

News~n~Views

Visit the Buchanan Community Schools Website at: www.buchananschools.com For information on the Buchanan Bucks visit: www.highschoolsports.net

DIRECTORY

School Website:
www.buchananschools.com

Superintendent of Schools

Diana L. Davis
401 W. Chicago Street
Buchanan, MI 49107
Phone: 695-8401
ddavis@remc11.k12.mi.us

Buchanan High School

Sharon Steinke, Principal
Chris Machiniak, Asst. Principal
Fred Smith, Athletic Director
401 W. Chicago Street
Buchanan, MI 49107
Phone: 695-8403
Grades: 9-12
ssteinke@remc11.k12.mi.us
cmachini@remc11.k12.mi.us
fsmith@remc11.k12.mi.us

Buchanan Middle School

Mark Kurland, Principal
Fred Smith, Athletic Director
610 W. Fourth Street
Buchanan, MI 49107
Phone: 695-8406
Grades: 6-8
mkurland@remc11.k12.mi.us
fsmith@remc11.k12.mi.us

Moccasin Elementary School

Mark Nixon, Principal
410 Moccasin Avenue
Buchanan, MI 49107
Phone: 695-8408
Grades: Preschool – 5
mnixon@remc11.k12.mi.us

Ottawa Elementary School

Karin Falkenstein, Principal
109 Ottawa Street
Buchanan, MI 49107
Phone: 695-8409
Grades: K-5
kfalkens@remc11.k12.mi.us

Stark Elementary School

Karla Hurlbutt, Principal
502 Claremont Street
Buchanan, MI 49107
Phone: 695-8407
Grades: K-5
khurlbut@remc11.k12.mi.us

PLEASE VISIT THE BUCHANAN ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB AT:

buchananboosters.com

TOBACCO POLICY

Please remember that the use of tobacco products is prohibited at all school buildings, parking lots, playgrounds, athletic fields, school vehicles, and personal vehicles parked on school property. This policy is in effect 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Please help us set a healthy example for our students!

WELCOME BACK!

SCHOOL OPENS SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

School doors will open for the 2009-2010 school year on Tuesday, September 8, 2009. The opening day will be a full day of school for all students in grades 1-12.

High school will begin at 7:40 A.M., middle school will begin at 7:25 A.M., and the three elementary buildings will begin at 8:35 A.M. Further information about the opening day of school in each building is located on page three of this publication. **Students who are new to the community and have not yet registered should contact the appropriate school immediately.** High school students (grade 9-12) need to register at Buchanan High School, 401 W. Chicago Street; middle school students should register at the Buchanan Middle School, 610 W. Fourth Street; and elementary students should register at Stark Elementary School, 502 Claremont Street.

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT:

What must our students know and be able to do in order to be successful?

We are almost a decade into the 21st century, and we could not have foreseen the changes that have taken place in the world since the Class of 2010 started kindergarten in 1998. As educators and as adults responsible for the well-being of children we must ask ourselves, "What must our students know and be able to do in order to be successful?", and "What are we doing to help them?"

In a world in which knowledge is rapidly changing, it is virtually impossible to "know" everything. Basic skills in reading, writing and mathematics will always be important because these skills allow the acquisition of further knowledge. It is true that the more you know, the more you are able to learn. But in addition to basic skills, our children need to learn how to think and solve problems, both individually and in groups.

Our government officials insist that tougher state standards will solve all of our problems in education. I am all for tougher standards, but that is just a start. Michigan now has the toughest graduation requirements in the country, but educators all across the state are discovering that there are too many standards to teach in the amount of time we have. We need to teach for meaning and mastery, not just to "cover" the standard.

Here in Buchanan Community Schools we will focus first on the standards that we call "power standards" in each core subject, making sure that every student has the knowledge and skills necessary to move ahead. Professional Learning for our teachers will focus on research-based best practices and new methods of classroom instruction to reach students with different learning styles. With the addition of some early release and late start days to our school calendar, our teachers will have the opportunity to share with their colleagues what works for them, with the goal of improving classroom instruction for all students.

Higher standards and dedicated educators are only part of the total picture. We continue to need parent and community support for all students in our care. A healthy lifestyle, good study habits and knowing that people care about you all contribute to a student's success. I hope that we can all commit to building successful students and successful citizens for our future.

I hope to see you in our school buildings and at some of our school events this year!

KIDKARE 2009-10

Before and After School Child Care

The KIDKARE Program, offered by Buchanan Community Schools, is a before and after school program designed to provide care and recreation for children ages 5-12 years old. The program provides a safe and loving environment for children. The staff has designed a program in which youngsters will have the opportunity to play games and enjoy a variety of arts and crafts. Other enrichment opportunities include homework assistance, socialization with peers, and age appropriate activities. The KIDKARE Program will open the first full day of school. Hours will be mornings, 6:30-9:00 A.M. and afternoons, 3:30-6:00 P.M. The program is located at Moccasin Elementary in Room 105. Transportation will be provided for students attending Stark and Ottawa Elementaries. Daily and weekly rates are available (F.I.A. accepted). Registration forms are available at all schools, on the Buchanan Schools Web Page (www.buchananschools.com and click on KIDKARE link), or you may call 695-8437 for information. The KIDKARE Program is licensed through the Department of Human Services, Office of Children's and Adult Licensing.

2-HOUR EMERGENCY DELAY PROCEDURE

In the event of a two-hour emergency delay, the following procedure will take place:

Buses begin routes two hours late. No A.M. kindergarten or preschool. However, the PPI program will operate on the same schedule as elementary classes.

Students should be at bus stops two hours later than their regular time. Please allow five minutes on either side due to conditions.

2-Hour Emergency Delay School Start Times

9:25 A.M. Buchanan Middle School
9:40 A.M. Buchanan High School
10:35 A.M. Elementary Schools & PPI

Walkers should not arrive at school more than 10 minutes before classes start. Afternoon kindergarten and preschool program classes as usual. NO breakfast will be served. Lunch will be as usual. No high school AM shared-time programs. Students report to regularly scheduled high school classes. Local radio and television stations will be contacted.

Special Note:

If the reasons for the delay do not improve, school may be canceled. Parents should monitor the local stations carefully for any change in the delay status. Please do not call the school.

LATE START/ EARLY RELEASE DAYS

There will be three "early release" days and three "late start" days in the 2009-10 school year to give our teachers an opportunity for district professional development. **On September 30, November 4, and December 9 students will be released from school 90 minutes early.**

Early Release Times

12:55 P.M. Buchanan Middle School
1:10 P.M. Buchanan High School
2:05 P.M. Buchanan Elementary Schools

School will begin two-hours later for students on February 10, March 24, and April 28.

