

Bulldog Blitz

BUTLER HIGH
SCHOOL



January 2025



Upcoming January Events

January 16	1st Block Exam (Dismissal @ 12:30)
January 17	2nd Block Exam (Dismissal @ 12:30)
January 20	MLK Day- No School
January 21	3rd Block Exam (Dismissal @ 12:30)
January 22	4th Block Exam (Dismissal @ 12:30)
January 23	Make-Up Exam Day
January 24	Teacher Workday- No School
January 27	First Day of 2nd Semester

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 facebook.com/butlerHS

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 [butler_high_school](https://instagram.com/butler_high_school)

[Student/Parent Handbook](#)

Principal:

[Yolanda Blakeney](#)

Assistant

Principals:

[Melissa Booth](#)

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[Michael Dodson](#)

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Midterm and Final Exam Dates and Times for Semester One 2024-25

Final Exam Schedule (4x4)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Time</u>
1.16.2025	1	7:15 - 12:30
1.17.2025	2	7:15 - 12:30
1.21.2025	3	7:15 - 12:30
1.22.2025	4	7:15 - 12:30
1.23.2025	Make-up	7:15 - 12:30

- Each day students will report to class by 7:15 to begin testing at 7:30 am and end at 12:30pm.
- Students will report to their assigned block (A Day) or testing location and remain there until an announcement is made for the end of testing, or until they are dismissed to their B Day midterm.
- There will be no early dismissals January 16-23, 2025.
- An announcement will be made for students to pick up a grab and go lunch prior to afternoon dismissal.
- All late arrivals and non testing students will report to the cafeteria.

Midterm Exam Schedule (A/B Day)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Time</u>
1.16.2025	1A	7:15 - 9:50
1.16.2025	1B	9:56 - 12:30
1.17.2025	2A	7:15 - 9:50
1.17.2025	2B	9:56 - 12:30
1.21.2025	3A	7:15 - 9:50
1.21.2025	3B	9:56 - 12:30
1.22.2025	4A	7:15 - 9:50
1.22.2025	4B	9:56 - 12:30
1.23.2025	Make-up (with focus on final exams first)	7:15 - 12:30

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Butler High School Fall Exam Guidance

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 4x4 (1st Semester) final exams (non-state/EOC*), all makeup work must be turned in by **January 10, 2025, by 11:59 PM**. Make-up work may be turned in after the assigned deadline but will not count towards exam exemption. Students are still responsible for all new assignments and attendance after the deadline, failure to complete these assignments or attend class could remove exam exemption.

The final day for any make-up work to be submitted for a grade is January 15, 2025 (mandated and non-state mandated exams).

**EOC Courses that can not be exempted - Biology, English II, Math 1, Math 3, and CTE Courses*

- Parents and Students should receive a Parent Square Message if they are exempt from an exam no later than January 13th.
- Attendance will be taken daily (January 16-23)- Students who are absent will be marked as having an unexcused absence unless their reason meets the district policy for an excused absence and proper documentation is submitted. Per the district, this applies to students who have been exempted from an exam(s) and are not present in class during the exam block(s).

January 16th - 23rd Bell Schedule Exams/Midterms

7:15 to 12:30 Final Exams (4x4)

7:15 to 9:50 AM - A Day Midterm

9:50 to 9:56 - Transition to B Day

9:56 to 12:30 - B Day Midterm

Graduation Updates

Mid-Year Graduation Information

- Mid-Year graduation is **Thursday, February 6th, 2025** at Bojangles Coliseum.
- The time is 4 PM.
- There is no rehearsal for this ceremony.

Spring Graduation Information

- June graduation is **Monday, June 16, 2025 at 3:30 PM**. The graduation will take place at Bojangles Coliseum.
- Rehearsal for the June graduation will take place on Tuesday, June 10th, 2025 at 5:30. Rehearsal will take place at Bojangles Coliseum.
- June graduates need to order their caps and gowns by January 31st.

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**, 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**

Other Tutor.com offerings:

Prepare for a test

- Connect with a tutor
- Prep for the SAT/ACT
 - Full length practice tests
 - Detailed score reports
 - Engaging video lessons
 - Powerful practice drills
- Prep for Advanced Placement Tests
 - AP Biology, AP Calculus, AP U.S. History, & AP World History

Get Help Finding a Job

- Connect with a career coach
- Drop off a resume for review
- Search online job resources



SENIORS!!



