

BHS Bucks Principal's Update

February 2022



Dear BHS students and families,

You may see a new face at Buchanan High School. Mr. Sokolowski will be taking over for Mrs. Watkins while she is on her maternity leave. He just started with us this week and can be reached at dsokolowski@buchananschools.com. Welcome to The Woods Mr. Sokolowski!

If you were at the game Friday night you were able to see just what Buchanan is all about. The Herd, showing thier school spirit, cheering on the teams and keeping positive. You witnessed a Miracle Minute fund raiser for a fellow student who is still in the hospital, and you saw our Buchanan community supporting our students. This is just one example of why I love Buchanan. We don't just have basketball games, we have community events. I appreciate all the parents, teachers, staff and students who are able to look beyond the political arena we are living in and instead find positive ways to support our students. It takes a big heart and a bright soul to find ways to lift each other up instead of bring others down.

As always, it's a great time to be a Buck!

Mrs. DeMaio

Attendance

Our attendance policy was structured to keep kids in school and ensured that they were successful in their studies. However, due to COVID, we have had to relax our attendance policy and that has had some severe ramifications on the students and their grades.

Student absences in 2017 averaged around 46 students per day (with a high of 85). This year our student absences average around 89 per day (with a high of 146). Our teachers are doing their best to make sure that students who are absent get caught up, and this takes an immense amount of time and energy while trying to keep current in our curriculum pacing. Most teachers have decided to slow the pace, and enlist peer mentors to help students get caught up. Unfortunately, the effects of COVID are long-lasting. Teachers are re-teaching various content materials to various groups of students, each who have missed different lessons. Our teachers are determined and doing their best to engage students. If your student has been absent, please be sure they are attending our After School Academics to get caught up on missing work as well as reinforcing getting the help they need to be successful, whether that's one-on-one with the teachers after school, attending the scheduled ICE sessions, or just ensuring that students stay in school as much as possible and completing work when they are out.

Student Absences 2017-2018 (September to January)										
September	Absences	October	Absences	November	Absences	December	Absences	January	Absences	
9/5	13	10/2	44	11/1	50	12/1	54	1/8	43	
9/6	16	10/3	47	11/2	45	12/4	46	1/9	56	
9/7	27	10/4	37	11/3	61	12/5	48	1/10	48	
9/8	13	10/5	42	11/6	46	12/6	38	1/11	46	
9/11	26	10/6	47	11/7	48	12/7	46	1/12	85	
9/12	35	10/9	35	11/8	39	12/8	48	1/16	53	
9/13	30	10/10	37	11/9	37	12/11	50	1/17	51	
9/14	42	10/11	21	11/10	38	12/12	76	1/18	43	
9/15	42	10/12	31	11/13	44	12/13	55	1/19	47	
9/18	52	10/13	40	11/14	41	12/14	62	1/22	66	
9/19	50	10/16	58	11/15	68	12/15	48	1/23	61	
9/20	47	10/17	53	11/16	28	12/18	53	1/24	30	
9/21	41	10/18	47	11/17	48	12/19	49	1/25	22	
9/22	45	10/19	40	11/20	59	12/20	56	1/26	27	
9/25	46	10/20	48	11/25	54	12/21	51	1/29	50	
9/26	37	10/23	63	11/22	78	12/22	83	1/30	53	
9/27	32	10/24	40	11/27	47			1/31	60	
9/28	45	10/25	43	11/28	45					
9/29	25	10/26	42	11/29	46					
		10/27	41	11/30	38					
		10/30	60							
		10/31	50							
Avg Absences	35	Avg Absences	44	Avg Absences	48	Avg Absences	54	Avg Absences	49	46

Student Absences 2021-2022 (Sept to January)										
September	Absences	October	Absences	November	Absences	December	Absences	January	Absences	
9/1	41	10/1	77	11/1	99	12/1	95	1/3	76	
9/2	54	10/4	89	11/2	88	12/2	93	1/4	90	
9/7	92	10/5	61	11/3	64	12/3	112	1/5	89	
9/8	73	10/6	55	11/4	86	12/6	118	1/10	91	
9/9	81	10/7	66	11/5	90	12/7	144	1/11	113	
9/10	92	10/8	50	11/8	72	12/8	124	1/12	116	
9/13	69	10/11	83	11/9	76	12/9	128	1/13	130	
9/14	73	10/12	66	11/10	81	12/10	126	1/14	141	
9/15	72	10/13	27	11/11	94	12/13	90	1/18	135	
9/16	91	10/14	68	11/12	84	12/14	99	1/19	135	
9/17	90	10/15	72	11/15	120	12/15	87	1/20	146	
9/20	85	10/18	80	11/16	96	12/16	68	1/21	131	
9/21	74	10/20	56	11/17	98	12/17	83	1/24	107	
9/22	69	10/21	68	11/18	80			1/25	101	
9/23	80	10/22	72	11/19	89			1/26	103	
9/24	68	10/25	80	11/22	90			1/27	86	
9/27	70	10/26	96	11/23	86			1/28	87	
9/28	78	10/27	71	11/29	73			1/31	74	
9/29	74	10/28	63	11/30	81					
9/30	67	10/29	79							
Avg. Absences	75	Avg. Absences	69	Avg. Absences	87	Avg. Absences	105	Avg. Absences	108	89
	86%		87%		83%		80%		78%	

National School Counseling Week (Feb 7-11)

It's National School Counseling Week and BHS would be remiss to not mention that we have one of the best counselors in the state! Thank you Mr. Flowers for sharing your time and talents to help our students become better versions of themselves. We appreciate you!



