



Speaking of the Bison...

BUFFALO HIGH SCHOOL

APRIL 2019

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Parent/Teacher Conferences are set for Monday, May 6, from 5-8 p.m.**
- **Mock Crash, Thursday, May 2 at 2 p.m.**
- **Prom is Saturday, May 4**

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Mr. Mischke's Message

"Doing what's best for kids" is the mission of Buffalo High School, and over the last several years our mission has evolved into "Doing what's best for ALL kids." We realize that each of our students may need something different to be successful at BHS and beyond, and we have focused on making adjustments to reach this mission. We worked closely with the University of Minnesota on the positive impacts of additional sleep for our teenagers, so we adjusted our school start time. We saw the need to prepare every student to be college and/or career ready when they leave BHS, so we adopted the AVID System at BHS and throughout District #877. We also felt that students needed to experience challenging coursework to prepare them for the academic opportunities that exist after high school, so we brought in the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum framework, which represents the general education requirements in all Minnesota state colleges. These efforts have helped us to effectively meet the needs of most of our students, most of the time; in fact, as we look at our spring student surveys every year, over 90% of our students have said that BHS is preparing them well for their future.

We know that BHS is a great high school and we are always looking at the needs of our students, families, and staff; this drives our desire for continuous improvement. Continuous improvement means we focus on ALL students and as we looked at our daily schedule, we believed we could create a system that intentionally addresses the academic and social emotional needs of our students and staff at BHS. As we looked at what our students and staff were saying about AAA (Arts, Academic and Advisement) and Bison Time, we knew we could use this time more effectively. Over 60% of our students and staff said we could do better. Therefore, we decided to bring a group of leaders together to come up with a plan. Over the last school year, we have explored what is happening in schools throughout our state and focused on creating a schedule and plan that would take the next step in "Doing what's best for ALL kids."

The new schedule will shift the allotted time for AAA/Bison Time and repurpose it into the middle of the day in two ways: an Advisory period and structured academic support time. The Advisory time will focus on making sure every student in our building has a staff member with whom they can connect, as well as experience personal and academic growth. On Mondays and Fridays, students will be in an Advisory group, with roughly 18-20 students per staff member, for 30 minutes. The structured academic support time involves identifying and supporting, in a timely yet flexible fashion, students whom are in need of additional support with course content, as well as those in need of enrichment. We believe this support needs to be flexible, timely, and accountable. We're excited to be able to offer ALL of our students an opportunity for 35 minutes of scheduled time on Tuesdays and Thursdays to see teachers for extra help or enrichment. This approach promotes equity, rapport-building, and accountability for all of us at BHS to be doing our very best work as a community of learners.

We are extremely excited about the potential this new schedule provides to effectively meet the needs of all of our students and staff at BHS. We presented the proposed schedule to our school board in February and at the March school board meeting, we were given approval to move forward with implementing the new schedule for the 2019-2020 school year. *A copy of the new schedule is included on page three.*

At the end of this school year, four key members of the Buffalo High School staff will be retiring. I would like to recognize and thank them for their years of service to our school. **Julie Mundahl** - Family Consumer Sciences Teacher (19 years), **Jim West** - Special Education Teacher (32 years), **Bette Mattson** - Secretary and Educational Support Professional (46 years), and **Brian Warzetha** - Custodian (14 years). They all have had a tremendous impact on our building and will be greatly missed.

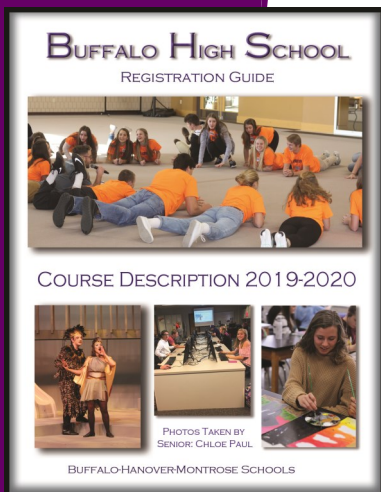
As a parent, community member, and educator I am so proud of the work we are able to do everyday, and I am honored to have the opportunity to continue to serve as the Principal at BHS.

Please feel free to call at any time if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Mark Mischke
Buffalo High School Principal
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Counselor's Corner



Students should meet with their school counselor at least once a year.

