

# Bulldog Blitz

BUTLER HIGH  
SCHOOL



October 2024



## Upcoming October Events

October 3-4:	No School (Teacher Workday)
October 9:	Homecoming Movie Night
October 10:	Homecoming Football Game
October 12:	Homecoming Dance @ 7 PM
October 22:	PSAT Test (10th and 11th Graders)
October 24:	Make-Up Picture Day for underclassmen
October 29:	Midterms (4x4 classes) FAFSA/ Parent Night (6PM in auditorium)
October 30:	Early Release Day (Dismissal at 11:15 AM) Midterms (4x4 classes)
November 6:	PreACT (10th Graders)

Principal:  
Yolanda Blakeney

Assistant

Principals:

Melissa Booth

Last names A-Est

Michael Dodson

Last names Ev-Le

LaShaunda Pankey

Last names Li-Rit

Phil Price

Last names Riv-Z

## Get Up to the Minute News!

[Butler's Website](#)

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

[School Calendar](#)

 [butlerbulldawgs](https://twitter.com/butlerbulldawgs)

[Our Athletic Page](#)

 [butler\\_high\\_school](https://www.instagram.com/butler_high_school)

[Student/Parent Handbook](#)

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## A Note from the Cafeteria

### **Students Without Meal Money**

All students must have an approved meal application, cash or money on account to make lunch purchases. Procedures are in place for all school students who do not have money to receive a complete lunch. The price of the lunch will be charged to the student's account. The student will be asked to return any extra items on his/her tray to the cashier.

Parents will be notified of balances due and are responsible for payment. If payment is not received within 10 days of the date of the notice, the matter will be referred to the school principal for further action.

**\*High school students are not allowed to go into the negative to purchase any food items. There is a "no charge" policy in high schools. High school lunch is \$3.00.\***

At the beginning of the school year or during the school year, if a student moves from a CEP school to a school that is not CEP the parent must complete a meal application within 30 days to be considered for meal benefits.

Students will need to have money for meals if an approved meal application is not on file.

### **Adding Money On Accounts**

Parents are encouraged to place money in their student's accounts in advance. Advance payment allows the cafeteria to provide the most efficient service to all customers.

Money may be placed in your student's account for the convenience of purchasing extra items for students.

### **Signing up for PAYPAMS**

Step 1: Register with PAMS: With [paypams.com](http://paypams.com) or You can also call 1-877-726-7586.

Step 2: Choose your Payment Options: Make manual payments at your convenience or set up automatic payments.

Step 3: Make a Payment: Pay by credit or VISA logo debit card. You will receive an immediate confirmation that your payment has been received. Payments take 24 to 48 hours to post to your student's account at their school cafeteria.

**To apply for Free/ Reduced School Lunch, click [here!](#)**

## A Note from Student Services

Please partner with us to make sure your scholar is in school on time, every day. If you need assistance please contact your school counselor, social worker, or administrator for further support.

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

**When a student misses **2** days a month..**

They will miss **20 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **30 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **1 YEAR** of school by graduation.

**When a student misses **4** days a month..**

They will miss **40 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **120 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **2 YEARS** of school by graduation.

## Counselor Corner Hot Takes

### **Senior Meeting will be held September 23 - October 31**

Seniors will schedule a 1:1 meeting with their identified counselor to discuss graduation requirements and post-high school plans. Students received instructions on 9/18 on how to make their appointments.

### **Transcripts**

Counselors start sending out transcripts beginning Sept. 18, 2024. Students must submit a request in Naviance.

### **Senior Cap and Gowns**

Cap and gowns can be ordered through Herff Jones. Card payment only, NO CASH.  
\*See flyer on the next page\*

### **Credit Recovery Expectations**

Students taking more than one credit recovery class on Edgenuity are expected to complete the 1st class by November 1.

## A Note from Yearbook

### **Yearbook - Senior Ads**

Purchase our award-winning Senior Ads. to celebrate that special senior in your life. You submit the writing and the pictures, and our yearbook staff does the rest.... did we mention our ads. were award winning?! Please purchase your senior ad. along with the yearbook at [yearbooksforever.com](http://yearbooksforever.com) .

Due by 12/01.



# SENIORS!!



CAP & GOWN ORDERING  
IS NOW AVAILABLE  
ONLINE AT  
[WWW.HJCHARLOTTE.COM](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:steven1.rusk@cms.k12.nc.us)

# START WITH HELLO WEEK RECAP 2024



*September 16-20*

## What is Start With Hello Week?

Start With Hello Week is a national call to action week started by the Sandy Hook Promise. It is a campaign to celebrate kindness, connection, inclusion, and connections among youth.

