we have received from students, faculty and parents. The working relationship we all have benefits the school and students.

Please take note of the flyer for A+ Bonus Bucks from Stop & Shop. If you shop at Stop & Shop and register your savings card, they will donate to our school for every purchase you make. If you have any questions, please contact us.

There is an order form from the Butler High School Booster Club for ordering Butler High School apparel, scarves and blankets. What a great idea for holiday gifts!

Kindly note the important dates listed on the last page of this newsletter. If you have any questions on your child's progress, please contact the school. Remember the best way to ensure your child's quality education is a close and cooperative relationship with the school.

The field construction project is nearing completion with some finishing touches being done to the snack stand. The official opening of the facility is scheduled for next spring. We truly have an athletic complex we can all be proud of.

As you know, my door is always open. If you have any concerns, comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to call.

William A. Hanisch
Principal

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

English.....Brendan M

Science.....Jaclyn N

.. Math.....Brian B

German.....Kate C

Spanish.....Victoria S

Italian.....Jaclyn N

French.....Min C

E.S.L.....Demitrios G

Music.....Ashley A

Fine Art.....Chelsea K

Physical Education....Thomas M

Athletic Department News

NORTHWEST JERSEY ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

In September, Butler High School began competing in the Northwest Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC). The conference is made up of schools from Morris, Sussex, and Warren Counties. These schools include: Academy of St. Elizabeth, Boonton, Butler, Chatham, Delbarton, Dover, Hackettstown, Hanover Park, High Point, Hopatcong, Jefferson Twp., Kinnelon, Kittatinny, Lenape Valley, Madison, Mendham, Montville, Morris Catholic, Morris County School of Technology, Morris Hills, Morris Knolls, Morristown, Morristown Beard, Mountain Lakes, Mount Olive, Newton, Parsippany, Parsippany Hills, Pequannock, Pope John XXIII, Randolph, Roxbury, Sparta, Sussex Tech, Vernon, Villa Walsh Academy, Walkkill Valley, West Morris, Whippany Park.

As a member of the NJAC, Butler High School will now be able to compete in a division which includes schools of similar size. The conference has also helped renew traditional rivalries of the past as well as helping create new rivalries for the future. With the creation of the NJAC, along with the completion of the Memorial and Hempsted Athletic Complex, the Butler High School Athletic Program has a lot to look forward to.

English Department News

VFW Essay Winners

Seniors **Jenna C** and **Michael V** were selected by the English Department staff as having written the best two essays for the VFW essay competition. The topic was "Does America Still Have Heroes?"

They recorded their essays and the tapes were submitted to the local VFW chapter, which will select a winner from the Tri Boro area to submit to the state competition.

NHS Food Drive

The Butler High School National Honor Society will once again be coordinating a food drive for needy families in Butler and Bloomingdale in time for Thanksgiving. Approximately 60 families with a connection to Butler Public Schools can use our help, and the numbers of those families increase every year.

We are asking for donations of any and all kinds of food, not just what is appropriate for Thanksgiving. We are especially interested in collecting non-perishable canned or dry foods, and a list of some of those items appears in the next column.

Non-perishable canned or dry goods can be dropped off in the Main or English Offices of the high school any day beginning on Monday, November 2, or with any National Honor Society student in the SENSE room Tuesday - Friday mornings between 7:20 - 7:50 a.m. The last day of collections will be Monday, November 23. All dry foods collected at the high school will be delivered to the Butler Methodist Church on Tuesday morning, November 24, for distribution to those families invited to participate.

Anyone wishing to donate fresh or frozen foods - turkeys, hams, pies, etc. - are asked to bring them in ONLY on Tuesday morning, November 24 directly to the Methodist Church as we do not have any facilities to store fresh or frozen foods in any quantity at the high school.

If you would like to donate money in lieu of or in addition to food, you can give it to Mr. Dilts or directly to any National Honor Society student. Make checks payable to "Butler High School" and an entry on the memo line that says "NHS Food Drive."

SUGGESTED FOOD ITEMS

Tuna fish (canned or bagged)

Macaroni & Cheese
Peanut butter

Jelly
Boxes of stuffing

Boxed potatoes
Canned soup

Pasta
Pasta sauce

Cranberry sauce
Salad dressings

Mayonnaise
Mustard

Ketchup
Canned fruit

Canned gravy
Canned pumpkin pie mix

Brownie mix
Cake mix

Canned frosting
Cookie mix

Canned vegetables
Tea

Coffee
Hot chocolate

Bottled water
Toilet paper

Paper towels
Tissues

Napkins
Flour

Bottled soda
Canned soda

Candy
Vitamin water

Snack crackers

To donate frozen or fresh turkeys, hams, pies, etc., please bring them directly to the Methodist Church on Bartholdi Ave ONLY on TUESDAY morning, NOVEMBER 24.

DRAMA CLUB NEWS

The Butler High School Drama Club sponsored the Annual Variety Show which took place on Friday, October 30th in the auditorium. This year's show had over 40 performers including the cheerleaders, singers, dancers and musicians. The night was mc'd and directed by Sylvia Abdelsalam. Monies raised will support the Drama Club's activities and the Performing Arts Scholarship.

The Drama Club will be attending a trip to New York City to see "Billy Elliott" on Broadway on December 16th. Along with a show, we will be having lunch at Planet Hollywood and taking a tour of the American Music and Dramatic Academy. Francesca V is the Drama Club President for this school year. "This trip is one of the things I look forward to my senior year. We get to see the best musical of the year while having fun around New York City and getting to tour a professional school of the arts."