BHS Counselors:

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763.682.8107

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763.682.8054

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Be sure to check the BHS Student Services website for information throughout the year

Decision Day

May 1st was National College Signing Day for high school seniors across the United States. At Buffalo High School, we hosted our own Decision Day in cooperation with two national organizations: Better Make Room and Reach Higher (Learn more @ <https://www.bettermakeroom.org/reach-higher/>).

Senior students celebrated during their lunch time by declaring their post high school plan--college, trade schooling, military, workforce and others. Follow the BHS Facebook and Twitter pages for updates and pictures during our celebration! It is important to note that college signing day is also a time for students that have been accepted to more than one college, to start notifying colleges of their decision to attend or not attend. Their decision could be holding a spot at the college for a student on their waitlist. Often times May 1st, is also the deadline for students to make deposits--be sure your student reads the fine print before they sign or pay for anything!

Mock Crash

Buffalo High School will be hosting a Mock Car Crash on May 2nd. The purpose of this event is to educate our students about the dangers of drug/alcohol use, impaired driving, distracted driving, and not wearing seat belts in hopes to increase the effectiveness of high school students choices in these areas. Students that do not wish to participate will

have an option of staying in the school building during the simulation.

The Mock Car Crash will begin at approximately 2:00 p.m. in the student parking lot for all students in grades 11 and 12. This event is a simulation of a real crash involving chemical use and distracted driving. Emergency personal from several BHM and Wright County organizations will be involved. The Mock Crash will be finished around 3:20 p.m. We wanted to be sure to communicate this message with all BHS families ahead of time, as our parking lot will appear to be busy with many different emergency responders on school grounds.

877 Foundation Scholarship

The 877 Foundation Scholarship began in 1983. All senior students are encouraged to fill out the application. There are 90+ scholarships from a variety of community businesses linked to this one application. All post high school educations plans are given equal opportunity. **The application is due May 10th at 4:00pm in Student Services, no exceptions to late applications.**

AP Testing

Students that have taken Advanced Placement (AP) classes have been gearing up for their comprehensive test(s) that will take place in the first couple weeks of May. For information on the AP program you can visit www.collegeboard.com Student's scores will be available online starting in July.

Final BHS Transcript + CIS Transcripts

Seniors planning to attend college in the fall need to order their final high school transcript to be sent to their college by going to www.parchment.com. A small fee is required in order for your request to be processed. Final transcripts will be ready to send by **June 14, 2019**.

Senior students will also need to request college transcripts from the colleges they earned credits through by taking CIS courses. Students are encouraged to verify their college transcripts are correct, before ordering/sending the transcripts to their new college. This is done by logging into each of the respective college's websites that they earned credits through.

HTC: <https://www.hennepintech.edu/current-students/registration/transcript-request.html>

NHCC: <http://www.nhcc.edu/registration/records-registration/request-transcripts>

U of M: <https://onestop.umn.edu/academics/transcripts#official>

SCSU: <http://www.stcloudstate.edu/srfs/transcripts/default.aspx>

SMSU: <https://www.smsu.edu/campuslife/registrationrecords/Index.cfm?id=2200>

Summer School

There will be two session of summer school offered at BHS. Letters with more information will be sent to students that are eligible for the credit recovery opportunity early May. Summer sessions are 8 days long, running 8:30am-3:30pm. **Transportation will only be available for Session II.**

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Session I: June 17th-20th & June 24th-27th

Session II: July 22th-25th & July 29th-Aug. 1st

Minnesota Private College Week

Start exploring Minnesota private colleges and universities June 24th-28th, 2019. Sessions are held twice daily throughout the week on all 17 campuses, running 9:30am-12pm and then again from 2pm-4:30pm. For more information visit: <https://www.mnprivatecolleges.org/mpcw>

Summer Jobs

Students looking for summer jobs can check out the job board just outside of the Student Services. New jobs listings get posted as we are alerted about new positions in the area.

Mental Health Month

May is Mental Health Month, so we wanted to provide you with some quick information and resources.

