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## BUTLER HIGH SCHOOL

# Parent's Report

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GRADUATION ISSUE

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### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

We are rapidly approaching the end of what has proven to be another busy and, I believe, successful school year. I wish to thank you for your efforts and contributions during the past year.

The importance of your continued cooperation should not be minimized. The quality and dedication of parent involvement will help shape the quality of Butler High School and the education your child will receive.

As a school, I feel we have made considerable progress during the past year. I consider myself fortunate to have had the privilege of serving as your principal for the past year. I strongly believe that as we take a comprehensive view of our school—the quality of staff, student achievement scores, quality and scope of our educational programs, services offered, success with extracurricular activities, to name just a few—we can see that Butler High School offers an excellent education.

Again, thank you for your efforts during the past school year. Have a great summer.

William A. Hanisch, Principal

### PLEASE NOTE DATES

#### Final Exam Schedule

<b>June 15 - Thursday</b>	<b>P. 6 &amp; 5</b>
<b>June 16 - Friday</b>	<b>P. 3 &amp; 2</b>
<b>June 19 - Monday</b>	<b>P. 1 &amp; 4</b>
<b>June 20 - Tuesday</b>	<b>P. 9 &amp; 7</b>
<b>June 21 - Wednesday</b>	<b>P. 8 &amp; makeup</b>

### BOE PLANS THE CENTENNIAL GRADUATION FOR JUNE 21

The Butler Board of Education has set the date for commencement on Wednesday, June 21, 2006. The 100th commencement ceremony will be held at Hempsted Field at 7:00 p.m. The traditional procession of graduates will begin from Butler High School and will move to Hempsted Field in time for the first sound of "Pomp and Circumstance."

There are many special touches which are being planned for this graduation. As is traditional, the Senior Class officers will lead the flag salute and the national anthem, will deliver the opening and closing remarks, and will present the class gift to the school. Jeffrey W. P will deliver the valedictory address and Sadaf Q will deliver the salutatory address. The keynote speaker at graduation will be Butler alumna, Ms. Wendy Larry. This 1974 graduate is the head women's coach at Old Dominion University. You may remember several years ago Ms. Larry took her team to the Final Four.

Supervisor of Curriculum, Mr. Wendel Kralovich, will announce the honor awards/scholarships. Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Rene Rovtar, will present the members of the Class of 2006 as candidates for graduation to Mr. Richard Kovats, President of the Butler Board of Education, and both will award the diplomas.

In addition, a reception is planned immediately following graduation for the graduates, their parents and all alumni at the football field.

### SENIOR AWARDS ASSEMBLY JUNE 8

The senior class will be honored at an awards assembly on Thursday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. At this time members of the senior class will be awarded scholarships and academic awards. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Choir News

The Concert Choir performed at Great Adventure in the Showcase Theater on Thursday, May 11, 2006 at 11:15 a.m. Our Spring Concert with performances by the Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, Good-As-Gold and the Concert Band will be on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Butler High School auditorium. Hope to see you there!

### Science News

On March 15 two teams from Butler High School competed in the JETS-TEAMS nationwide engineering competition at NJIT. Our varsity team, consisting of six seniors managed to rank in the top 30% of all 1338 competing teams. As a result, they were awarded "Certificates of Excellence for Outstanding Academic Achievement" by the Junior Engineering Technical Society. Congratulations!

## STUDENTS-OF-THE-MONTH

April/May 2006

English.....	Maria-Isabella H
Social Studies.....	Steven M
Mathematics.....	Amy O
Science.....	Jackie T
Foreign Language:	
Spanish.....	Daniel C
French.....	Stephanie W
German.....	Matthew M
Italian.....	Christopher P
E.S.L.....	Bryan P
Business.....	Shawn B
Music.....	Kathleen M
Art.....	Mary D
Home Ec.....	Catherine B
Industrial Tech.....	Matthew B
Photography.....	Emily H/ Christina P
Physical Education.....	Andrew P/ Julie Anne L

## One BHS Junior Earns National Recognition

One student representing Butler High School recently won honors in this year's WordMasters Challenge, a national competition for high school students requiring close reading and analysis of many different kinds of prose and poetry.