Late Start Times

9:25 A.M. Buchanan Middle School
9:40 A.M. Buchanan High School
10:35 A.M. Buchanan Elementary Schools

BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS 2009/2010 School Year Calendar

September 8.....	First day of school for students- Full Day
September 30.....	Early release for Teacher Professional Development - All Buildings
October 22-23.....	No School for High School Students
November 4.....	Early Release for Teacher Professional Development- All Buildings
November 12-13.....	No School for Elementary and Middle School Students
November 25-27.....	No School - Thanksgiving Holiday
December 9.....	Early Release for Teacher Professional Development - All Buildings
December 21-January 1.....	Winter Break
January 18.....	Teacher Professional Development - No School for Students
January 22.....	Records Day - No School for Students
February 10.....	Late Start for Teacher Professional Development - All Buildings
February 15.....	Great Americans Day - No School
February 25-26.....	No School for Middle and High School Students
March 18-19.....	No School for Elementary Students
March 24.....	Late Start for Teacher Professional Development - All Buildings
April 5-9.....	Spring Break
April 28.....	Late Start for Teacher Professional Development - All Buildings
May 31.....	Memorial Day - No School
June 6.....	Commencement Ceremony - 2:00 P.M.
June 10.....	Last Day for Students - 1/2 day for Students and Staff

*Parents will be contacted as to Parent-Teacher Conference dates.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Welcome back students & parents! We hope you all enjoyed the summer and are ready to head back to school fresh and ready to learn.

We have a few changes this fall, in both bus numbers, and the out of district route. We are also implementing a new routing system that is not completely in place at press time. Should your student's route change significantly before school starts, we will do our best to let you know in advance by a separate mailing. Keep in mind that all routes are subject to change, and bus route times are approximate.

Again this year, we are asking every parent or guardian with child care providers outside the home, to complete a Child Care Provider Form. This information proved to be very helpful last year and we strongly request they be maintained throughout the school year. Also still in place, is the signed permission slip by parent or guardian for a student who absolutely needs to ride a different bus home. No child will be allowed to do this without it.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Transportation Office at 695-8402. Transportation office hours are 6:30-3:00 through September 8. After the 8th, they will be from 6:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

I look forward to serving you and wish you all a happy, safe and enjoyable 2009-2010 school year.

BUS SCHEDULE

Pam Duval - Director of Transportation-695-8402

Kathryn Lolmaugh - Administrative Assistant

Bus transportation will begin on Tuesday, September 08, 2009. Please note that students should be at their assigned bus stop and waiting for the bus **10 minutes prior and up to 10 minutes after the assigned pick up time.**

Kindergarten, Young-5, and Preschool Parents

For your child's safety, a parent or other designated adult MUST be present and visible at the bus pick up AND drop off point. If no parent is visible at the drop off point, the child will be returned to school for parent transport.

The 2009-2010 Buchanan Community School's bus stops and approximate pick up times are listed below.

BUS #2 – 4TH ST., FEDORE, MADRON LAKE, CAMP MADRON, COVENEY, WARREN WOODS, BOYLE LAKE, WAGNER, ABLE, ANDREWS, WALNUT, FRONT ST. AND CHIPPEWA
DRIVER: TINA NELSON

HS/MS PICK UP TIMES BUS #2

6:17 15731 MADRON LAKE RD.
6:21 14205 FEDORE RD.
6:26 WOLKINS/MILLER RD.
6:29 14200 MADRON LAKE RD. (AT TREE)
6:30 MADRON LAKE RD./CAMP MADRON RD.
6:31 1377 MADRON LAKE RD.
6:32 COVENEY & MADRON LAKE RD.
6:35 14256 COVENEY RD.
6:37 919 E. WAGNER RD.
6:39 377 WAGNER RD.
6:42 323 ABLE RD.
6:47 409 ABLE RD.
6:51 727 ABLE RD.
6:55 877 ABLE RD.
7:00 15916 MADRON LAKE RD.
7:02 2934 W. FRONT ST.

ELEMENTARY PICK UP TIMES BUS #2

7:28 14025 FEDORE RD.
7:30 WOLKINS RD/MILLER RD
7:33 14200 MADRON LAKE RD. (AT TREE)
7:36 1377 MADRON LAKE RD..
7:36 MADRON LAKE RD/CAMP RD.
7:38 CORNER COVENEY/MADRON LAKE RD.
7:40 919 E. WAGNER RD.
7:42 595 WAGNER RD.
7:45 337 WAGNER RD.
7:51 708 W. WARREN WOODS RD.
7:53 323 ABLE RD.
7:55 727 ABLE RD.
7:56 14761 E. WAGNER RD.
7:57 1441 WAGNER RD.
7:58 1711 WAGNER RD.
8:01 15684 MADRON LAKE RD..
8:02 15673 BROCEUS SCHOOL RD.
8:03 15519 BROCEUS SCHOOL RD.
8:05 3553 ANDREWS RD.
8:06 3572 ANDREWS RD.
8:08 CORNER OF CHIPPEWA & WALNUT ST.

BUS #4 –BROCEUS SCHOOL, N. REDBUD, LITTLE GLENDORA, GARR, HILLS HAVEN MOBILE HOME PARK
DRIVER: KATHY BICARD

HS/MS PICK UP TIMES BUS #4

6:20 3641 WALNUT
6:22 3572 ANDREWS RD.
6:25 14500 BROCEUS SCHOOL ROAD
6:25 14364 BROCEUS SCHOOL ROAD
6:27 14308 BROCEUS SCHOOL ROAD
6:28 2955 MILLER RD.
6:29 3147 MILLER RD.
6:33 13625 INDIAN SPRINGS
6:35 13419 N. REDBUD TRAIL

6:37 13213 N. REDBUD TRAIL
6:38 12991 N. REDBUD TRAIL
6:39 12871 N. REDBUD TRAIL
6:35 3408 LITTLE GLENDORA RD.
6:41 3150 LITTLE GLENDORA RD.
6:42 3045 LITTLE GLENDORA RD.
6:43 2904 LITTLE GLENDORA RD.
6:46 3018 LITTLE GLENDORA RD.
6:50 HILLS HAVEN MOBILE HOME PARK
6:54 4063 HILLS HAVEN RD.
6:56 13638 N. REDBUD TRAIL

ELEMENTARY PICK UP TIMES BUS #4

7:25 3151 REED ROAD
7:27 14364 BROCEUS SCHOOL
7:35 13193 N. REDBUD TRAIL
7:37 13139 N. REDBUD TRAIL
7:41 3964 WOOD TRAIL
7:43 LITTLE GLENDORA RD/AALFS RD.
7:45 3045 LITTLE GLENDORA RD.
7:47 2924 LITTLE GLENDORA RD.
7:49 3018 LITTLE GLENDORA RD
7:50 12578 N. REDBUD TRAIL
7:51 12690 N. REDBUD TRAIL
7:52 13172 N. REDBUD TRAIL
7:54 HILLS HAVEN MOBILE HOME PARK
7:58 13638 N. REDBUD TR.

