

# Bulldog Blitz

December 2023



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## Get up to the minute news!



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**Principal**

[Yolanda Blakeney](#)

**Assistant Principals**

Grade 10 - [LaShaunda Pankey](#)

Grade 11 - [Phil Price](#)

Grade 12 - [Melissa Booth](#)

**Dean of Students**

Grade 9 - [Michael Dodson](#)



[facebook.com/butlerHS](https://facebook.com/butlerHS)



[butlerbulldawgs](#)



Instagram

[butler\\_high\\_school](#)

## Important December Dates

December 1-12:	Toy Drive
December 1-14:	Sand Hook Promise (14 days of Action)
December 4-6:	WorkKeys Testing
December 5:	Club Picture Day
December 7:	Winter Blood Drive
December 7- 9:	<i>Eurydice</i> Play in Mager Theater @ 7 PM
December 11-12:	Progress Reports go home
December 12:	Winter Chorus Concert @ 7-9 PM PTSO Spirit Night @ Crumbl Cookie
December 14:	Winter Band Concert @ 7-9 PM PTSO Spirit Night @ Jet's Pizza
December 19:	Senior Ads are Due to Yearbook
December 20-January 2:	No School (Winter Break)
January 3:	Students Return to School

## Testing Announcements

### **CTE WorkKeys Testing**

WorkKeys testing begins on 12.4.23 and those students impacted by this have received an email from Mr. Riley. They have also received a ParentSquare message and a paper letter in class.

### **\*SAVE THE DATE\* Final Exams**

Final exams for 4x4 classes will begin on January 18th.

# Nurse's Corner

## Supplies Needed!

The health room and student services are in need of the following items:

- Peanut Butter Crackers
- Granola bars
- Water bottles
- Gently used or new leggings
- Gently used or new hoodies
- Girls underwear
- Feminine pads

Items can be dropped off in the front office or health room.

# Announcements

## Attendance Matters

In order for students to learn and achieve to their fullest potential, it is critical that they attend school and are engaged in the learning process. Student absences, whether excused or unexcused, impact a child's ability to succeed in school. Missing 10 percent, or about 18 days, of the school year can drastically affect a student's academic success. How can you help?



- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day, make that the expectation.
- Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day.
- Don't let your child stay home unless they are truly sick. Complaints of headaches or stomach aches may be signs of anxiety.

Here at Butler we are committed to removing barriers that prevent students from attending school regularly. If you are in need of assistance please contact our social worker, Mrs. Corzine at 980-343-6300 or by e-mail at [caroline1.corzine@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:caroline1.corzine@cms.k12.nc.us) for further support. Let's commit to excellence by partnering together to ensure that all students are in school on time, every day!

# Announcements

## Final Exam Exemption Policy

- In order to be considered for exam exemption, a student must either have an **A for the F1 grade and no more than 3 absences** (excused and unexcused) **OR a B for the F1 grade with no more than 1 absence** (excused or unexcused).
- To be exempt from the 1st semester final exam (non-state/EOC) all makeup work must be turned in by January 12, 2024 by 11:59 PM. Make-up work may be turned in after the 12th but will not count towards exam exemption.
- Students are still responsible for all new assignments on Tuesday, January 16 and Wednesday, January 17th. Failure to complete these assignments could drop a student's grades and remove exam exemption.
- The final day for any make-up work to be submitted for a grade is 1/19/24.
- The exam exemption does not apply to A/B midterm exams that will take place in January. **All A/B students must be present for exams in January.**
- The 2023-2024 CMS Grading Policy can be found [here](#).

# Interested in playing

**Men's**  
  
**TENNIS ?**

**Please see Coach Heisler in Room 505.**

# Announcements

## Free Tutoring for All CMS Students

All CMS students have access to 10 hours per week of free virtual tutoring in English and Spanish, through [Tutor.com](https://www.tutor.com), a digital resource available through ONE Access resources provisioned by the public library. Tutoring is available from 3-12 pm, every day of the week. Students may also upload a paper and receive feedback from a tutor within 24 hours and this may be done anytime, including during the school day. Students log into ONE Access (and Tutor.com) through the Student Portal. Information about how to log in and how to upload a paper for feedback are included below:

- [ONE Access login information](#)
- [How to upload a paper to Tutor.com](#)

## Seniors - Time to Order Caps & Gowns

Please make sure to order your cap and gowns ASAP at <https://hjcharlotte.com>

How to Order:

- Go to: <https://hjcharlotte.com>
- Click HS Cap & Gown/Grad Supplies
- Click Shop All Caps and Gowns
- Select Butler High School in Matthews NC
- Shop Grad Products
- Under Graduation A La Carte, you can find the Cap, Gown, & Tassel Unit at the Bottom
- DO NOT WAIT! ORDER NOW!

