
BUTLER HIGH SCHOOL

BHS Parent Report

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The year just keeps rolling along at Butler High School. Mid-terms are over and the second semester has begun. Believe it or not, we have begun scheduling for the Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors. Most Seniors are looking at the last semester with mixed emotions. I want to thank the students, parents and teachers for helping make the first half of the year a positive one.

This is an important time of the year for many reasons. Not only are we looking to the future with scheduling but we need to focus on the present. This semester always seems to be the "long haul". It is important for the students to maintain a good work ethic in their classes.

There is an insert in this newsletter for the parents of Juniors only. It is a guide to the High School Proficiency Assessment, a test which all Juniors are required to take. The HSPA test dates are March 7, 8 and 9.

The annual school board election and school budget vote is tentatively scheduled for April 18, 2006. Your vote does count. Please set a good example for our students and exercise your right to vote.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call me.

William A. Hanisch, Principal

Music Department News

On Thursday, March 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., the Concert Choir will perform its annual "Cabaret Night" in the high school auditorium. This year's theme is "A Taste of Broadway". Admission is free so come and enjoy an evening of singing and dancing by the talented students at Butler High School.

Edward J. Bloustein Scholars Named

Six high school students have been named Edward J. Bloustein Scholars by the Office of Grants and Scholarships. They are Melissa C, Jeffrey P, Robert P, Sadaf Q, Alexander R and Christopher W. The highest achieving students are selected as Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars. These are students who place in the top 10% of their classes or are ranked first, second or third in their class at the end of their junior year. Distinguished Scholars are offered an annual award of \$1,000 without regard to financial need.

English Department News

Butler High School English Department Supervisor Wayne Dilts has been selected to co-chair a panel discussion during the July Annual Gathering of the Thoreau Society in Concord, Massachusetts. The Annual Gathering is a four-day meeting of members and friends of the Thoreau Society that attracts attendees from across the country as well as scholars from abroad. The topic of the panel discussion will relate to Thoreau's love of the wilderness.

The Governor's Awards in Art Education

On Saturday, January 28, Mrs. Abdelsalam's Drama Class and Drama Club attended the STANJ Governor's Awards in Arts Education competition at Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University. Schools from all over the state competed for top honors and awards in acting and scene performance. This is the toughest theatre competition in the state.

This year we are proud to announce that Kim B and Sadaf Q came in 4th place in the State for

Comedic Pairs! Both were honored with trophies given to them on the stage at Rutgers.

Mrs. Abdelsalam would also like to commend Sara W, Marcella G, Anna M, Linda S, Nicoletta K, Jeff G, Meagan D, Meg B, Amy C, Liana H, Melissa W, Mary D, Stacey S and Carrie B for their hard work and effort. This year was the best year ever for Butler High School in performance. Students received many commendations and kudos from professional judges in the field of the arts. Judges from the Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Awards, professional actors, actresses and directors from New York adjudicated this prestigious event. Check the Star Ledger for the article and pictures by Allison Freeman. Again, you should be proud of your endeavors and congratulations to all!

Students of the Month February/March

English.....Caitlin P
Social Studies.....Valerie R
Science.....Jackie T
Math.....Melissa C
Foreign Language:
 German.....Shannon S
 Spanish.....Steven M
 Italian.....Brian C
 French.....Michelle C
 E.S.L.....Michael M
Business.....Rachel G
Music.....Mauricio C
Fine Art.....Melissa C
Industrial Technology.....Thomas F
Photography.....Kelly P/Jenna A
Home Economics.....Steve M
Physical Ed.....Mike F/Valerie R

Business Department News

Butler High School DECA has had a busy year so far. The Junior Civic Consciousness team of Amanda K and Erin H have been busy raising money for FC2 (Finding a Cure for Cancer) and the Senior Team of Michelle S and Jamie P have been busy raising money for MDA. Both teams have exceeded their goals. We are very proud of you.

Meghan W has been working hard this year as a NJ State Officer (Northern Region Vice-President). She has been attending monthly

meetings and is presently working on organizing the State Conference, which will be held in Cherry Hill at the end of February.

We are going to be fortunate again this year because Amanda K has decided to run for State Office for next year. She is presently working on her campaign, which will be presented at States.