## How To Take Action!

- Step 1. SEE SOMEONE ALONE**
- Step 2. REACH OUT AND HELP**
- Step 3. START WITH HELLO**

### *Wednesday, Sept. 18* Homeroom Bingo!



Our Co-Captains led homerooms through a game of virtual bingo that included facts about SWHW.

### *Thursday, Sept. 19* Lunch Games and Messages!



Students wrote encouraging messages for their classmates and engaged in fun games outside during lunch!

### *Monday, Sept. 16* SWEET TREATS



Students received candy with encouraging messages to begin Start With Hello Week!



Special thanks to Butler's Student Government (SGA) for their support!



Special thanks to Coach Deeg and the Unified Club for their participation!



Follow @dream\_team\_bhs on Instagram

# 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 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



CMS & TEEN HEALTH  
CONNECTION PRESENT....

# Building Healthy Connections

BETWEEN PARENTS  
& KIDS

JOIN US....

12 NOON-1PM

• *Sept. 24th*

## "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

• *Oct. 22nd*

## "Through Their Eyes"

Understanding Teen Challenges from Their perspective. Gain a better understanding of how the issues teens facing today impact their physical and mental health.

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 PRESENTA....

# Construyendo Conexiones Saludables

ENTRE PADRES Y  
ADOLESCENTES

ÚNETE A NOSOTROS EN  
ESPAÑOL

HORAS DE 12-1 PM

29 de Octubre  
"Apoyando la  
salud conductual  
de su hijo  
adolescente"

Aperitivos y  
bebidas

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.

- Premios de puerta

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



EVENTOS  
GRATUITOS

\*\*Escuela secundaria

Eastway

1501 Norland Rd, Charlotte,

NC 28205\*

Para más información:

Kris Hawkins

(704)381-8333

# Too sick for school? Here's how to tell...

When your child is not feeling well, deciding whether to send them to school or keep them home can be difficult. Here are some simple guidelines to help make that decision a little easier. If you have more questions, don't hesitate to contact your physician.

In most cases, your child should not be at school if they have the following symptoms:

 <p><b>I have a cough and other cold symptoms</b> Sore throat, cough, fever, congestion, runny nose <b>To return to school:</b> The fever returns to normal for 24 hours without medication to lower it.</p>	 <p><b>I have a rash</b> Unknown rashes or skin lesions, with oozing, drainage, or fever <b>To return to school:</b> Your child must be free from rash or fever and have been evaluated by a physician if needed.</p>
 <p><b>I have a fever</b> Temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher within the last 24 hours <b>To return to school:</b> Your child must be fever free for 24 hours, without the use of a fever reducing medicine (i.e., Tylenol, Motrin, Advil).</p>	 <p><b>I have an eye infection</b> Thick mucus or pus draining from the eye or pink eye (conjunctivitis) <b>To return to school:</b> Your child must be free from drainage and/or have been evaluated by a physician if needed.</p>
 <p><b>I have a sore throat</b> Sudden high fever, redness in throat with white patches, pain when swallowing, or doctor diagnosis strep throat <b>To return to school:</b> 24 hours after 1st dose of antibiotics and normal temperature 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit or below.</p>	 <p><b>I have head-lice</b> Excessive, distracting itching of scalp, a tickling sensation of something moving in the hair, irritability, and head sores as a result of scratching <b>To return to school:</b> Your child may return if treated with the appropriate lice treatment at home or referred to their health care provider for further treatment recommendations if needed.</p>
 <p><b>I have a stomachache</b> Several episodes (2 or more) of vomiting and diarrhea within the last 24 hours period <b>To return to school:</b> Your child must be free from vomiting and Diarrhea free for 24 hours without medication to control it.</p>	 <p><b>I have chicken pox</b> Itchy rash or blisters, fever, headache, and feeling tired <b>To return to school:</b> Your child may return after there are no new blisters or spots appear, and all the spots have scabbed over and are dry.</p>
 <p><b>I have COVID</b> Fever, chills, new cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea <b>To return to school:</b> No nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or fever for at least 24 hours without the use of a fever reducing medicine, and other symptoms are improving. * Individuals with a respiratory virus can return to school after is has been 24 hours with no fever (without fever-reducing medicine) and other symptoms are improving*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ It's OK to have a runny nose and/or small cough.</li> <li>+ We encourage you to seek medical attention when your child is sick and to follow your health care provider's recommendation about returning to school and other activities.</li> </ul> <p> Need to know how to report an absence? Look for this icon on your school's website or CMS homepage.</p>

# 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.