In this year's final meet held in April, junior Amber H was one of only 84 eleventh graders in the entire country to earn a perfect score. More than 55,000 students from 46 states entered the meet. The school's participation was overseen by Mrs. Abdelsalam and Mr. Dilts.

## English Department News

### Summer Reading List - 2006

The 2006 summer reading list has been announced, and is printed below. Each student who enters a regular or Honors BHS English classroom in September will be responsible for having read the books indicated, which are also listed on [www.schoolnotes.com](http://www.schoolnotes.com).

Incoming Freshman must read both of the following:

- (A) A Raisin in the Sun – Lorraine Hansberry
- (B) The Old Man and the Sea – Ernest Hemingway

Incoming Sophomores:

(Honors students must read all three titles; all others read any two)

- (A) Zelda – Nancy Mitford
- (B) Death of a Salesman – Arthur Miller
- (C) The Client – John Grisham\*

Incoming Juniors:

(except AP Literature students) Read choice of any two of the following)

- (A) Animal Farm – George Orwell
- (B) Jane Eyre – Charlotte Bronte
- (C) Pygmalion - George Bernard Shaw

Incoming Seniors (except AP English) Read choice of two of the following:

- (A) Metamorphosis – Franz Kafka
- (B) Tuesdays With Morrie – Mitch Albom
- (C) The Things They Carried- Tim O'Brien

AP English (must read all four of the following):

- (A) Metamorphosis – Franz Kafka
- (B) The Things They Carried – Tim O'Brien
- (C) Othello – Shakespeare
- (D) Crime & Punishment – Fyodor Dostoevsky\*

\*–some copies are available in the English Office and may be checked out by students for the summer on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Courage in New Jersey is Theme for 2006 Statewide Essay Contest

New Jersey schoolchildren in grades 4 – 12 have been invited by the New Jersey Newspaper Foundation to participate in a statewide essay contest sponsored by its Newspaper in Education and Youth Readership Committee. The contest focused on the theme "Courage in New Jersey" and encouraged students to read their local newspapers to find facts about courageous acts of New Jersey citizens.

Mrs. Abdelsalam's English Honors Class participated in the Star Ledger's NIE contest this year. We are proud to announce that Rebecca M is the Star Ledger's choice for grades 10 – 12 in the Courage Essay contest. We are now waiting to hear if Rebecca makes it as a state winner.

## Drama News

Mrs. Abdelsalam's Drama students will be attending the Teen Arts Festival at the County College of Morris in May. Students are participating in vocals, dance, acting and music. As Vice-President of the New Jersey Speech and Theatre Association, Mrs. Abdelsalam has been collaborating with Susie Speidel, Educational Director of the Paper Mill Playhouse on a statewide conference. Theatre teachers from across the state will participate in a workshop learning, about the production of A Midsummer Night's Dream. The workshop is sponsored by the Paper Mill and the McCarter Theatre of Princeton. After a luncheon, teachers will also view the play.

## World Language News

Congratulations to the 2006 World Language Honor Society Inductees! On May 16, 2006, the following students will be inducted:

**Spanish:** Alicia B, Laura F, Jessica J, Ryan M, Douglas M, and Andrew S; **Italian:** Sarah C, Amber M, Brian N; **French:** Adrian B, Stephanie W; **German:** Jillian A, Jonathan C, Kyle H, Shannon S, and Kyle Ws.

The World Language Honor Society is sponsored by the American Association of World Language teachers. The purpose is to give recognition to high school students who have excelled in the study of a foreign language for at least three semesters. This Honor Society is an excellent way of rewarding our high achievers in the target language and also to encourage and promote a greater understanding and appreciation for other cultures. Congratulations to our members for their enthusiasm and outstanding work.