The DECA students performed very well this year at Regionals, held at CCM in January. The following students qualified for State competition:

- Megan R for apparel and accessories
- The team of Steve K and Jennifer Brewster for financial services
- Meghan W for restaurant and food services
- The team of Erin H and Kelly V in travel and tourism
- CJ O for business services
- Rachel G for food marketing management level
- Justin C for technical sales
- Michelle S for technical sales
- Bobby K for marketing management
- Jackie L for supermarket careers
- Dave S for supermarket careers
- Andy P for food marketing

We are very proud of their hard work and accomplishments. Currently the students are preparing for State competition, which is a three-day event in Cherry Hill, NJ. The students have their goals set on Dallas, Texas the culminating event at National competition in April.

The DECA students once again were successful at organizing and running the 8th Grade Orientation entertainment for the students coming to BHS next year. Thanks to our own DECA DJ Christian R for the awesome music. We also want special thanks to go out to Anthony Franco's, AJ's Pizzeria and Abbie's Pizzeria for their generous pizza donations.

That's it for now. Just keep your eye on the "Star" (Dallas, Texas).

**BUTLER GIRL'S SOCCER STATE
SECTIONAL CHAMPS**

Under the guidance of first year Head Coach Erin Morgese, the Girl's Varsity Soccer Team won the NJSIAA North I Sectional Championship. The team was led by leading scorer Jessica H and goalkeepers Melinda L and Brittany A. Many players received post-season honors.

All State

Jessica H Top 20 Player
Alessandra V

All County

Jessica H First Team
Alessandra V Second Team
Nicole L Second Team
Melinda L Honorable Mention
Stephanie F Honorable Mention

All Conference

Jessica H First Team
Alessandra V First Team
Nicole L Second Team
Cassandra H Honorable Mention
Jianna S Honorable Mention

**BUTLER GIRL'S GYMNASTS WIN
NORTHERN HILLS CONFERENCE WITH
UNDEFEATED RECORD**

The Butler Girl's Gymnastics Team won the Northern Hills Conference Championship with a record of 6 wins and 0 losses. The overall record was 8 wins 1 loss. The team was led by Tara D. The Head Coach is Lori Ference. The following gymnasts won post-season honors:

All League/Conference

Tara D Beam
Stephanie S All Around
Mackenzie M Honorable Mention
Stephanie W Honorable Mention

**BUTLER GIRL'S BASKETBALL
QUALIFIES FOR NJSIAA STATE
PLAYOFFS**

The Butler Girl's basketball Team under the direction of Coach Jason Luciani has qualified for the NJSIAA State Playoffs. The team qualified with a win over Newark Academy on Friday, February 3rd and raised the record to .500. The State Playoffs start the third week of February.

**BUTLER HIGH SCHOOL IMPLEMENTS
NEW ATHLETIC CONTRACT**

At a recent Board of Education meeting the Butler Board of Education adopted an Athletic Contract for all Butler Athletes. The contract was designed with input from Athletes, Coaches and School Administrators. The code generally follows the rules of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association but is specific regarding penalties for improper conduct by athletes.

The contract covers athletic eligibility, procedures for athletes, parents and coaches regarding communication during the season, care and use of issued equipment, injuries, physicals, parent permission forms, conduct by athletes, transportation procedures and responsibilities as a Butler High School Athlete and Student. The contract is specific regarding penalties dealing with smoking, the use of drugs or alcohol and any other misconduct that may occur.

All Student Athletes and their parents will be required to read and sign the contract. This contract will be in place for the Spring season, which starts March 3, 2006.

WELCOME STUDENT TEACHERS

The Science Department welcomes Mr. Ken Scognamiglio, a student of William Paterson University. Ken is a biology and secondary education major with honors in biopsychology. He is student teaching General Honors Biology this spring semester. The Social Studies Department welcomes Mr. Craig Moore as a student teacher. Craig is a graduate of York College and is currently completing his teacher certification at William Paterson University. Craig will be student teaching United States History II.

Important Dates:

March 2 – 7:30 p.m. – Music in Our Schools
High School Auditorium

March 7, 8, 9 – HSPA Testing – 11th Grade

March 9 – 7:00 p.m. – Cabaret Night

April 5 – 7:00 p.m. – Sophomore/Junior
Parent Night

April 21, 22 – 8:00 p.m. and April 23 – 2:00 p.m.
Spring Musical – Once On This Island

May 18 – 8:00 p.m. – Spring Concert