



# Speaking of the Bison...

BUFFALO HIGH SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 2021

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

**Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held Monday, March 8 between 5-8 pm.**

**No School Grades 6-12 on February 26 due to a BHM Transition/Planning Day.**

## Food Science Completes Guest Speaker Marathon

Ms. Busch's Food Science class wrapped up second quarter with eight guest speakers across 7 school days, discussing various careers relating to Food Science.

On January 15th, students learned from Resource Conservationist Jake Fettig about his work with mangoes in Indonesia.



## AVID 12 Looks to Serve

Members of the 12th grade AVID Elective completed service-learning projects during second quarter. They started by exploring issues that they cared about, conducted research to learn more about the issue, and then chose a way to provide service to that issue. They discussed that there are a number of ways to do this. One usually thinks about volunteering or fundraising and collecting items. This year, they knew they might have to think a bit creatively, so they talked about how advocacy is another way that service can be provided. In order to share their research and projects, Ms. Bertsch created a website for all of the projects which is linked here: [AVID Class of 2021 Service Learning Projects](#). Find each student's project listed under their name along the top of the website. If you have any questions about this project or AVID at BHS, please contact Melissa Bertsch at [mbertsch@bhmschool.org](mailto:mbertsch@bhmschool.org).



## Bison Boutique is Back!

The organic goat's milk soap is made by students in the Buffalo High School Work Experience Program and sold at Wise Penny. Watch our BHS Facebook page for their next project!

## NEW Immunization Update for 11th Grade Students

11<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents: For next school year, when you are a 12<sup>th</sup> grader, Minnesota Department of Health has required a Meningococcal booster shot. (The first meningococcal vaccine was required when you were in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.) This booster will be helpful to prevent this communicable disease and is important for teens and young adults. Please make plans now with your clinic to receive this updated vaccine prior to the start of your 12<sup>th</sup> grade year. If you would like to conscientiously object to the meningococcal vaccine please contact the school health office (763)682-8121.

# School Health Updates



As we move to in person school and activities please review the [Home Screening Tool for COVID-19 Symptoms](#) daily prior to sending your child to school or activities.

If your child is ill, has a positive COVID-19 test result, or exposure to a person who has COVID-19 please call the school attendance line at (763) 682-8181 to report your student's absence from school.

For the ongoing health of our school community please review with your child the following important prevention measures:

1. Stay home when sick, test positive for COVID-19, or have been in close contact to a person positive for COVID-19
2. Wear a mask over the nose and mouth.
3. Maintain social distancing.
4. Adhere to good hand hygiene practices (wash hands often and use hand sanitizer).

Please call the High School Health Office at (763)682-8121 for any student health related concerns.



# Bison Wrestling Going Strong

Coach Jeff Granrud shares Bison Wrestling updates!

Bison wrestlers were back on the mat in Little Falls on February 11. The Bison wrestlers lost to Willmar but doubled down their efforts and beat Little Falls to improve the team record to 4-6 on the season.



Upcoming home events will be February 20 against Apple Valley and St. Cloud Tech. Parents Day will be Saturday, February 27 as the Bison host Rosemount and STMA. Senior Night will be March 4 at home as the bison host Wayzata and Hopkins. Current wrestlers ranked in Class AAA are Senior Ryan Scherber and Junior Owen Herbst. **GO BISON!**

## BHS Spring Sports Meeting: **CANCELLED**

Our Spring Sports Meeting originally scheduled for Monday, February 22 has been cancelled. Registration opens on March 15 in Infinite Campus and coaches will reach out to students as they register to communicate plans for that specific sport's meeting date and time. Please contact the Activity Office with any questions at 763.682.8106.

## Scholarship Time!

Seniors! Be sure to watch for the monthly Scholarship Newsletter email from Student Services highlighting local and regional scholarships to apply for. Bookmark our [Scholarship Webpage](#) and check back for newly added scholarships as we are made aware of them.