Senior Information

2021-2022 Yearbook Information

Senior pictures for the yearbook need to be submitted to rphilip@buchananschools.com by February 14th, 2022.

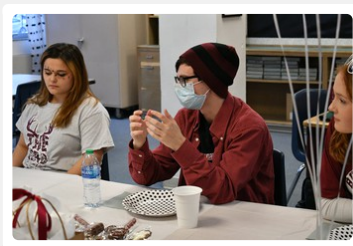
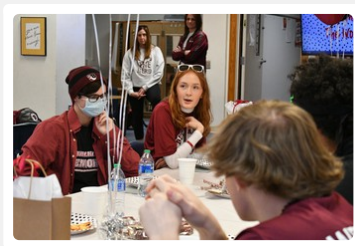
Students at Work and at Play!

The HERD is back!

Our Winterfest week was cut short due to snow days, but our BHS students still know how to dress up and show their spirit. Friday night, our BHS Herd and community celebrated Winterfest and hosted MHSAA as they came to watch and film our student section in the BOTF challenge. Congratulations to all our Winterfest Court winners. It was a memorable night with a great game and outstanding sportsmanship. What a great night in The Woods!



Our Herd leaders represented BHS well. Thanks to those student and staff leaders for bringing out the best in BHS! MHSAA voting for Battle of the Fans will begin soon. [Check out the MHSAA article and video on The HERD here](#) and follow The HERD on social media channels to find out up to date information on the competition and upcoming events.



The Herd - Buchanan Spirit Team
 January 24 at 10:15 AM · 🌐

THE HERD IS A BOTF X FINALIST! 🦌👏🙌 Way to go, Bucks! Huge shoutout to our students, Spirit Team, and Herd leaders. [MHSAA](#) will visit The Woods on Friday, February 4th... WINTERFEST! We hope to see you there. GO BUCKS!



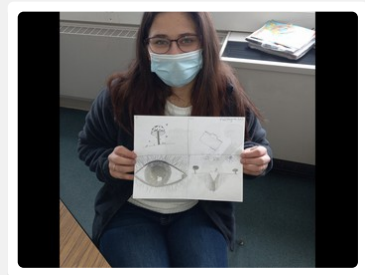
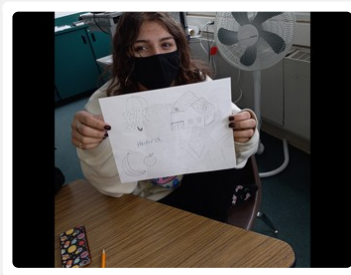
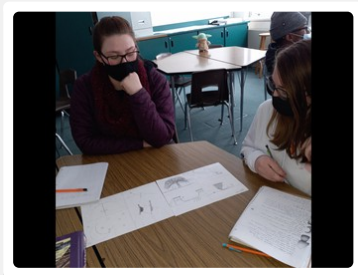
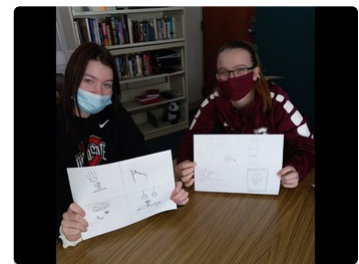
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Battle of the Fans X: Meet the Finalists
 EAST LANSING, Mich. – Jan.

👍❤️ 25 24 Shares

Intro to Psychology

Our Intro to Psychology students took the Torrance Tests of Creative Thinking to demonstrate how difficult assessing creative intelligence really is.



SAVE THE DATE!!!

- February 18 - NO SCHOOL
- February 21 - NO SCHOOL (President's Day)
- March 16 - NHS Induction & Academic Letter Awards

- March 18 - NO SCHOOL
- March 21 - 25 - Spring Break
- April 6 - Half Day (Hours 1-6) Dismissal at 11:00am
- April 15 - Half Day (Hours 1-6) Dismissal at 11:00am
- May 4 - Half Day (Hours 1-6) Dismissal at 11:00am
- May 18 - Last Day for Seniors
- May 22 - Baccalaureate
- May 27 - Commencement
- May 30 - NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)
- June 7 - Half Day Exams 1-3, Dismissal at 11:00am
- June 8 - Half Day Exams 4-6 Dismissal at 11:00am

[5 YEAR CALENDAR LINK](#)



Buchanan High School

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(option #2) Stacey DeMaio, Principal

Abby Cantu, Administrative Assistant

(option #1) Brian Pruett, Assistant Principal

Anna Smith, Administrative Assistant

Miranda Capron, Attendance & At-Risk Interventionist

Donna Southwell, Academic Interventionist


(option #4) Student Services


Brandon Flowers, Counselor

Jennifer Fiero, Administrative Assistant


(option #3) Mark Frey, CTE Director

(option #5) Karin Falkenstein, Special Education Director

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