BUS #5 – NILES-BUCHANAN RD., BUFFALO, PORTAGE, CHAMBERLAIN
DRIVER: DEB BONEK

HS/MS PICK UP TIMES BUS #5

6:28 3118 NILES BUCHANAN RD.
6:30 2912 NILES BUCHANA RD.
6:33 2937 CHAMBERLAIN RD.
6:35 3029 CHAMBERLAIN RD.
6:35 RYNEARSON VILLAGE
6:37 3510 CHAMBERLAIN RD.
6:38 3580 CHAMBERLAIN RD.
6:40 3950 CHAMBERLAIN RD.
6:41 3793 CHAMBERLAIN RD.
6:42 4010 CHAMBERLAIN RD.
6:43 3719 CHAMBERLAIN RD.
6:45 4270 CHAMBERLAIN RD.
6:46 3287 CHAMBERLAIN RD.
6:49 1725 FRANKLIN RD.
6:50 4020 BUFFALO RD.
6:50 4040 BUFFALO RD.
6:51 3940 BUFFALO RD.
6:55 3225 CHICAGO RD.

ELEMENTARY PICK UP TIMES BUS #5

7:35 2912 NILES BUCHANAN RD.
7:37 2791 CHAMBERLAIN RD.
7:38 3029 CHAMBERLAIN RD.
7:40 CHAMBERLAIN & MAYFLOWER RD
7:41 3580 CHAMBERLAIN RD.
7:42 3950 CHAMBERLAIN RD.
7:43 3793 CHAMBERLAIN RD.
7:44 4010 CHAMBERLAIN RD.
7:45 3719 CHAMBERLAIN RD.
7:46 3287 CHAMBERLAIN RD.
7:47 3065 CHAMBERLAIN RD.
7:49 4315 BUFFALO RD.
7:49 3940 BUFFALO RD.
7:50 4040 BUFFALO RD.
7:51 4035 BUFFALO RD.
7:53 3980 BUFFALO RD.
7:58 3205 BUFFALO RD.
8:05 RYNEARSON VILLAGE

BUS #6 – E. RIVER RD., MEAD, E. RIVER, E. ELM VALLEY RD. WHITE OAKS
DRIVER: JENNIFER SCHMIDKUNZ

HS/MS PICK UP TIMES BUS #6

6:27 4569 MEAD RD.
6:28 4531 MEAD RD.
6:29 15471 E. RIVER RD.
6:31 4008 E. RIVER RD.
6:32 4090 E. RIVER RD.
6:33 4149 E. RIVER RD.
6:34 4436 E. RIVER RD.
6:35 4625 E. RIVER RD.
6:37 4881 E. RIVER RD.
6:43 RIVER RD./FULTON ST.
6:50 1622 E. CLEAR LAKE RD.
6:52 2324 E. ELM VALLEY RD.
6:53 2370 E. ELM VALLEY RD.
6:54 2412 E. ELM VALLEY RD.
6:55 2416 E. ELM VALLEY RD.

ELEMENTARY PICK UP TIMES #6

7:22 2938 WHITE OAKS LANE
7:25 4531 MEAD RD.
7:30 4288 E. RIVER
7:31 4160 E. RIVER
7:35 15009 E. RIVER
7:38 15081 E. RIVER
7:42 113 N. HAMILTON

BUS #7 - E. GLENDORA, BURGOYNE, GARR, N. MAIN, MILLER RD, RIVERSIDE ESTATES, N. REDBUD
DRIVER: DORIS HAMILTON

HS/MS PICK UP TIMES BUS #7

6:20 15209 N. MAIN ST.
6:22 14899 N. MAIN ST.
6:25 13329 N. MAIN ST.
6:26 13275 N. MAIN ST.
6:27 12897 N. MAIN ST.
6:28 2651 E. GLENDORA RD.
6:29 2097 E. GLENDORA RD.
6:31 12353 BURGOYNE
6:33 12716 GARR RD.
6:35 12605 GARR RD.

6:37 12752 GARR RD.
6:42 13300 N. MAIN ST.
6:48 RIVERSIDE ESTATES
6:53 14359 N. REDBUD
6:56 14109 N. REDBUD
6:59 15356 N. MAIN ST.
7:01 15526 N. MAIN ST.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PICK UP TIMES #7

7:25 14899 NORTH MAIN
7:30 12897 N. MAIN
7:37 12353 BURGOYNE
7:45 13300 N. MAIN
7:53 RIVERSIDE ESTATES
8:02 15232 MAIN ST.
8:04 15404 N. MAIN
8:06 15526 N. MAIN
8:09 302 HARLAN

BUS #9 – WALTON, E. GEYER, E. RIVERSIDE, W. GEYER, W. WINN RD., MATTHEWS, RANGELINE, HERMAN RD.
DRIVER: CHERYL HASLOCK

HS/MS PICK UP TIMES BUS #9

6:18 3022 WALTON RD.
6:20 3010 WALTON RD.
6:22 3001 WALTON RD.
6:25 2400 GEYER RD.
6:27 2311 DAVID ST.
6:30 DANIEL/RIVERSIDE
6:36 2422 JODY RAE
6:38 2425 JODY RAE
6:42 3130 GEYER RD.
6:45 13509 RANGELINE RD.
6:48 RANGELINE/MATHEW RD.
6:50 RANGELINE/HERMAN RD
6:52 LAKE CHAPIN/RANGELINE
6:54 RIVER POINT ESTATES
6:56 15028 RANGELINE RD.
7:00 WHITE OAKS

ELEMENTARY PICK UP TIMES BUS #9

7:33 2400 GEYER RD.
7:36 2341 DANIEL ST.
7:41 2434 CRAIG ST.
7:45 2204 JANICE ST.
7:45 2425 JEFFREY ST.
7:50 2421-2423 JODY RAE
7:52 2430 JODY RAE
7:57 RANGELINE RD./MATHEWS RD
8:00 12211 RANGELINE RD.
8:03 CORNER OF RANGELINE/HERMAN RD.
8:06 14658 RANGELINE RD.
8:10 15328 RANGELINE RD.
8:13 313 RIVER ST.

BUS #12 – CURRAN RD/DAYTON RD. BUFFALO/MT. ZION, MAIN ST.(GALIEN), GARDNER, U.S.12
DRIVER: HEATHER BACHMAN

HS/MS PICK UP TIMES BUS #12

6:20 TRIANGLE OF CURRAN RD. & DAYTON RD.
6:25 CORNER OF BUFFALO RD. & MT. ZION RD.
6:40 OLD GROCERY STORE/DOWNTOWN GALIEN
6:50 CORNER OF 2ND ST. AND GARDNER RD.