In the state of Minnesota, anyone can utilize the Crisis Text Line. It is a text-based suicide prevention service. To use it, text **MN to 741741** which will connect the person to a counselor to defuse the crisis and connect the texter to local resources. The Text Line is available 24 hours, seven days a week. If you are looking local resources, you can always reach out to your student's BHS School Counselor. Wright County also offers up many resources for children and adult support. Here are the links to both the Children's Resource Guide: <https://www.co.wright.mn.us/DocumentCenter/View/1751> & Adult Mental Health Resource Guide: <https://www.co.wright.mn.us/>

BHS French Students Visit France

From March 27 through April 8, Mr. Jason Swanson and Ms. Lisa Nordmeyer led 23 BHS students on an exchange trip to the town of Bergerac in southwestern France. They were welcomed by the Institution Sainte Marthe - Saint Front, a private high school in Bergerac. Students spent six days with French students and their families, attending school with their hosts as well as taking a days trips to nearby sites. The group also

spent three days in Paris, where they visited all the must-see sites, such as the Eiffel Tower, the Palace of Versailles, the Louvre museum and, of course, Notre Dame



Cathedral. It was an amazing experience for all and an excellent way to supplement these students' French studies at BHS!



"Breakfast To Go" Debuts at BHS

BHS students have some NEW exciting food options when they return to school after spring break. Students will now have

"Breakfast To Go" with a variety of grab-and-go bags, gluten-free/regular muffins and yogurt parfaits. Students will also see a more streamlined Grab-and-Go lunch line for faster service. Featured items on the line

will included a Deli Sandwich Bison Box, Uncrustable Bison Box, and Muffin and Fruit Smoothie Cup. A hot sandwich will also be available including a vegetarian burger option.

2019-2020 BHS Schedule

As outlined in Mr. Mischke's front page message, below is the new schedule for next school year.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08 AM	08:50 AM	08:50 AM	08:50 AM	08:50 AM	08:50 AM
09 AM	1st Block	1st Block	1st Block	1st Block	1st Block
10 AM	10:14 AM	10:12 AM	10:23 AM	10:12 AM	10:14 AM
11 AM	Advisory	Support Time	2nd Block	Support Time	Advisory
12 PM	10:51 AM	10:54 AM	10:54 AM	10:54 AM	10:51 AM
01 PM	2nd Block	2nd Block	2nd Block	2nd Block	2nd Block
12 PM	12:44 PM	12:48 PM	12:26 PM	12:48 PM	12:44 PM
02 PM	3rd Block	3rd Block	3rd Block	3rd Block	3rd Block
03 PM	02:08 PM	02:10 PM	01:59 PM	02:10 PM	02:08 PM
04 PM	4th Block	4th Block	4th Block	4th Block	4th Block
05 PM	03:25 PM	03:25 PM	03:25 PM	03:25 PM	03:25 PM

BHS German Students Excel at Nat'l German Exam



Congratulations to the German language students at Buffalo High School who completed the National German Exam and were recognized with outstanding achievement by scoring at the Gold (90th percentile), Silver (80th percentile) and Bronze (70th percentile) level. The students have been invited to a reception and celebration at St. John's University on May 18.

Bronze award for German 2 and 3

Cat Raasch, Lauren Ruth, Maddie Christensen, Luke Lichtenberg, Emily Rogalla, Cailyn Doms, Sterling Yates, Sophie Hazen

Additional congratulations to College in the Schools **German 4 and 5** students, who had an outstanding showing in the German Video competition at the spring University of Minnesota field day. Both videos submitted won honorable mention during the field day.

The video from German 4 was "Horton hört ein Who" – a German interpretation of "Horton hears a Who" with group members Sarah Volden, Mariah Scheuermann, Kiley Irwin and Perrin Thompson.

German 5's video titled – "die Donut Diebe" – the Donut thieves – won the "Most Creative" award at the field day. The students producing this film were Cassie McNitt, Abby Burandt, Alex Euerle and Emily Kern.

Gold award for German level 2 and 3

Clare Vanderkooi and Ben Jensen

Silver awards for German 2, 3 and 4

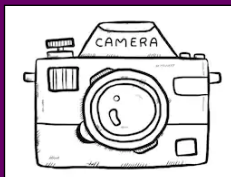
Sydney Nute, Jordan Eby, Abby Lane and Teagan Saylor (language level 4)



2018-19 Yearbook Orders

Order your yearbook before they sell out again! Head to bhs.cc or balfour.com to place your order now to guarantee that your child gets a yearbook.

The Buffalo High School yearbook was named the best yearbook in Minnesota for the sixth consecutive year. It's produced to celebrate and save memories for a lifetime. Email yearbook@bhs.cc with questions.