## Mid-Year Graduation Information

Mid-Year graduation will take place on **Thursday, February 8, 2024** at Bojangles Coliseum.

The time has not been set yet, but it will be in the late afternoon or early evening. There is no rehearsal for this ceremony.

## Spring 2024 Graduation Information

Graduation will take place on **Monday, June 10th at 3:30 PM.**

The graduation will take place at Bojangles Coliseum.

Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal will take place on Wednesday, June 5th from 4:00- 5:30 PM.



# Announcements from Yearbook

## Families of Seniors, Time is running out!

Celebrate your awesome graduating Senior by purchasing a senior ad. in the school yearbook. This is a great spot to feature family pictures and words of encouragement as your student embarks on their next adventure. Go to [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com) to purchase your ad. along with the school yearbook.

It's EASY! All you have to do is submit the photos and any text, and our staff will do the rest! \*see sample below. Our yearbook staff will design your ad. and send you proofs for approval later in the year. The final purchase date for Senior Ads is Dec. 19. [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com)

Included photography should be limited to the following numbers for ads...

- Full Page (1 dominant photo, 4-7 supporting photos, w/ narrative)
- 1/2 Page (1 dominant photo, 3-5 supporting photos, w/ narrative)
- 1/4 Page (1 dominant photo, 2-3 supporting photos, w/ narrative)
- 1/8 page (1 dominant photo, 1 supporting photo, w/ quote)
- 1/16 page (1 photo, w/ student name)

*All narratives and photography must comply with CMS Board Policy, the CMS Student Code of Conduct, and Butler school rules to be included in the yearbook. The yearbook staff reserves the right to make any appropriate edits to text or photography for design purposes.*

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mr. Rusk via email, [steven1.rusk@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:steven1.rusk@cms.k12.nc.us)



## Submit your own photos for consideration into the yearbook!

This year, the Butler Community can submit photos to be considered for publishing in the school yearbook via YEARBOOK SNAP. Use the link below. The school access code is butleryearbook24

<https://yb360.walworthyearbooks.com/login/webBannerRedirect.html?snap=1-BI-21&schoolstore=>

Announcements from Yearbook

**BUY**

**THRU 1/25**

**YOUR**

**YEARBOOK!**

¡El tiempo se  
agota, compra tu  
anuario escolar!

**\$85**

**YEARBOOKFOREVER.COM**

*SENIORS - PLEASE CONTACT A YEARBOOK  
STAFF MEMBER TO BUY A SENIOR AD!!*

**Por favor contacta al personal del anuario  
para comprar un anuncio de graduación.**



# Announcements from the Theater Dept.

**BUTLER THEATRE**

**PRESENTS**

# EURYDICE

BY SARAH RUHL

**MAGER AUDITORIUM**

1810 MATTHEWS-MINTHILL RD  
MATTHEWS, NC 28105

**TICKETS:**  
\$10: RESERVED SEATING  
\$5: ALL STUDENTS  
FREE FOR CMS EMPLOYEES

**ONLINE SALES ONLY**  
IN ADVANCE OR AT THE DOOR

## DECEMBER 7TH - 9TH @ 7PM



# Announcements from DREAM Team

BHS SAVE Promise Club and DREAM Team host



## 14 DAYS OF ACTION

*14 Days. 14 Actions.*

**Fri Dec 1**

**Ring a  
Friend Grams**

(Write a Message To Your  
Friend & DREAM Team will  
deliver it!)



