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Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year. It's time to bring our school community back together! We are so excited to reconnect with our students, staff and families, and work together to have an extremely successful school year. As we prepare for this upcoming year, we wanted to share our BHS Mission statement that will guide our work.

BHS Mission Statement: In partnership with our families and community, Buffalo High School prepares each student for a successful future. In an academically rigorous and supportive environment, we prioritize learning, equity, and meaningful relationships. Together, we value student agency, growth, and connections.

Our Mission statement creates a clear understanding of what we strive to accomplish at Buffalo High School. It will also help determine the steps we take as a school to reach our goal of ***"Doing What's Best for ALL Kids"***. Many of these steps are already taking place over the summer, including building a team of talented and caring staff members. We are blessed with a strong group of staff who care deeply about our students' success. We will welcome over 20 new educators and team members this year at BHS.

The transition into a new school year brings about a variety of emotions, and with the challenges we faced over the last 16 months, those emotions are more present than ever. We want the start of the year to be a positive experience for everyone, and we know that in order for this to happen, we need to build in some support and opportunities over the summer. We are currently running a comprehensive two-week transition program targeting our incoming class of 2025. We are also providing credit recovery options throughout the summer for students who may be credit deficient. As we move through the month of August, more opportunities will be available for our students and families. On Friday, August 13, school schedules will be released for students. On Monday, August 16, fall activities will start and access to school lockers will become available for all students. School counselors will also have walk-in times available in August for students and families preparing for this upcoming year.

Our transition into the 2021-22 school year will culminate with two comprehensive events. Our BHS Open House (handout included) and a Freshman first day of school.

BHS First Days of School

- ***Tuesday, September 7*** - Welcome Class of 2025. Required 1st day of school for ***Freshmen only***.
- ***Wednesday, September 8*** - Classes in session for ***ALL students grades 9-12***, regular schedule.

As we move into the year, our BHS staff are extremely excited to take what they've learned over the last school year, and combine it with the amazing things they were able to do prior to the pandemic. One key step to making this happen, is having a consistent weekly schedule for this upcoming year. This year's schedule will incorporate both Advisory and BASE (Bison Academic Support and Enrichment). **Advisory** (Monday & Friday) will focus on ensuring every student at BHS has a staff member with whom they can connect, while developing skills that will prepare them to be successful beyond BHS. **BASE time** (Tues - Thurs) will focus on identifying and supporting, in a timely yet flexible fashion, students in need of academic course support as well as those wanting enrichment. We'll use our Infinite Campus system to sign up for BASE times weekly.

Please take time to enjoy the remainder of your summer. We encourage you to talk with your student about the start of the school year and what their goals are for this upcoming year. As we said above, it is time to bring our school community back together. With all of us working towards the same mission, the sky's the limit for what this school year can bring for our students.

We'll see you at our Open House on Wednesday, September 1, 2021!

Sincerely,

Mark Mischke
Principal, Buffalo High School