FFA Accepts Donation from Alumni

Buffalo FFA Vice President Bryce Thompson accepted a brand new Cub Cadet UTV from Buffalo FFA Alumni president Charles Krause. This donated UTV will be used around the school gardens to haul fresh fruits and vegetables that are being grown and used in the high school cafeteria. Alumni members pictured from left to right include: Ben Harvey, Lisa Marquette, Donna Socha, Robyn Krause, Stan Vanderkooi, Gary Wirkus, and Randy Latzig.



Important Changes to Campus Portal

Campus Portal will be removed on June 30, 2019 and replaced with Campus Student and Campus Parent.

What does this mean for Campus Portal (Web)?

Campus Portal will be replaced with Campus Student and Campus Parent. Your Portal login page URL will stay the

same. However, we will be adding two buttons with links to Campus Student and Campus Parent. No action is required from your district.

What does this mean for the Campus App?

Campus Student and Campus Parent will replace our old app, Campus Mobile Portal. (Those

BHS Prom - Saturday, May 4th

After many months of planning, the Junior Class Cabinet is excited for the 2019 Prom, which will be held on Saturday, May 4th. This year's theme is A Night of Serendipity.

Prom will take place at Crowne Plaza Minneapolis West from 8pm to 11pm. There will be a variety of appetizers and two photo booths provided for the students at the prom venue. Grand March will begin at 4:30pm in the main gym at Buffalo High School and last approximately one hour. The doors will open at 3:30pm. More information about the Grand March and Prom can be online on the [Buffalo High School](http://BuffaloHighSchool.org) web page.



using the old app have seen this message for months: "This app will be retiring soon. Download your new Infinite Campus App: Campus Student or Campus Parent."). Campus Mobile Portal will be removed from the app store June 30, 2019. All app users will need to download Campus Parent or Campus Student.



Tip of the Month

BHS Seniors



All Night Graduation Party: Graduation Gowns:

It's not too late to register for the All Night Graduation Party. Extra forms are available in the BHS front office as well as on the BHS website.

All BHS graduating seniors are invited to attend the event after the Graduation Ceremony on Friday, June 7, 2019. This is an event your senior will not want to miss.

Please contact the All Night Graduation Co-chairs via email with any questions or if you'd like to volunteer for the event at buffaloangp@hotmail.com.

On Wednesday, May 1st our Jostens representative was at BHS during all lunches to distribute graduation cap/gowns/tassels and tickets. If your student was absent that day, all extra items are in the front office for pick up. A letter with all graduation information was mailed last week. This letter is also available on our [BHS website](#).

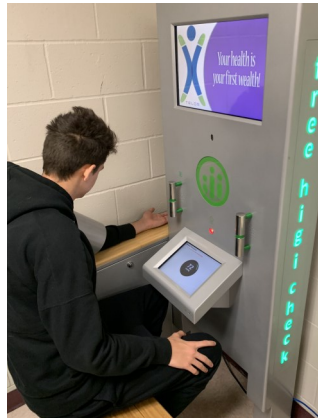
Please contact the front office with any further questions on graduation at 763.682.8100.

BHS Health Pilot New Health Tracker Program

BHS Health students have been given the opportunity to pilot a new health tracker program. Students will have their own personal Telos health tracker and everyday they will have the opportunity to track their metrics. The health tracker has the option to monitor nine health metrics: Sleep, Happiness, Stress, Blood Pressure, Physical Activity, Nutrition (number of meals, snacks, drinks), Height, Weight, and Body Mass Index (BMI).

The idea is to log data on a daily basis. That data then rolls up to your Telos personal dashboard where you can review your daily, weekly, monthly or yearly information to identify trends and patterns. All metrics are optional and flexible for logging your data so students can manually enter data at any time.

The health tracker is accessible on any device that connects to the web. It's easy and intuitive to use and takes less than two minutes to enter any data. On top of the Telos tracker, BHS also has a health kiosk where students can measure their blood pressure, heart rate and other health metrics.



Culinary and Intro to Education Students Assist with ECFE Family Fair

Record numbers of families enjoyed the fun at the annual Family Fair at Discovery Elementary School.

BHS students in CIS Introduction to Education Jordan Zrust, Tanner Weise, and Shelby

Halderson helped children enjoy the many activities. These student are earning college credit through our partnership with St. Cloud State



University and working towards a career in teaching. They begin their Field Experience next week working with teachers throughout our district.