**Sat Dec 2**

**What Staff  
Member Are You  
Grateful For?  
Fill Out Our Poll!**

@dream\_team\_bhs



**Sun Dec 3**

**Is There a Loved  
One You Are  
Thankful For?  
Fill Out Our Poll!**

@dream\_team\_bhs



**Mon Dec 4**

**Take What You  
Need Flyer!  
Flyers Posted  
Around School.**



**Tue Dec 5**

**Celebrate The  
Promise Lunchtime  
Games!**



**Wed Dec 6**

**Gun Safety  
and Violence  
Presentation**

Teachers Sign-Up  
by Dec. 4th  
<https://bit.ly/46mXtFl>

**Thur Dec 7**

**Wear Orange  
To Show Your  
Stance  
Against Gun  
Violence!**

**Fri Dec 8**

**Dessert Bar For  
Butler Security  
Guards and  
Resource Officers**



**Sat Dec 9**

**Self-Care Tips!  
Check Out  
@dream\_team\_bhs  
And Fill Out Our Poll!**



**Sun Dec 10**

**Instagram  
Challenge!  
Tag 10 People You  
Are Grateful For!  
#10thDayOfAction  
@dream\_team\_bhs**

**Mon Dec 11**

**Do a Good  
Deed!  
Do Something Good  
Today and Post it!  
Tag us  
@dream\_team\_bhs**

**Tue Dec 12**

**Last Day To  
Donate To The  
Toy Drive**



**Wed Dec 13**

**Sign a Virtual  
Card In Memory  
of the Lives  
Taken by Gun  
Violence!**

<https://bit.ly/3uibTZU>

**Thur Dec 14**

**Wear Green  
In Remembrance  
of Victims of  
Sandy Hook**

*Share your experiences and  
encourage others to join!*

#SandyHookPromise and  
tag @dream\_team\_bhs on  
Instagram  
#HonorWithAction  
#SandyHookPromise



# Announcements from DREAM Team



## MATTHEWS GIVES BACK

# SUPPORT THE HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

### NOVEMBER 20 - DECEMBER 12

Matthews Help Center is accepting holiday toys and gift cards for their gift-giving program. Help support local families in need and provide holiday gifts for their children.



## TOYS FOR AGES 0-12 & GIFT CARDS FOR AGES 13+

(TARGET, ULTA, WALMART, ETC.)

### DROP OFF ALL DONATIONS TO ROOM 406 OR ROOM 511

**Thank you for all your  
support!**



**-The Student Government**

# Announcements from CTE

Butler High students participated in the CTE Trades Career Fair during lunch on November 20th.

Thank you to all the companies who participated and taught students about the Trades Industry!



# Congratulations!

**Congratulations to the newly inducted National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) members!!**



Join one or more of our Virtual Events to help support your emotional and mental health!

## December 2023 Schedule

### >> Dec 5 @ 5:00 pm. Managing Anxiety During the Holidays

Target Audience: Middle School

Link to Register: <https://bit.ly/3T3qT8i>

### >> Dec 7 @ 5:00. Managing Anxiety During the Holidays

Target Audience: High School

Link to Register: <https://bit.ly/3t6XHCH>

### >> Dec 12 @ 5:00. What To Do When the Holidays Look Different

Target Audience: Middle School

Link to Register: <https://bit.ly/47NK0aK>

### >> Dec 14 @ 5:00. What To Do When the Holidays Look Different

Target Audience: High School

Link to Register: <https://bit.ly/3T6lopE>

### >> Dec 19 @ 5:00. Ways to Stay Connected Over Winter Break

Target Audience: Middle School

Link to Register: <https://bit.ly/3TcgW8y>

### >> Dec 21 @ 5:00. Ways to Stay Connected Over Winter Break

Target Audience: High School

Link to Register: <https://bit.ly/3Nc57LV>



SPARC is pleased to present these virtual trainings through the support of MeckHope. These groups are open to any school aged youth in Mecklenburg County.

- Registration is required. The groups are limited to 8 individuals.
- Click on the link to register to register to attend any event you're interested in. Registration closes 2 hours prior to an event beginning.
- Parent/Guardian consent is required for any youth to participate. The link to the consent form is included with the registration. You only need to complete the consent one time, not for each group attended.
- If you register for an event and we do not have the completed consent form 2 hours prior to the event, you will be contacted by the facilitator and will not be allowed to join the event.
- Each month, there will be a new series of group topics to choose from.
- You can participate in as many groups as you wish
- Contact us at [sparcreferrals@thesparcnetwork.net](mailto:sparcreferrals@thesparcnetwork.net) with any questions

CMS & TEEN HEALTH  
CONNECTION PRESENT....