## National Honor Society

May is an exciting time for juniors who have worked hard to be academically eligible for Honor Society. Letters of eligibility were recently delivered and results were then known. There will be a beautiful candlelight induction ceremony on Thursday, May 25 at the Wayne Manor. The evening is special not only for the juniors who are being inducted, but also for the senior members who will soon graduate and be off to college. This year's guest speaker is Ms. Diana Sperger, Class of 1997.

## Town Hall Meeting at BHS on Underage Drinking May 23, 2006

Bloomingtondale is joining hundreds of committees nationwide to host the Town Hall Meeting on Underage Drinking. The federal government's Interagency Coordinating Committee for the Prevention of Underage Drinking is supporting the Town Hall Meetings across America! The Town Hall Meeting educates parents, teachers, officials, youth and

other community members.

Underage drinking is an important community concern. New data show that 29 percent of the Bartholdi Avenue, Butler, New Jersey Bloomingdale Comes Together for Town Hall nation's youth ages 12 to 20 have used alcohol illegally. Research indicates that families exert a great deal of influence on whether a child uses alcohol later in life.

**What: Underage Drinking Prevention, National Town Hall Meeting**  
**When: May 23, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Where: Butler High School, Bartholdi Avenue, Butler, NJ**  
**Who: Speaker Dan Davis (He overcame Drug and Alcohol Abuse)**

## Jerseymen News

The Butler Jerseymen participated in the Spring State convention of the Junior State of America from April 21 – 23. Entitled America at the Crossroads, the convention was attended by students from New Jersey and Pennsylvania as well as some from as far away as North Carolina. While at the convention, Butler students debated important issues in a wide range of topics from the abolition of plea bargaining to the military policy of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell". The keynote speaker for the convention was New Jersey Assemblyman Jon M. Bramnick. Mr. Bramnick talked to the students about how laws are passed in the legislature, engaging them in a lively dialogue. Several Butler students played roles in running the convention. Josh H ran the Mock Trial, Kara D chaired the community service project, and Gary L moderated one of the debates.

The final business of the convention was the election of new officers for the 2005 – 2006 school year. Butler's own Josh H was elected to the position of Mid-Atlantic State Lieutenant Governor. The Butler delegation worked tirelessly for Josh's campaign making posters, handing out literature and cheering loudly during the balloting. The election was very exciting and close with Josh winning by a mere 12 votes. Josh was also presented with the award for most outstanding member of the legislature for the past school year. Josh is the first Butler student to hold an elected position in the Junior statesmen.

## Butler High School Scholar Athletes

Alessandra V and Jeff P are the scholar athletes representing Butler High School at the Morris County Scholar Athlete Awards Dinner. The dinner will take place at the Birchwood Manor in Whippany on May 24, 2006. Alessandra is ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in her Senior Class and has excelled in soccer, basketball and track. Jeff P is ranked number 1 in the Senior Class and excels in cross country, indoor track and spring track.

## Jeff P Nominated for NJSIAA

Jeff is Butler High School's nominee for the NJSIAA Scholar Athlete Award. The award dinner will take place at the Pines Manor in Edison on May 21, 2006. Each school in the State will be represented. There are over \$50,000.00 in scholarships that will be awarded. Jeff ranks number 1 in the Senior Class and has scored over 2,200 on his SAT's. Again, Jeff also excels in cross country, indoor track and spring track. Congratulations!

**Important Dates:**

**May 16 Foreign language Honor  
Society Induction  
High School Library**

**May 18 Art Show and Spring  
Concert**

**May 25 National Honor Society  
Induction Dinner  
Wayne Manor**

**June 2 Prom - Westmount  
Country Club**

**June 5 Senior Athlete Awards  
High School  
Auditorium and Café**

**June 7 – Theatre Arts Awards  
Grand Chalet**

**June 8 Senior Awards Night  
Auditorium/Library**

**June 21 Graduation  
Hempsted Field**