## Summer Drivers Education Classes

Interested in taking Drivers Education this summer? Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Community Education offers summer driver's education classes in June and July. Registration information will be available by April 1. Visit [bhmschools.ce.eleyo.com](http://bhmschools.ce.eleyo.com) to register or call Community Education at 763.682.8770.

## BHS Upcoming Events

- 2/26 Transition/Planning Day, NO SCHOOL Grades 6-12
- 3/8 **Virtual** Parent/Teacher Conferences (rescheduled from 3/1) from 5-8 pm
- 3/14 Daylight Savings Time Begins — Set your clock AHEAD!
- 3/16 ACT Testing for BHS Juniors
- 4/2 End of 3rd Term/Teacher Workshop, NO SCHOOL K-12
- 4/5-4/9 Spring Break, NO SCHOOL K-12





# Counselor's Corner:

## ACT & ACT Test Prep:

The ACT Plus Writing college entrance exam will be given at Buffalo High School to 11th grade students that opted into the exam, during the school day on Tuesday, March 16th, 2021. There will be **no cost** to students for this exam and scores may be used for college admission testing requirements (at individual college's discretion). Many colleges have moved to test-optional for enrollment of fall 2022 with the college. Students are able to send their score reports to up to four colleges for free during the pre-registration process. Encourage your student to start thinking about where they might like to send their score to.

Students have been preparing for this exam throughout their education and will be tested in the areas of English, math, reading, science, and writing. Some students may wish to do extra preparation before taking the ACT Plus Writing, if they have specific score goals. Preparation materials can be found through multiple vendors and publishers as well as at most public libraries.

- Free online prep course and practice tests available through the Minnesota Career Information System ([www.mncis.intocareers.org](http://www.mncis.intocareers.org)) for all BHS students. See your school counselor for details.
- Free ACT prep guides in the Student Services Office.
- There are also test prep courses through **BHM Community Education** for a fee. Please contact **BHM Community Ed** to find out more information on classes, dates, and fees.

## Financial Aid

Many local scholarships are now available and can be found in Student Services. Senior students should continue to routinely check their emails for local scholarships that are being highlighted. New scholarships are posted frequently on the Student Services website. <https://www.bhmschools.org/scholarships-information> The District 877 scholarship information will be made available and communicated to senior students near spring break time.

## Transcripts

All official high school transcripts must be sent using our online transcript ordering service at [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com), through setting up an account and placing an order.

## Student Enrichment Opportunities

There are several summer enrichment opportunities. Many come through the Student Services office, additionally many colleges offer different enrichment and camp programs over the summer months. Posters for events will be posted outside of Student Services as material arrives this spring. Here are a couple to highlight that have recently posted:

**National Science Camp** -- Current seniors that have an interest in any area of science are eligible for this all expense paid opportunity. Applications are due by Feb. 28th. For more information and the application, use the following website: <https://nysf.smapply.io/>

**FEMA Youth Preparedness Council** -- The program was created in 2012 with the efforts of bringing youth leaders together to support disaster preparedness and make a difference in their communities by completing disaster preparedness projects nationally and locally. Students accepted into the program serve two terms. Current students in grade 8-11 are eligible to apply. For more information and the application, use the following website: <https://www.ready.gov/kids/youth-preparedness-council>

**Summer Youth Corps Position**--Conservation Corps MN & IA offers many positions for youth (age 15 - 18) from learning technical field skills to running community events. If you are interested in serving outdoors this summer, please check out the following opportunity:

**Summer Youth Corps:** This is our summer residential program. For five weeks, mid-June to mid-August, youth will work on a crew with five other youth and two crew leaders, camp in parks throughout Minnesota, and work to restore natural areas by maintaining and creating trails, removing invasive plants, restoring natural habitat, and completing basic construction projects. Review details or apply [here](https://www.conservancy.org). For more information, please contact the Program Manager: Teresa Butel [teresa.butel@conservationcorps.org](mailto:teresa.butel@conservationcorps.org) or 816-824-4639.