BHS Culinary students Melissa Bruhn, Athena Schultz, Leah Ramsey, and Katie Dismang used their team organization and provided lunch snacks for the fair. These students will continue next fall in CIS Culinary Foods 2 and

aim to compete in the MN State Culinary Competition in March of 2020. Wish them luck!



Academic Achievement through Artistic Inquiry

This spring, 26 Arts Magnet Seniors completed their Capstone at a gala showing for friends and family. This student-chosen project is the culmination of their years in the program and is based on Artistic Inquiry. Each project represents the inquiry project through questioning, research, proposal writing, creating an artist statement to accompany the work and finally showing that work to the public. Students are then asked to

reflect on and evaluate their work. Students completing the work at a specific level qualify to wear white cords at graduation. This year, the works represented a wide range including: tie dyed quilts, fine art paintings, original music, original stories, comics, 3D and hot glue sculptures, enamel/resin pours, and more.

The Arts Magnet program at Buffalo High School was created in cooperation with

Northwest Suburban Integration School District and includes students from Buffalo as well as students from seven other districts.

These students are provided with free transportation through NWSISD. Fifty seats are open in each grade level for students who are interested.

Please check out our page on the [district website](#) or call 763-682-8185 for more information.



Community Dinner at Phoenix Learning Center

On Thursday, April 25th, Phoenix Learning Center hosted its third Community Dinner of the school



year. Community Dinners are held at Phoenix and all Phoenix students and their families are invited to attend. The free event allows students, staff, and families to enjoy a hearty meal together, prepared by Phoenix students and two volunteer guest chefs.

Food for the meals is collected through donations and food

rescue sources. After each meal, a presentation is shared with all in attendance.

This dinner's presentation was focused on students presenting their "why" for their time at Phoenix and their learning at Phoenix. The event was well attended and appreciated by all, and students did a fabulous job hosting the presentation.



Opportunities to Learn More About Options After High School



To make the best decisions we must be well informed. The Buffalo AVID College & Career Council is beginning a series of guest speakers to help all BHS families understand their options after high school.

On Monday, May 6th from 5-6pm, Thomas Lancaster from the Minnesota Private Colleges Council will help BHS families understand the myths about Private College and learn about

the true costs. Private colleges can provide additional funding and benefits for students, so it is worth the time to understand your options.

Ask Thomas your questions and then plan ahead to visit some Minnesota Private Colleges during the Minnesota Private Colleges Week, June 24-June 28th.

Check out this article for more information:

<https://www.mnprivatecolleges.org/parents/spring-2019-parent-news/private-college-myths-and-facts>

This event is sponsored by the Buffalo AVID College & Career Council. Look for more events next school year.

Summer Drivers Education Classes

Community Education is offering summer Drivers Education classes. June classes will be held June 10-June 21, Monday-Friday, at Buffalo High School from 8-11 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.- 2:15 p.m. July classes will meet July 8-July 19, Monday-Friday, at Buffalo High School, Hanover Elementary and Montrose Elementary from 8-11 a.m. One evening class is offered those same July dates at Buffalo High School from 5-8 p.m. Forms are available in the BHS Front Office. Visit bhmschools.ce.eleyo.com or call Community Education at 763.682.8770 for all the details!

BHS Upcoming Events

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| 5/2 | Spring Band Concert - PAC, 7:30 p.m. | 5/30 | Arts Showcase |
| 5/3 | Senior Appreciation Day | | Art Show - Cafeteria, 6 p.m. |
| 5/4 | Prom/Grand March - Gymnasium, 4:30 p.m. | | Concert - PAC, 7 p.m. |
| 5/6 | Parent/Teacher Conferences - Cafeteria, 5-8 p.m. | 6/6 | Last Day of School |
| 5/7 | Tri-M Induction - PAC, 7:30 p.m. | 6/7 | Graduation - Gymnasium, 7 p.m. |
| 5/9 | Spring Orchestra Concert - PAC, 7:30 p.m. | | |
| 5/13 | Academic Excellence Program - PAC, 7:30 p.m. | | |
| 5/21 | Chorale Finale - PAC, 7:30 p.m. | | |
| 5/27 | MEMORIAL DAY, NO SCHOOL K-12 | | |