

Welcome back! We are fired up for the arrival of the 2024-25 school year and ready to make our mission statement a reality for every member of our school community. In doing so, we'll take the next steps in building the best high school in Minnesota where each and every student is able to see themselves as an essential part of our collective growth and success at Buffalo High School.

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 says: "Buffalo High School prepares each student for a successful future." We realize that each student will choose their own path to success. It is our challenge to ensure all doors of opportunity are open for them upon graduation. This means pushing our student body to step outside their comfort zone, take on new challenges, and develop the skills they need to succeed. We are committed to supporting them throughout this journey.

We will use the **BHM Portrait of a Graduate** as the framework that outlines the skills we believe students need to be truly prepared for life after graduation. This framework will be integrated district-wide, and everyone - students, staff and families - will see it in action throughout the K-12 experience. The collective effort of all of our educators will be essential in helping students develop these skills.

Our mission statement also emphasizes building meaningful relationships within the BHS community. In building these relationships, we focus on the development and modeling of four core values that we feel are critical to this work: ***Be Kind, Be Proud, Be Driven and Be Leaders***. We believe that for us to become the best high school in Minnesota, we need everyone to embrace these values. As your Principal, I'm committed to being a kind, proud, driven leader every day, and I challenge our staff and students to do the same.

For the upcoming school year, we will continue to raise our expectations in areas like attendance, academics, and cell-phone usage. Our approach, "Rigor with Support," reflects our commitment to both high standards and support. We believe when our students are present and engaged, they can achieve amazing things. It is our role to help turn their potential into reality.

Our school year starts with two important events: BHS Open House (*handout included*) and a Freshman First Day of school.

BHS First Days of School

- **Tuesday, September 3** - Welcome Class of 2028. Required 1st day of school for **Freshmen only**.
- **Wednesday, September 4** - Classes in session for **ALL students grades 9-12**, regular schedule.

Enjoy the rest of your summer! Talk with your student about their goals for this upcoming year. With everyone working towards our shared mission, there are no limits to what our students can achieve.

We look forward to seeing you at Open House on Wednesday, August 28, 2024!

Sincerely,



Mark Mischke
Principal, Buffalo High School