

# BHS Bucks Principal's Update

MAY 2022



## DEAR BHS STUDENTS AND FAMILIES,

Can you believe it's May already? Our semester is wrapping up and our end of year celebrations have started. This week we celebrate our teachers. I have had the opportunity to work in a few schools in my career, and none of them compare to the support and dedication of our BHS teachers. They truly want what is best for students and will do whatever they can to help them succeed, not only in the classroom, but in life. Sometimes life lessons are hard, but our teachers are caring and compassionate and will work with students to bounce back from those tough lessons to go on to be more resilient and persistent humans. Please take the opportunity to help me celebrate our Buchanan teachers by reaching out to them and letting them know that you also appreciate them and their work with our students. We are blessed to have them, and wouldn't be the strong community we are without them making the difference in the lives of our children. #ThankATeacher

Mrs. DeMaio



# THANK YOU BUCHANAN TEACHERS!!

WE APPRECIATE  
EVERYTHING YOU DO  
FOR OUR STUDENTS

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*Teacher Appreciation Week 2022*

## SCHEDULING

Our counselor has visited each group of students in their class to help explain the scheduling process, options available, and answer questions about scheduling. Students have completed their course requests for next year. Our next step is loading those requests into PowerSchool. We anticipate students getting their schedules for next year in late May. While we do everything we can to create a schedule that works for students, staffing changes over the summer could greatly affect the schedule we create now. Students are encouraged to check their student emails often over the summer in case changes need to be made.

## ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Spring testing is almost over. AP tests are this week and our final assessments given will be 8th grade NWEA in Math and Reading as well as final course assessments the last week of school.



## SPRINGFEST AND SPRINGFLING

Springfest is here! BHS celebrates Spring and our various athletic teams and clubs all week and ends with a pep assembly that travels to all of our district schools. Dress-up on these days of the week, and best dressed will be announced at the pep assembly. We will also be hosting our first Spring Fling formal dance on Friday May 6th from 7 - 11. Students grades 9-12 are invited and **must be academically eligible to purchase a ticket (no more than one F)**. Tickets are on sale for \$12.00. Any student who will be bringing a guest must pick up and complete a guest form and submit it to the office for approval.

## SENIOR INFORMATION

ATTENTION SENIORS! Your time at BHS is rapidly coming to a close. Don't let procrastinating keep you from participating in all the graduation events coming up. [This senior newsletter](#) was sent to you with more details about how to end your year successfully, if you haven't read it yet, please do so. As always, visit the senior website for information regarding senior activities at [www.seniors.buchananschools.com](http://www.seniors.buchananschools.com)



Important Dates and times to add to your calendar:

May 5 - Senior Dinner (7pm) \$20 due to Mrs. Hess or Mrs. Neal by April 30

May 18 - Senior last day / Field day

May 22 - Baccalaureate (2pm)

May 23 - Honors Night (7pm)

May 27 - Graduation (7pm) Open to the public if weather permits an outdoor ceremony.





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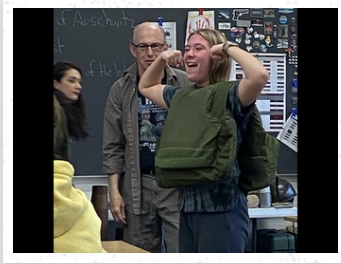
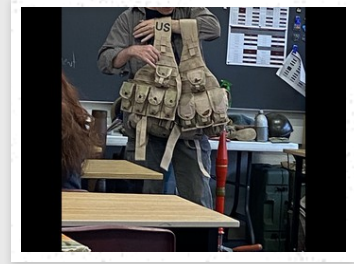
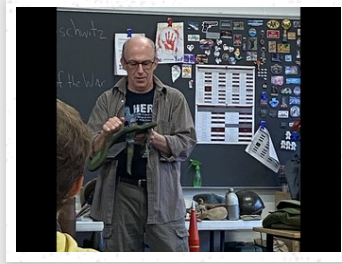
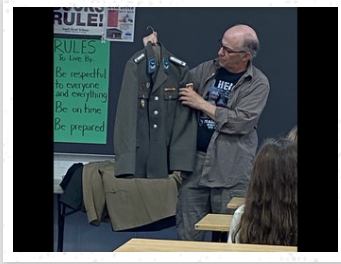
# *Class Of 2022*

May 27, 2022 / 7:00 pm  
Memorial Stadium

## STUDENTS AT WORK AND AT PLAY!

### US HISTORY COMES ALIVE FOR STUDENTS

Local historian and collector, Bruce Hipshear and daughter Chelsea were in the building to share his collection of World War 2 and other military memorabilia. Students were able to see examples of uniforms, learn about badges, ribbons, and medals, as well as about artillery, food rations, and other gear. Mr. Hipshear has been sharing his collection with our students for over seven years, and it's always a pleasure to see and feel his growing collection of history.