CAP & GOWN ORDERING
IS NOW AVAILABLE
ONLINE AT
WWW.HJCHARLOTTE.COM

Your Senior year is a celebration of your High School career and Herff Jones is here to help you celebrate! Although your graduation isn't until June, this event takes planning and preparation by your school, Herff Jones, and You! We ask that all Cap and Gown, Class of 2025 Wearables, and Graduation Announcement orders are placed by **January 31st, 2025**. Orders placed after this date may not arrive in time for pictures, banquets and awards ceremonies. Late orders may also incur extra fees.



Caps and Gowns are custom made for you specific to height and weight. It is very important that your height and weight are entered correctly on your order. If either one is inaccurate your gown will not fit.

All Senior Items including the Cap and Gown will be delivered at school in the Spring. These dates will be set by the school and announced in February.

Please email
hjcharlotte@herffjones.com
with any questions.





SENIOR CLASS OF '25

portraits & yearbook to-do's

- SCHEDULE A SENIOR PORTRAIT**, due 11/07/24
 - photo options available through Prestige Portraits, Indian Trail, NC
 - Butler tux/drape sessions (no charge; sign up online for a slot) 8/14/24 or 11/07/24
- PURCHASE A SENIOR AD. IN THE YEARBOOK**, due 12/01/24
- PURCHASE A YEARBOOK**, due 1/25/25
 - early bird special available in August
- CAP & GOWN PICTURES**, event hosted by Butler on 2/07/25
 - no fee, sign up required, more to come in January
 - CMS also takes pictures during commencement (no sign up required)

Contact Mr. Rusk via email with any senior portrait or yearbook questions.

steven1.rusk@cms.k12.nc.us



14 DAYS OF ACTION RECAP

DECEMBER 1-14, 2025

Monday, Dec 2nd:
Do a Good Deed!

14 Days of Action signifies good deeds that we can do in our everyday lives to bring positive change in our community, in order to honor the lives that are lost due to gun violence every day.



Students completed good deeds, passed along their ticket and the winning ticket was drawn for a prize!

Wednesday, Dec 4th:
Wear Orange!



#WearOrange
#EndGunViolence



@dream_team_bhs
BHS DREAM Team and SAVE Promise Club host

14 DAYS OF ACTIONS

Sandy Hook PROMISE

Sun Dec 1 Instagram Challenge! Tag 10 People You Are Grateful For! @dream_team_bhs	Mon Dec 2 Do a Good Deed! Watch for tickets being passed around the school. Get the ticket and pass it along while showing a good deed! @dream_team_bhs	Tue Dec 3 What staff member are you grateful for? 	Wed Dec 4 WEAR ORANGE To Show Your Stance Against Gun Violence!
Thur Dec 5 Ring-a-Friend Gram! Write a kind message to a friend. DREAM Team will deliver it!	Fri Dec 6 Toy Drive! Donate a toy to support Matthews Help Center.	Sat Dec 7 Self-Care Day! Tag: @dream_team_bhs	Sun Dec 8 Who is your trusted adult? Respond to the Instagram poll and shout out a trusted adult!
Mon Dec 9 Challenge: Talk to 5 new people! (Reach out to others and start a conversation.)	Tue Dec 10 Dessert Bar For Butler Security Guards and Resource Officers	Wed Dec 11 Homeroom Presentation (Watch the Team Talk in homerooms)	Thur Dec 12 WEAR GREEN In Remembrance of Victims of Sandy Hook
Fri Dec 13 Celebrate Life with Lunchtime Games! Last Day To Donate	Sat Dec 14 Make a Commitment to Live Violence Free #HonorWithAction	Share your experiences and encourage others to join! Tag @dream_team_bhs and #SandyHookPromise #HonorWithAction 	

Tuesday, Dec 5th:
Ring-a-Friend Gram!



Students wrote kind messages to their friends encouraging them to be awesome and showcasing their support for them!

14 DAYS OF ACTION RECAP

DECEMBER
1-14, 2023

Thursday, Dec 12th:
Wear Green



Wear green in support of the Sandy Hook Promise.

Friday, Dec 6th: Toy Drive

MATTHEWS GIVES BACK
SUPPORT THE HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE
NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 13
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

Butler students and staff donated toys to help support *Matthews Gives Back* Holiday program.