Auditions for the 2010 musical *The Producers* will take place on November 16th, 2009. Musical director is Mrs. Sylvia Abdelsalam, Choreographer is Mrs. Leslie Mecca and Mrs. Cathy Drexler is Technical Director.



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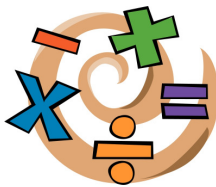
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MATH DEPARTMENT NEWS

In an effort to continue to ensure the success of students at Butler High School, the mathematics department is continuing its relationship with PRISM (Professional Resources in Science and Mathematics) for the 2009–2010 school year. PRISM, located at the Bristol-Myers Squibb Center for Science Teaching and Learning at Montclair State University, is a program that serves school districts to improve science and mathematics instruction. PRISM scientists, educators, and classroom teachers are content area specialists in curriculum, professional development, and pedagogy. PRISM programs emphasize inquiry-based and constructivist teaching strategies, and instructional uses of technology to improve student outcomes in science and mathematics. The program is designed to improve local district mathematics and science test scores on statewide assessments and provide districts with coherent, consistent support for implementing standards-based curricula. Working together with PRISM, we will continue to

improve our students' development of an advanced understanding of mathematics and complex problem-solving skills.

Math League is a competition dedicated to bringing challenging mathematics materials to high school students in the United States. Math League consists of a series of six contests, each containing six short-answer questions to solve in thirty minutes, covering geometry, algebra, trigonometry, and other mathematics topics. The first competition took place Thursday, October 15, 2009. Mr. Adam King, in his fourth year as Math League advisor, is looking forward to an excellent turnout and a successful year. "It's a good opportunity for the students to challenge themselves. If they continue to use this type of determination then they will be successful in everything that they do. It prepares them for their future challenges," Mr. King said. Good luck team!



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STUDENTS HEAR OBAMA SPEAK

Through the generosity of one of the parents, tickets to hear President Obama speak on two different occasions were provided to Butler High School. Tickets were raffled off in pairs to students for the October 21st event at Fairleigh Dickinson University where President Obama was speaking on behalf of Governor Corzine. Four lucky students won the opportunity along with one parent to go

hear the President speak. A special appearance by Caroline Kennedy also occurred. Our students and faculty were given a second opportunity to hear President Obama speak at the NJPAC in Newark on November 1. The raffle was held on October 30th. Nine of our student won a pair of tickets along with six faculty members, who each received a single ticket to attend this event. In addition,

TRICKY TRAY

The annual Butler High School Tricky Tray will take place at the Regency House/Best Western Hotel in Pompton Plains on December 4th, 2009. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. The money raised will benefit the Junior/Senior Prom. Tickets are available at the Main Office or by calling 973-492-2000 ext. 200. The \$25.00 ticket includes entrance fee, complete full course dinner and a sheet of tickets. Prizes include flat screen tv's, ipods, LCD digital photo frames, wii's, gift certificates to restaurants and many, many more.

ENVIROMENTAL CLUB NEWS

The Environmental Club got off to a busy start with a fall bulb sale and a weekend clean-up behind Stony Brook. Also, members enjoyed a rather muddy hike through the hills of West Milford and helped prepare BHS for a colorful spring by planting over 200 tulip/daffodil bulbs around the school. New members who don't mind getting their hands dirty while helping keep our school and town clean are always welcome to come join us!

KEY CLUB NEWS

After the tremendous success of our Back to School Night bake sale and our Alex's lemonade stand on Pride Day, Key Club is continuing to help the local community and various charities. We are currently collecting cat food, cat toys, laundry detergent, bleach, paper towels, rubber gloves and cat nail clippers for the Bloomingdale Animal Shelter which is suffering economic difficulties. If you wish to donate items there will be a box in the main office. (Please no dog food.) We would also like to invite anyone interested in the St. Anthony's Thanksgiving Day dinner to come join us as we help serve. More details to come in the upcoming weeks! Finally, we would like to remind everyone that the annual holiday gift drive for the New Jersey Battered Women's shelter is quickly approaching! We hope to make it even more successful than last year! Key Club wishes to extend its thanks to all the students, staff and parents for their continued support

tion, our students and faculty received an open invitation to see President Clinton speak in Paterson on October 27th. We are very pleased that our students and faculty have had the opportunity to hear the President speak.



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BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

The month of October is Bullying Prevention Month. The week of October 19 – 23 was School Violence and Vandalism Prevention Month and the week of October 26 – 30 was Red Ribbon Week.

Butler High School Students participated in various events focusing on the October issues.

Kicking off the month we were pleased to have Christopher Goeke, Executive Director of Prevention Is Key Agency, facilitate a Bullying Prevention Presentation for BHS Students.

Lauren D and Braylan G were crowned the Queen and King of Kindness for winning the Random Acts of Kindness Contest.

Barbara Kaufmann, from Prevention is Key Agency, presented information to the students on Gang Awareness.

We were honored to have Special Agent, Nick Caleo, of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration visit our school and speak with the students about the responsibilities of the DEA and the dangers of drug use. We honored Enrique Camarena, a DEA Agent who lost his life fighting the drug war, by wearing red ribbons. Red Ribbon Week is a week dedicated to the memory of Camarena and all he gave as a DEA Agent.

The Jersey Battered Women's Services joined us to share information on the Creating A Brighter Future, Candlelight Vigil held in Morristown. BHS

Student, Savier R, created a Teen Violence Prevention Banner which was donated to the event. Ramos also created a Red Ribbon Week Banner for the school.

November is Smoking Prevention Month. Thursday, November 19th is The Great American Smoke-Out, A GREAT DAY TO QUIT SMOKING!!



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