## ESPORTS

Our Rocket League Esports team has had another successful season this semester in the Southwest Michigan Esports League. The team finished with a perfect 7-0 record in the regular season (2nd time in the last 3 seasons). The Bucks are waiting on playoffs to compete as the number 1 seed and potentially winning their 3rd straight championship.



## ART EXHIBITION AWARDEES

Congratulations to these three students who placed in the Buchanan Art Center HS/MS Art Exhibition.



## RUBY

Carolyn Young  
2nd place



## LAURA

Ava Graham  
3rd place

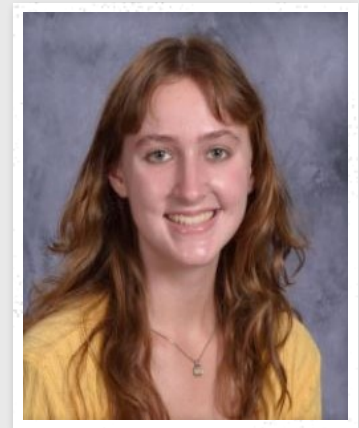


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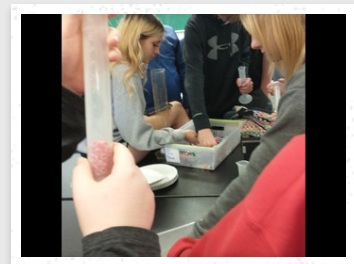
## STATE SOLO & ENSEMBLE - CHOIR

Congratulations to Audrey Leitz, a freshman, for earning a Division 1 rating at the State Solo and Ensemble for choir. Way to go Audrey!!



## 8TH GRADE SCIENCE

Mrs. Lentz' Earth Science students are modeling the layers of the atmosphere.







## SCIENCE OLYMPIAD STATE COMPETITION

Our Science Olympiad team traveled to Michigan State University this past weekend to compete. They had a great time learning and exploring campus!

## SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION

Buchanan High School will once again offer summer school for students grades 8-12 who need to recover credits due to failed courses over the year. This is a great opportunity for students to keep on pace and earn credits to be able to graduate with their class. The district has applied grant funds to help pay for this cost. Courses will be online using the Edmentum platform. All courses will be made available free of charge. Please visit the website at [www.buchananschools.com](http://www.buchananschools.com) for information and registration.

BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL



JUNE 13 - JULY 21

GRADES 8-12 WILL BE USING OUR ONLINE  
VIRTUAL COURSES TO RECOVER CREDIT WITH  
AN OPEN LAB FOR IN-PERSON WORKLOCATED  
AT BUCHANAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

**MONDAY - THURSDAY 8A-NOON**

VISIT [WWW.BUCHANANSCHOOLS.COM](http://WWW.BUCHANANSCHOOLS.COM) TO SIGN UP!

## ATHLETIC FUNDRAISER

We have partnered with **RXfundraising** and **Rite Aid** to establish a fundraising program that earns funds every time a registered participant fills a prescription or shops at their local Rite Aid using their Wellness+ Rewards Number.

The program is free for participants to use and Buchanan High School will receive funds at the end of each quarter based on the number of prescriptions filled and qualifying purchases that its registered participants make. By following these simple steps below, you can make a difference for our community.

All you have to do to get started is to click on our link and register:

[support.rxfundraising.com/BuchananHighSchoolAthletics](http://support.rxfundraising.com/BuchananHighSchoolAthletics)