ELEMENTARY PICK UP TIMES #12

7:20 4765 W. US 12
7:25 1495 W. US 12
7:40 OLD GROCERY STORE/DOWNTOWN GALIEN
7:47 993 GALIEN BUCHANAN RD.
7:55 CORNER OF US 12 & SAGE RD.
7:58 4970 U.S. 12
7:59 4710 U.S. 12
8:03 4550 U.S. 12
8:05 3920 U.S. 12

BUS #14 - RYNEARSON, MOORLAND, MERSON CT. AND SAMSON TERRACE, HIDDEN VALLEY N. & S. HURON
DRIVER: ROSE RIGGINS

HS/MS PICK UP TIMES BUS #14

6:42 RYNEARSON/MOORLAND
6:45 HURON/ERIE DRIVE
6:48 1333 RYNEARSON
6:50 16171 MERSON CT.
6:51 16234 MERSON CT.
6:52 1015 RYNEARSON
6:54 NILES/BUCHANAN RD. & S. HAMILTON
6:56 HOLMES/CENTER DR.
6:57 644 CIRCLE RIDGE DR.
6:58 513 WOODLAND DR.
6:59 305 WOODLAND
7:00 3144 KNIGHT
7:02 NILES BUCHANAN RD./N. HAMILTON
7:04 RIVER SHORE/BACKUS CT.
7:05 WOODSIDE/MEADOWVIEW
7:06 1140 WOODSIDE
7:07 1025 E. FRONT ST.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PICK UP TIMES BUS #14

7:30 3965 HIDDEN VALLEY N.
7:31 3995 HIDDEN VALLEY N.
7:45 16563 WILSON
7:47 16534 HURON DR.
7:48 16590 HURON DR.
7:50 1331 RYNEARSON
7:52 16171 MERSON CT.
7:53 16234 MERSON CT.
7:54 16271 MERSON CT.
7:59 303 HOLMES DR.
7:57 644 CIRCLE RIDGE
7:58 513 WOODLAND
7:59 405 WOODLAND

8:00 305 WOODLAND
8:03 3144 KNIGHT DRIVE
8:04 N. HAMILTON/NILES BUCHANAN RD.
8:05 4893 NILES-BUCHANAN RD
8:07 BACKUS CT/RIVER SHORE
8:10 4749 WOODSIDE@ MEADOWVIEW
8:12 117 SHIRMER PKWY

BUS #15 – U.S. 12, DAYTON RD., GALIEN-BUCHANAN RD., BAKERTOWN RD., MADRON LAKE, W. CLEAR LAKE, E. CLEAR LAKE, WARREN WOODS, ANDREWS RD., CHIPPEWA, TERRE COUPE AND W. FRONT ST.
DRIVER: MICHELLE FRANKLIN

HS/MS PICK UP TIMES BUS #15

6:17 918 TERRE COUPE
6:21 923 TERRE COUPE
6:23 1890 BAKERTOWN RD.
6:25 4955 BUFFALO RD.
6:27 2085 SAGE RD
6:29 5375 U.S. 12 WEST
6:30 2070 DAYTON LAKE RD.
6:31 DEPOT / DAYTON RD.
6:33 1415 DAYTON RD
6:35 5810 GALIEN BUCHANAN RD.
6:30 5640 GALIEN BUCHANAN RD.
6:33 GALIEN BUCHANAN RD. & RUNYON
6:35 16593 RUNYON RD.
6:36 16490 RUNYON RD.
6:38 ELM VALLEY RD. & WALNUT ST.
6:40 15950 W. CLEAR LAKE RD.
6:41 15892 W. CLEAR LAKE RD.
6:43 15810 W. CLEAR LAKE RD.
6:50 1478 WARREN WOODS RD.(STARR VALLEY RANCH)
6:52 1928 WARREN WOODS RD.
6:54 2276 E. WARREN WOODS RD.

ELEMENTARY PICK UP TIMES BUS #15

7:30 BAKERTOWN RD.
7:33 1965 SAGE RD.
7:35 5375 W U.S. 12
7:36 5405 W U.S. 12
7:37 5485 U.S. 12 W.
7:38 1980 DAYTON RD.
7:40 1415 DAYTON RD.
7:42 5810 GALIEN-BUCHANAN
7:43 1647 GALIEN-BUCHANAN RD.
7:44 16190 RUNYON RD.
7:48 15810 W. CLEAR LAKE RD.
7:49 15666 W. CLEAR LAKE
7:53 1029 WARREN WOODS RD.
7:55 1951 E. CLEAR LAKE RD.
8:00 2944 W. FRONT ST.

BUS #16 – S. RED BUD, W. BERTRAND, ORANGE, MAYFLOWER, CHICAGO RD., BUFFALO, FRANKLIN, OAK FOREST U.S. 12.
DRIVER: MARY ELLEN WEINBERG

HS/MS PICK UP TIMES BUS #16

6:10 2310 S. RED BUD TR
6:12 2420 S. RED BUD TR
6:13 2550 S. RED BUD TR
6:16 4315 CURRAN RD.
6:18 2790 OAK FOREST RD
6:19 2810 OAK FOREST RD
6:20 4595 CHICAGO RD.
6:21 4500 CHICAGO RD.
6:22 4230 W. CHICAGO RD
6:23 4195 W. CHICAGO RD
6:24 4020 W. BERTRAND
6:25 YORK & BERTRAND
6:26 3630 W. BERTRAND
6:27 3410 W. BERTRAND
6:29 2990 ORANGE RD.
6:30 3160 ORANGE RD.
6:33 2905 MAYFLOWER RD
6:35 3045 BERTRAND RD
6:36 3195 BERTRAND RD
6:38 3755 CHICAGO RD
6:40 3935 CHICAGO TRAIL
6:45 2355 RED BUD TR

ELEMENTARY PICK UP TIMES BUS #16

7:18 1970 S. RED BUD TR
7:19 2080 S. RED BUD TR
7:22 2550 S. RED BUD TR
7:24 3225 CHICAGO TR.
7:27 2430 MAYFLOWER RD.
7:30 2620 MAYFLOWER RD.
7:32 2905 MAYFLOWER RD.
7:34 2415 ORANGE RD.
7:36 3930 CURRAN RD
7:38 4285 CURRAN RD
7:40 4315 CURRAN RD
7:42 2755 OAK FOREST RD
7:43 2835 OAK FOREST RD
7:45 4230 CHICAGO RD
7:47 PORTAGE PRAIRIE & CHICAGO
7:49 4090 W. BERTRAND
7:50 4060 W. BERTRAND
7:53 3935 W. CHICAGO RD.
7:55 2355 S. RED BUD TR
7:57 2115 S. RED BUD TR
8:03 HOWE LANE

#13 THE SHARED TIME BUS TO BRANDYWINE AND NILES WILL LEAVE THE HIGH SCHOOL GYM PARKING LOT AT 6:50 A.M.
DRIVER: SUE GLOSSINGER

#10 THE MATH/SCIENCE CENTER BUS TO ANDREWS UNIVERSITY IN BERRIEN SPRINGS WILL LEAVE THE HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT AT 7:00 A.M.
DRIVER: CINDY BAUER