Thursday, Dec 10th:
Dessert Bar



As a Thank You, DREAM Team set up a dessert bar, along with lunch provided by Mrs. Wilson, for Butler's security and resource officers.

Wednesday, Dec 11th:
Team Talk Presentation

READY

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UiM4qz4KFWJOZHAtAabmAAiFfdUTp9jD/view?usp=sharing>



Sandy Hook PROMISE

I took action to
End
Gun
Violence

You can too. Text KNOW to 79775.



Members of Butler's DREAM Team and SAVE Promise Club had the privilege of assisting with *Matthews Gives Back* Holiday Program.



Happy Holidays from Butler's DREAM Team!
@dream_team_bhs



THE PAWPRINT RETURNS SPRING '25



SCAN ME

100 Donations in 100 Days!
We need YOU!!!

Please consider donating to the **Butler "Paw Print,"** published by Butler's *Quill & Scroll* (Journalism Honors Society), in conjunction with Yearbook, the Book Club, the Creative Writing Club, and National Art Honors Society.

The "**Paw Print**" is the school literary magazine and highlights excellence in student-made prose, poetry, and art. Your donation will help to publish the literary magazine for Spring sales. Proceeds will then be donated to our supporting student clubs and be used for next year's publishing cycle.

Donors will receive a shout-out inside the "Paw Print." We appreciate your support of our Butler Bulldogs! Any donation is greatly appreciated!

Sponsorship Levels

- Top Dog - \$100
- Man's Best Friend - \$50
- Happy Tails - \$20
- Companion - \$10

Congratulations!

College Bound!

We want to celebrate our Butler Seniors. If your Senior received an acceptance letter from any 2 or 4 year college, trade school, military acceptance papers, or scholarship awards, please have your student use the link below on their CMS Chromebook to complete the Google Form and attach their letter of acceptance. We want to celebrate them and post their name along with the school name on the College Board in the Main Hallway! The more the merrier!

<https://bit.ly/bhcelebrate>

**=Scholarships



Bryce Davis

University of Tennessee**

Jack Moran

UNC Charlotte

University of South Carolina**

Alana Rabon

Methodist University**

Davis Walker

Appalachian State University

Student Services Resources



Senior Appointment
Calendar



Common Black College
Application



Common Application



Federal Student Aid



Senior Brag Sheet



Student Services
Website



Residency
Determination Service



Herff Jones : Cap&Gown



Khan Academy



College Board SAT
Practice



Free ACT Practice Test &
Resources



Parent Power School



StudentSquare



ParentSquare

FREE dental cleanings, exams, and fluoride treatment.

Give Kids A Smile Day!



MECKLENBURG COUNTY
North Carolina
Public Health



Healthier Smiles for a Healthier Tomorrow!



Saturday, February 8th

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Doors open at 9:00am

**Central Piedmont Community College
Worrell Building Gymnasium at
1228 Elizabeth Ave, Charlotte, 28204**

Central Piedmont Community College in partnership with Mecklenburg County Public Health hosts Give Kids A Smile Day to offer free dental cleanings, exams, and fluoride treatment to ensure optimal oral health among Mecklenburg County residents.

Health.MeckNC.gov/SMILE | GKAS@MeckNC.gov

¡Limpiezas dentales, exámenes y tratamientos con fluoruro GRATUITOS!

Give Kids a Smile Day!

(¡Día para Darle una Sonrisa a los Niños!)

¡Sonrisas más saludables para un mañana más saludable!



MECKLENBURG COUNTY
North Carolina
Public Health



El sábado 8 de febrero

10:00 a.m. a 2:00 p.m.

Las puertas se abren
a las 9:00 a.m.

Central Piedmont Community College
Gimnasio del edificio Worrell en
1228 Elizabeth Ave, Charlotte, 28204

Central Piedmont Community College, en asociación con el Departamento de Salud Pública del Condado de Mecklenburg, organiza el evento "Give Kids A Smile Day" para ofrecer limpiezas dentales, exámenes y tratamientos con fluoruro gratuitos para garantizar una salud bucal óptima entre los residentes del Condado de Mecklenburg.

Health.MeckNC.gov/SMILE | GKAS@MeckNC.gov

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.



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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.