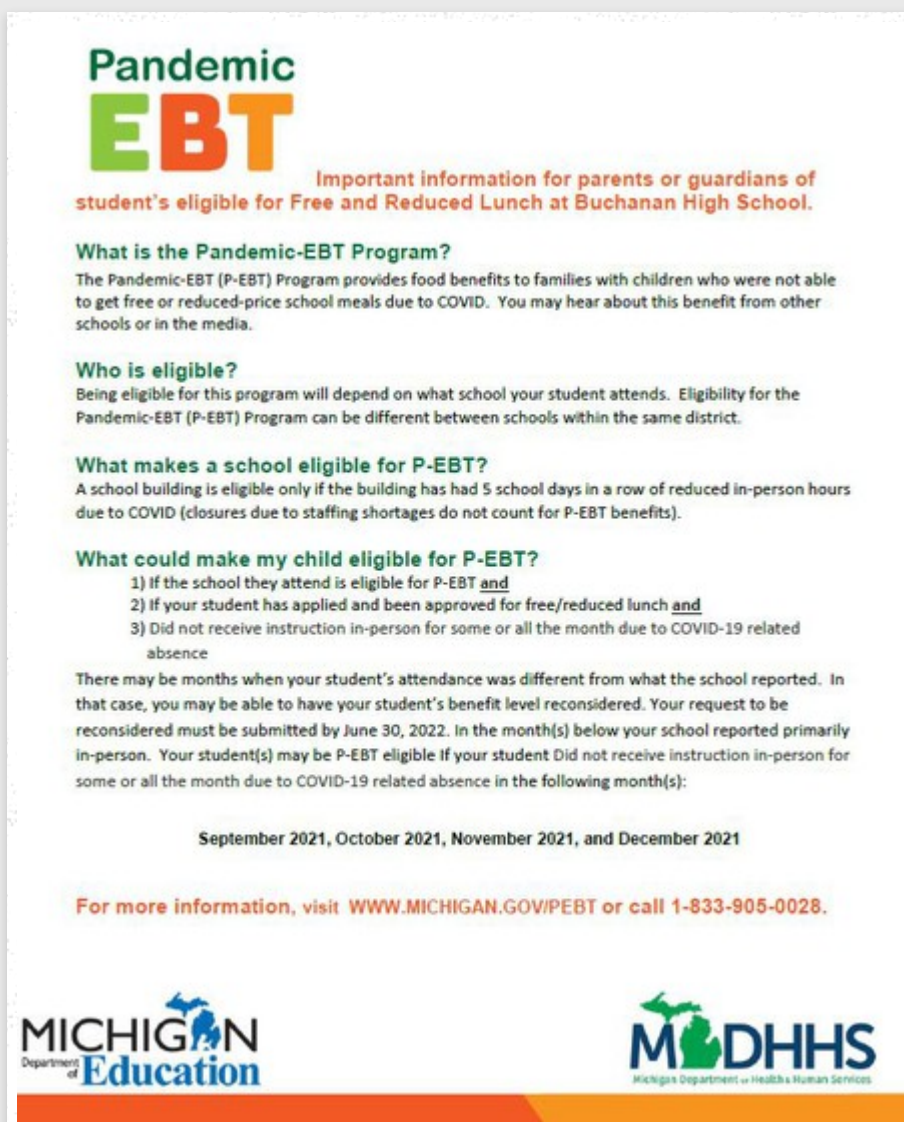
Once you have completed that, please make sure to register for a Rite Aid Wellness+ Rewards Number if you haven't done so already. Then, [transfer your existing prescriptions to Rite Aid](#) and start using your Rite Aid Wellness+ Rewards Number to accrue funds for us on prescriptions and qualifying purchases.

If you would like more information on how you can register you may email us at [mfrey@buchananschools.com](mailto:mfrey@buchananschools.com) or call us at (269) 695-8400 ext. 20026.

## SAVE THE DATE!!!

- May 4 - Half Day (Hours 1-6) Dismissal at 11:00am
- 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, Last Day of School

### [5 YEAR CALENDAR LINK](#)



**Pandemic EBT**

**Important information for parents or guardians of student's eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch at Buchanan High School.**

**What is the Pandemic-EBT Program?**  
The Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT) Program provides food benefits to families with children who were not able to get free or reduced-price school meals due to COVID. You may hear about this benefit from other schools or in the media.

**Who is eligible?**  
Being eligible for this program will depend on what school your student attends. Eligibility for the Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT) Program can be different between schools within the same district.

**What makes a school eligible for P-EBT?**  
A school building is eligible only if the building has had 5 school days in a row of reduced in-person hours due to COVID (closures due to staffing shortages do not count for P-EBT benefits).

**What could make my child eligible for P-EBT?**

- 1) If the school they attend is eligible for P-EBT and
- 2) If your student has applied and been approved for free/reduced lunch and
- 3) Did not receive instruction in-person for some or all the month due to COVID-19 related absence

There may be months when your student's attendance was different from what the school reported. In that case, you may be able to have your student's benefit level reconsidered. Your request to be reconsidered must be submitted by June 30, 2022. In the month(s) below your school reported primarily in-person. Your student(s) may be P-EBT eligible if your student Did not receive instruction in-person for some or all the month due to COVID-19 related absence in the following month(s):

**September 2021, October 2021, November 2021, and December 2021**

**For more information, visit [WWW.MICHIGAN.GOV/PEBT](http://WWW.MICHIGAN.GOV/PEBT) or call 1-833-905-0028.**

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*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*

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