2009/2010 Fall Sports Schedule

* As of 7/23/09 Subject to change

For updated schedules visit: www.highschoolsports.net

Cross Country

9/12	Centreville Invitational	T	8:30
9/26	Bangor Invitational	T	9:00
9/28	Brandywine High School	H	5:00
10/3	Berrien County Invitational	T	TBA
10/5	Coloma/Edwardsburg	T	5:00
10/8	Dowagiac Invitational	T	5:00
10/10	Portage Invitational	T	TBA
10/12	Bridgman	H	5:00
10/19	Berrien Springs	T	5:00
10/26	Conference @ Coloma	T	4:30
10/31	MHSAA Regionals @ Portage West M.S.	T	TBA
11/7	MHSAA State Finals@ MIS	T	TBA

Football – Varsity

8/28	Kelloggsville	H	7:00
9/3	Bronson	T	7:00
9/11	Bridgman	T	7:00
9/18	Berrien Springs	H	7:00
9/25	Cassopolis	T	7:00
10/2	Brandywine	T	7:00
10/9	Coloma	T	7:00
10/16	Edwardsburg(Homecoming)	H	7:00
10/23	Muskegon Heights	H	7:00

Football – Junior Varsity

8/27	Kelloggsville	T	6:30
9/2	Bronson	H	6:00
9/10	Bridgman	H	6:30
9/18	Berrien Springs	T	6:30
9/24	Cassopolis	H	6:30
10/1	Brandywine	H	6:30
10/8	Coloma	H	6:30
10/15	Edwardsburg	H	6:30
10/22	Muskegon Heights	T	6:00

Boys Soccer – Varsity

8/21	Three Rivers	T	5:45
8/22	Vandenburg @ Niles	T	TBA
8/26	South Haven	T	6:45
8/31	Coloma	H	5:00
9/3	South Bend Trinity	H	5:00
9/8	Edwardsburg	T	6:45
9/12	Three Rivers	H	12:00
9/14	Berrien Springs	H	5:00
9/17	Dowagiac	T	5:45
9/19	Sturgis	T	12:00
9/22	New Buffalo	H	5:00
9/24	Cassopolis	T	5:00
9/28	Brandywine	H	5:00
10/1	Bridgman	H	5:00
10/7	Lakeland Conference	T	5:00
10/12	Lakeland Conference	T	5:00
10/14	Lakeland Conference	T	5:00
10/19	MHSAA District Week	T	TBA
10/27	MHSAA Regional Week	T	TBA
11/4	MHSAA Semifinals	T	TBA
11/7	MHSAA Finals	T	TBA

Boys Soccer – Junior Varsity

8/21	Three Rivers	T	4:00
8/26	South Haven	T	5:00
9/8	Edwardsburg	T	5:00
9/12	Three Rivers	H	10:00
9/17	Dowagiac	T	4:00
9/19	Sturgis	T	10:00

Boys Tennis

8/19	Buchanan Invitational I	H	9:00
8/22	Buck Classic I	H	9:00
8/26	Buck Quad	H	9:00
8/29	Buck Invitational II	H	9:00
8/31	Coloma	T	4:00
9/2	Brandywine	T	4:00
9/9	Edwardsburg	H	4:00
9/16	Berrien Springs	H	4:00
9/19	Grant Invitational	T	9:00
9/23	Bridgman	T	4:00
9/26	Buck Classic II	H	9:00
10/1	Lakeland Conference @ Leeper	T	9:00
10/8	MHSAA Regionals @ Leeper	T	9:00
10/16	MHSAA State Finals	T	9:00
10/17	MHSAA State Finals	T	9:00

Boys Tennis – Junior Varsity

8/29	Edwardsburg Invitational	T	9:00
------	--------------------------	---	------

Volleyball – Varsity

8/22	Buck Classic	H	9:00
8/26	Otsego Invitational	T	8:30
8/28	Schoolcraft Invitational	T	8:30
9/9	Edwardsburg	H	7:00
9/12	Lakeshore Invitational	T	8:30
9/16	Bridgman	H	7:00
9/23	Coloma	H	7:00
9/26	Buck Classic	H	9:00
9/30	Brandywine	T	7:00
10/7	Berrien Springs	H	7:00
10/21	Cassopolis	T	7:00
10/24	St. Joe Invitational	T	9:00
10/31	LAC Tournament @ Coloma	T	9:00
11/2-4	MHSAA District	T	TBA
11/10	MHSAA Regional Semifinal	T	TBA
11/12	MHSAA Regional Final	T	TBA
11/17	MHSAA Quarterfinal	T	TBA
11/19-20	MHSAA Semifinal	T	TBA
11/21	MHSAA Final	T	TBA

Volleyball – Junior Varsity

8/24	Buck Invitational	H	5:00
9/9	Edwardsburg	H	6:00
9/16	Bridgman	H	6:00
9/23	Coloma	H	6:00
9/30	Brandywine	T	6:00
10/7	Berrien Springs	H	6:00
10/21	Cassopolis	T	6:00
10/29	LAC Tournament @ Coloma	T	4:00

BUCHANAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

GRADES 6-8

Mark Kurland, Principal: 695-8406

Kathy McLaughlin, Guidance Counselor: 695-8406

“Committed to caring, Striving for excellence”

School begins this year on Tuesday, September 8 with a full day of classes. The doors open at 6:50 A.M. for breakfast. Doors open for all students at 7:15 A.M. with classes beginning at 7:25 A.M. Classes end at 2:25 P.M. Students should be out of the building by 2:35 P.M. unless, of course, they are staying for an activity. Punctuality is a skill that is a benefit to all of us. Please assist us in teaching our students the importance of being on time for school and all of their classes.

This year, as in previous school years, BMS students will receive agendas as well as a packet containing our school's yearly calendar, conference dates, progress reports, report card dates, and other information that will keep you aware of what, when, where, and how things proceed at BMS.

Parents who drop off and pick up students before and after school are asked to do so in designated areas in front of the school (flagpole side). Please use caution driving in this area. After 7:35 A.M. each school day, the front doors (by flagpole) will be locked. For access to the building, enter at the west end of the building from the original driveway and drive around behind the school to the office parking area. All visitors to our building are asked to register in the office.

Buchanan Middle School will hold its 6th Grade Orientation/Open House for parents and students on Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at 5:30 P.M. in the media center. We will also have our 7th & 8th Grade Orientation/Open House on Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. At those dates and times, Mr. Kurland will present the Middle School 2008-2009 Annual Report and parents will be able to meet the middle school staff and have an opportunity to enter their child's academic learning area, as well as their activity class learning areas.

New Staff: Please welcome Mrs. Sondra Staggs to Buchanan to the Middle School as she was officially hired as the 6th grade math teacher for the 2009-10 school year. This past year she was a long-term substitute for the majority of the year.

Athletic Note

Athletes will need a copy of their physical along with shoes (cleats -football) and work out clothes.

Football Practice: 8th Grade practice begins August 24, 2009 at 4:00. Meet at the middle school fields. Please contact the high school athletic office at 695-8404 for 7th grade practice times.