# Building Healthy Connections

BETWEEN PARENTS  
& KIDS

JOIN US....

12 NOON-1PM

• *Oct. 3rd*

## "Supporting your Teen's Behavioral Health"

We will explore strategies to promote your teen's wellbeing, review warning signs your teen might be dealing with mental health issues, and when and where to ask for help

• *Dec. 5th*

## "Teens and Technology- Finding the Balance"

Parents will review the most recent information from leading experts regarding teens and their relationship with technology.



Sign up:

[bit.ly/CMSTeen](https://bit.ly/CMSTeen)

**FREE  
VIRTUAL  
EVENTS**

\*\*Virtual links will be emailed the day prior to each training\*\*

For more information

Kris Hawkins

(704)381-8333

CONEXIÓN DE CMS Y TEEN  
HEALTH PRESENTE....

# Construyendo Conexiones Saludables

ENTRE PADRES Y  
ADOLESCENTES

ÚNETE A NOSOTROS EN  
ESPAÑOL

12-1 HORAS

4 de Octubre

"Apoyando la  
salud  
conductual de  
su hijo  
adolescente"

Exploraremos estrategias para promover el bienestar de su adolescente, revisaremos las señales de advertencia de que su adolescente podría estar lidiando con problemas de salud mental y cuándo y dónde pedir ayuda.

6 de Diciembre

"Adolescentes y  
tecnología: encontrar  
el equilibrio"

Los padres revisarán la información más reciente de los principales expertos sobre los adolescentes y su relación con la tecnología.

Inscripcion:  
[bit.ly/CMSTeen](https://bit.ly/CMSTeen)



EVENTOS  
VIRTUALES  
GRATUITOS

\*\*\*Los enlaces de Zoom se enviarán por correo electrónico al día antes de cada entrenamiento\*\*\*

Para más información:

Kris Hawkins  
(704)381-8333



# Congratulations!

## College Bound!

We want to celebrate our seniors. If your senior received an acceptance letter from any 2 or 4 year college, trade school, military acceptance papers, or scholarship awards, please use the link below to submit letters. We want to celebrate them!

<https://bit.ly/bhcelebrate>



Christopher McDevitt  
UNC Charlotte

Johanna Peck  
Chowan University\*\*  
Elizabeth City State  
Fayetteville State  
Gardner-Webb University\*\*  
University of Mount Olive\*\*  
UNC Charlotte  
Western Carolina University\*\*

Tori Regehr  
UNC Greensboro

Ava Williams  
Roanoke College\*\*  
Hood Hargett Breakfast Club  
Scholarship

\*\*Scholarships have been awarded

# Support Butler PTSO



## Please re-link your Harris Teeter VIC Cards!

**Cards are not automatically re-linked. Program runs August 1st—May 31st .**

By linking your Harris Teeter VIC card to **Butler High School PTSO (#1243)**, we will earn a percentage of your Harris Teeter purchases.

### There are three ways to link your card:

1. Go directly to the Harris Teeter website and follow their instructions:

Click here: [Harris Teeter VIC Link](#).

2. Ask a cashier at Harris Teeter to link your VIC number to #1243

3. Go to **Pay4SchoolStuff.com** , *Login to your account/Click on your student name/select VIC-card/Enter your information.*

Click here: [Pay4SchoolStuff](#)

## The Publix Partner program has changed!!



**You do not need to carry the card.**

Click here to sign up: <https://www.publix.com>

- Click on Sign Up to create an account.
- After your email address is confirmed, scroll down to Select a School
- Enter *Butler High School PTS*
- When you shop, mention your phone number to the cashier at checkout.



## Amazon Smile

**Only purchases at smile.Amazon.com (not Amazon.com or the mobile app) support charity.**

When you first log onto [Smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), select David W. Butler High School PTSO in Matthews as your charity. A percentage of your purchase is donated to Butler.