Girls Volleyball Practice: Practice begins August 24, 2009 at 5:00 - 6:30 P.M.

Cross Country Practice: Practice will begin after school starts.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at 695-8406 whenever you have any questions or concerns. The teachers and staff look forward to working with you so that your child has a positive experience at Buchanan Middle School during the 2009-10 school year.

BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL

GRADES 9-12

Sharon Steinke, Principal 695-8403

Christopher Machiniak, Assistant Principal 695-8404

Fred Smith, Athletic Director 695-8404

Sonia Barlow, Guidance Director 695-8405

Freshman Orientation will be September 1 at 6:00 P.M. in the high school auditorium. In our Freshman Academy, students are taught core classes by only five teachers. These five teachers are the freshman “experts.” The core includes English, Science, U.S. History, Math, and Health/Phys Ed. The Academy's mission is to build a better academic student, as well as offer a smooth transition for incoming students. Our freshmen teachers are anxious to introduce themselves to you and get your students off to a great start. Freshmen will receive their schedules and lockers and have an opportunity to find their way around the building before the first day of school, after our presentation.

Grades 10–12 will receive their schedules in the mail in late August.

The high school will host an Open House on September 15. Details for the Open House and other important dates will be in your back-to-school letter. Watch for it in the mail! In the meantime, Mr. Machiniak has outlined for you a few changes you will want to be aware of as you begin your back to school shopping!

Our mission at the high school is, “Seize the opportunity inside the challenge!” School is full of opportunities. Opportunities to open our minds; opportunities to exchange our ideas and in that ex-

change to come to new knowledge and appreciations. A high school diploma has never been more challenging or important as it is for our 21st century graduates. On September 8, we look forward to our students returning with open minds, hungry for ideas. – *Sincerely, Sharon Steinke*

From the Desk of the

Assistant Principal, Chris Machiniak:

I would like to take this time to extend a welcome back to those students who will be returning to us, as well as a warm welcome to our new freshmen coming to us from the middle school. We have been busy this summer preparing for the upcoming school year.

Below I have listed several of the updates for you to take a look at, specifically the dress code for the high school. Please keep these changes in mind when you are shopping for school clothes for this coming year.

DRESS CODE (Updates only)

While fashion changes, the reason for being in school does not. Students are in school to learn. Any fashion (dress, accessory, or hairstyle) that disrupts the educational process or presents a safety risk will not be permitted. Personal expression is permitted within these general guidelines.

The following styles or manners of dress are considered **INAPPROPRIATE** for school:

- Shirt collars must be at or near the collarbone
- Shorts, skirts, or skorts that do not reach three inches above the top of the knee cap. (*Spandex-like clothing (leggings) does not count as acceptable apparel.*)
- Clothing that is “distressed” or has “holes in it.”

ATTENDANCE - School Attendance Policy

Attendance at Buchanan High School is taken seriously. There is a direct relationship between school attendance and academic success. Parents will be notified by both mail, as well as *Instant Alert*, when the student receives their 3rd or more truant absence. All other notification will be the automatic call machine when they are absent on a specific day. **Truant absence** - A truant is an absence that is unexcused/non-verified absence. Skipping/cutting of classes or any part of the school day is considered a truant absence. Disciplinary action will follow along with the truant absence action. **Skip-ping/cutting school is defined as:** 1.) Leaving school or the building without checking out in the attendance office 2.) Students not being in their assigned locations 3.) Student not proceeding directly to the office when asked to do so. **Excused absence:** An excused absence is one where the school attendance office is notified within 24 hours by a parent or legal guardian concerning their student missing school.

CARE OF PROPERTY & SCHOOL LOCKS

- The school may confiscate items including cell phones and I-POD's and has the right to return them to a parent or guardian ONLY.
- Students are responsible for returning locks issued by the high school for their use on regular or P.E. lockers. Failure to return the lock issued will result in the student being billed for the cost of lock replacement. No locks may be used on school lockers except school owned locks.

Sincerely, Chris Machiniak

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

GRADES K-5

Moccasin – Mark Nixon, Principal - 695-8408

Ottawa – Karin Falkenstein, Principal - 695-8409

Stark – Karla Hurlbutt, Principal – 695-8407

Tuesday, September 8th will be a full day of school for first through fifth grade students. Young Fives and kindergarten students assigned to the morning session will attend school WITH THEIR PARENT from 10:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. Kindergarten students assigned to the afternoon session will attend school WITH THEIR PARENT from 1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.

ELEMENTARY PARENTS - DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR Stark, Moccasin, and Ottawa

August 28-30 – Old Mill Fest – All Buchanan elementary students are invited to walk in the parade for Old Mill Fest on Saturday, August 29. Plan to meet at the high school at 11:30 A.M. The parade starts at noon. Parents can pick up students immediately after the parade in the Commons area (about 12:15 P.M.). Plan to stay for the day and participate in all the fun activities.

STARK PARENTS

August 12 - First PTO meeting in the multipurpose room at 6:30 P.M.

August 26 – Stark mentor reading program orientation. All adults who would like to mentor a child in reading are invited to the orientation in the multipurpose room at 12:30 P.M.

September 16 - Students in grades K-5 and their

families are invited from 6:00 – 7:00 P.M. to Stark School for hotdogs, chips and drinks. Come and meet your child's new teacher and talk with friends. Items the school is discarding will also be on sale during the Open House.

October 24 – PUMPKIN JAMBOREE – 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. at Stark

OTTAWA PARENTS

August 31 – Short orientation tour of building with the principal for families new to the school at 6:00 P.M.

September 10 – Students in grades K-5 and their families are invited from 5:30-6:30 P.M. to Ottawa School for hot dogs, chips, and drinks. Meet your child's new teacher and talk with friends! Receive information about Ed-Line (for parents of students in grade 3-5). Fundraiser sales begin to support school activities like field trips!

September 14 – First PTA meeting in the library at 6:30 P.M. All parents are welcome to attend. The Annual Report will be given at this meeting. Free babysitting at all meetings the first Monday of each month.

MOCCASIN PARENTS

September 17 - First Parent/Teacher Organization meeting in the Moccasin School Library at 6:30 P.M. The Moccasin School Annual Report will be presented at this meeting beginning at 6:30 P.M. All parents are invited to attend.

September 22 – Moccasin School Open House and hotdog cookout starting at 6:30 P.M.

October 6 - Fall picture day and Kick-off for annual PTM fall fund raiser.

KINDERGARTEN & YOUNG 5's

Attendance times:

8:35 to 11:50 Morning Session

12:15 to 3:35 Afternoon Session

All Young Fives and Kindergarten students will receive a letter informing them of their assignment. These letters will be sent after August 25th. If you do not receive your letter or if your address, phone number, or daycare provider has changed since you enrolled your child, please call Stark Elementary School, 695-8407.

BUCHANAN PRESCHOOL

Classes will start on September 8th. This is a CHILD/PARENT orientation day. Parents need to accompany their child to school. There will be NO BUSING on this day. For MORNING preschoolers orientation will be from 10:00 – 11:30 A.M. For AFTERNOON preschoolers orientation will begin at 1:00 – 2:30 P.M. Remember to bring your child's proof of residency, birth certificate, completed physical form and shot record, if not previously submitted. Preschool attendance times are as follows: morning session will meet at 8:35-11:50 A.M. and afternoon session will meet at 12:15 -3:35 P.M. Monday - Thursday (no preschool classes on Fridays). BUS TRANSPORTATION will start September 9th. PLEASE NOTE: If you have a preschooler who was not registered last spring and you would like him/her screened for our free preschool program, please call 695-8408 and leave a message. Preschoolers must be 4 years of age by December 1, 2009 to qualify for screening.

SCHEDULING HOME VISITS

Starting the week of August 24th our preschool staff will be contacting you by phone to set up a home visit. This is a State requirement of our program. It also is a great opportunity for you and your child to meet your child's new teacher before orientation day. You can take this opportunity to discuss any special concerns you may have about your child, set learning goals for the year, and get to know each other on an informal basis.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

All your child needs in the way of school supplies for preschool, Young Fives, and kindergarten is a large backpack (it needs to be large enough to hold boots, snow pants, art projects, etc.). Please put your child's name on the backpack and any other items he/she may bring to school (jacket, hat, etc.). Also, if you haven't gotten one already, stop at the Buchanan District Library and sign your child up for a library card. Helping your child develop a love for reading is an essential part of his/her future success in school!

PRESCHOOL QUESTIONS

If your phone number, address, or child care provider has changed since you registered for preschool please call Moccasin School at 695-8408 and leave a message with the updated information. Also, if you have any questions that you need answered before August 25th call the above number and someone will return your call as soon as possible.

BUCHANAN BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNUAL NOTICES

Notification Of Asbestos Reinspections

In compliance with the 1989 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), we have performed inspections of each of our school buildings for asbestos containing building materials. The inspection findings and asbestos management plans are on file in each school administrative office and in the office at Central Maintenance.

The EPA requires us to perform reinspections of the asbestos materials every three years. The three-year reinspections were performed by an accredited asbestos inspector in July 2009. We perform the six month periodic surveillance as required by the AHERA regulations.

The results of the reinspections and management plans are on file in each schools administrative office and Central Maintenance. Everyone is welcome to view these at any time during normal school hours (M-F 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.). I will be available at 695-8400 to answer any questions you may have about asbestos in our buildings.

Notice Of Nondiscrimination In Education

The Buchanan Board of Education declares it to be the policy of this District to provide an equal opportunity for all students, regardless of race, color, creed, age, disability, religion, gender, ancestry, national origin, place of residence within the boundaries of the District, or social or economic background, to learn through the curriculum offered in this District.

If any person believes that the Buchanan Community School District or any of the District's staff has inadequately applied the principles and / or regulations of (1) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (2) Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972, (3) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (4) The Age Act, and (5) The Americans with Disabilities Act, she/he may bring forward a complaint, which shall be referred to as a grievance, to Chris Machiniak, 695-8404, the District's Civil Rights Coordinator.

Inquiries concerning the nondiscriminatory policy may be directed to Director, Office for Civil Rights, Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20201.

The District Coordinator, on request, will provide a copy of the District's grievance procedure and investigate all complaints in accordance with this procedure.

A copy of each of the Acts and the regulations on which this notice is based, may be found in the District's Superintendent Office.

Nondiscrimination In Employment

It is the policy of the Buchanan School District that no candidate for a position in this District shall be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or citizenship status, creed or ancestry, age, gender, marital status, non-disqualifying disability, height, or other protected categories.

In accordance with Federal law, any person employed by this District must provide evidence that she/he is eligible to work in the United States.

Directory Information On Student

In compliance with Federal regulations, the Buchanan School District has established the following guidelines concerning student records: A.) The building principal is the Records Control Officer for the building and is responsible for the processing and maintenance of all student records. B.) Each student's records will be kept in a confidential file. The information in a student's record file will be available for review only by the parents or legal guardian of a student, adult student (18 yrs. of age or older), and those designated by Federal law of District regulations. C.) A parent, guardian, or adult student has the right to request a change or addition to a student's records and to either obtain a hearing with District officials or file a complaint with the U.S. Office of Education if not satisfied with the accuracy of the records or with the District's compliance with the Federal Education Rights Privacy Act. D.) The District has established the following information about each student as "directory information" and will make it available upon a legitimate request unless a parent, guardian, or adult student notifies the Records Control Officer in writing with in (10) days from the date of this notification that she/he will not permit distribution of any or all such information: name, address; date and place of birth; photograph; major field of study; participation in officially recognized activities and sports; height and weight, if a member of an athletic team; dates of attendance; date of graduation and awards received; and any other information the District considers would not be harmful or an invasion of privacy, if disclosed. E.) A copy of the policy and the accompanying guidelines are available at the Board office. There will also be a person available to answer any questions concerning the policy or guidelines.

Parent Notification

Regarding Sex Education And Aids Classes

The Board of Education has adopted a comprehensive Health Education Program which includes education on human sexuality and venereal and other non casual-contact communicable diseases such as AIDS. It is designed to provide an appropriate means for students to acquire the knowledge, skill and attitudes necessary to maintain good health.

In compliance with State law and with its desire to maintain effective communication with parents and the community, the Board has made arrangements for the programs and instructional materials to be available for review by any parents or interested member of the community. If you wish to review any or all of the programs, please contact the principal of your child's school. After reviewing the programs, if you wish to discuss them, please contact the principal or the school office.

Your child is required to participate in these courses, but the law allows you the right to have your child excused from participating in classes which include instruction in sex education, reproductive health, family planning, and AIDS education. The Board's policy is to honor parent's written requests that their child be excused from certain classes in any course. We encourage you to personally review the program lessons and materials.

Protect Your Child From Meningococcal Disease And Other Serious Illnesses That Can Affect Preteens.

Pre-teens and adolescents need vaccines to protect them from serious illnesses. Immunizations begin at birth and continue throughout life. These shots are an important step to maintain your child's health.

Meningococcal disease is a serious illness caused by bacteria which infects the blood or tissues around the brain and spinal cord. 1.) This germ can be spread from person to person by close contact. 2.) Common symptoms include a fever, rash, headache, or stiff neck. 3.) It can lead to brain damage, disability, and death.

Meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) can protect children and adolescents from this disease. 1.) This vaccine is usually given to 11-12 year olds (6th graders). 2.) Because it is a newer vaccine, older adolescents may not have received it. Teens that have not had Meningococcal vaccine should be given a dose. 3.) Ask your child's health care provider if he/she needs the Meningococcal vaccine.

To obtain the Meningococcal vaccine and other immunizations for your child, see your child's health care provider or your local health department.

For more information about the Meningococcal vaccine or other immunizations, talk to your child's health care provider or call your local health department. Information is also available at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website: www.cdc.gov/nip

There are vaccines that can protect preteens and adolescents from other serious diseases. Sixth graders and teens need the following shots if they have not already received them:

- 1 dose of meningococcal vaccine (MCV4)
- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis vaccine (Tdap)
- 3 doses of human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV4-for girls only)
- 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine (hepB)
- 2 doses of measles mumps rubella vaccine (MMR)
- 2 doses of chickenpox vaccine (var), if they did not have the disease
- At least 3 doses of polio vaccine (IPV or OPV)
- Some children & teens may need hepatitis A and flu vaccine

The Michigan Department of Education, in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Community Health, is required by law (2005 PA240, MCL380.1177a) to develop and make available to schools information on Meningococcal Meningitis.

Memorandum To Parents Regarding School Board Policy On Drug-free Schools

In accordance with Federal Law, the Board of Education prohibits the use, possession, concealment, or distribution of drugs by students on school grounds, in school or school-approved vehicles, or at any school-related event. Drugs include any alcoholic beverage, anabolic steroid, dangerous controlled substance as defined by State statute, or substance that could be considered a "look-alike" controlled substance. Compliance with this policy is mandatory for all students. Any student who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, in accordance with due process and as specified in the student handbook, up to and including expulsion from school. When required by State laws, the District will also notify law enforcement officials.

The District is concerned about any student who is a victim of alcohol or drug abuse and will facilitate the process by which she/he receives help through programs and services available in the community. Students and their parents should contact the school principal or counseling office whenever such help is needed.

Parent Notification

Of Pesticide Spray On School Premises

As part of the Buchanan Community Schools' Integrated Pest Management Program, pesticides may occasionally be applied. Advance notice of pesticide application will be made in two ways. The first method will be a posting at the entrance to the school announcing an application. The second method will be posting on the school district's website: www.buchananschools.com. Parents are entitled to receive the notification by first-class mail postmarked three days before the application, if they so request. If you need prior notification, please contact Steve Lawson, Maintenance Supervisor at 695-8402.

Parent Notification

Regarding Bloodborne Pathogens

The Buchanan Community Schools is subject to new regulations from OSHA to restrict the spread of hepatitis B virus (HBV) and human immune deficiency virus (HIV) in the workplace. These regulations are designed to protect employees of the District who are, or could be exposed, to blood or other contaminated bodily fluids while performing their job duties.

Because of the very serious consequences of contracting HBV or HIV, the District requests the person who was bleeding to consent to be tested for HBV and HIV. This information would then be provided both to the exposed employee and the treating physician to determine proper medical treatment.

The law does not require parents or guardians to grant permission for the examination of their child's blood, but it does require the District to request that consent. Although we expect that incidents of exposure will be few, we wanted to notify parents of these requirements ahead of time. That way, if the situation does develop you will understand the reason for our request and will have had an opportunity to consider it in advance. These are serious diseases, and we sincerely hope that through proper precautions and cooperation we can prevent them from spreading. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact 695-8401.

Student Privacy

And Parental Access To Information

The Board of Education respects the privacy right of parents and their children. No student shall be required as a part of the school program or the District's curriculum without prior written consent of the student, (if an adult or an emancipated minor) or, if an unemancipated minor, his/her parents, to submit to or participate in any survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals information concerning:

- A. political affiliations or beliefs of the student or his / her parents;
- B. mental or physical problems of the student or his /her family;
- C. sex behavior or attitudes
- D. illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior;
- E. critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close, family relationships;
- F. legally-recognized privileged and analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
- G. religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the student or his /her parents; or
- H. income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).

The Superintendent shall ensure that procedures are established whereby parents may inspect any material used in conjunction with any such survey, analysis, or evaluation.

Further, parents have the right to inspect, upon request, a survey or evaluation created by a third party before the survey / evaluation is administered or distributed by the school to the student. The parent will have access to the survey / evaluation within a reasonable period of time after the request is received by the building principal.

PA 158, Weapon-free School Zone Legislation

Under PA 158, any person who assaults another person with less than the intent to commit murder or to inflict bodily harm, with a gun, revolver, pistol, knife, iron bar, club, brass knuckles, or other dangerous weapon in a weapon-free school zone, is guilty of a felony punishable by one or more of the following: 1.) Imprisonment for not more than four years. 2.) Community service for not more

than 150 hours 3.) A fine of not more than \$6,000.

A parent of a minor is guilty of a misdemeanor if he or she has custody of the minor, the minor has weapons' violation in a weapon-free school zone, and the parent knows that the minor would violate the firearms act or acts to further the violation. The misdemeanor is punishable by one or more of the following: 1.) Fine of not more than \$2,000 2.) Community service for not more than 100 hours 3.) Probation

The law also provides that anyone in possession of a weapon in a weapon-free school zone is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by one or more of the following: 1.) Imprisonment for not more than 93 days 2.) Community services for not more than 100 hours 3.) Fine of not more than \$2,000

Coordinators For Affirmative Action And Review Of Federal Requirements

SECTION 504 and AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT - *Karin Falkenstein (695-8409)*

SCHOOL LUNCH - *Richard Bell (695-8400)*

TITLE IX, TITLE VI, AND CIVIL RIGHTS - *Chris Machiniak (695-8404)*

Permission To Utilize

As a part of a media presentation produced by this district via computerized, audio-visual or other types of electronic communication, students and/or their schoolwork products may be photographed, videoed or digitized. These photographs, videos, digitized works or other items may be made available to other educational institutions, broadcast mediums, or through the Internet. As a result a student's image, name, work product, school or grade may be revealed in the presentation unless a parent, guardian or adult student notifies the building principal in writing within ten (10) calendar days from the date of this notification that she/he will not permit the use of such material.

Parents Right To Review Teacher Qualifications

As a parent of a student at Buchanan Community Schools, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's classroom teachers, and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner if you ask for it. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

- Whether the Michigan Department of Education, has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the Michigan Department of Education has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances.
- The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
- Whether any teachers' aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please call Buchanan Community Schools at 269-695- 8401.

Notice Of Right To Inspect Instructional Materials

It is the policy of the Board of Education that complaints and concerns of parents and other members of the community are to be dealt with as efficiently as possible, but in accordance with school policy. If your concern or complaint relates to instructional materials such as textbooks, library books, reference works, and the like, please complete the form 9130 f2 – REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF MATERIALS OR COURSE CONTENT which is available at the school office or the superintendent's office.

The complete form should be submitted to the principal who will respond to your request in accordance with the steps outlined in Board policy 9130, a copy of which is available upon request.

Parental Notification

Additional support services are available to special population students enrolled in Career and Technical Education classes through the Perkins III initiative. For additional information, please contact Mrs. Gail Lovelady at 269-695-8403.