

Bulldog Blitz

November 2022



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 [Butler's Website](#) ***NEW***
[School Calendar](#)
[Our Athletic Page](#)

Principal
[Vincent G. Golden](#)

Assistant Principals
Grade 9 - [LaShaunda Pankey](#)
Grade 11 - [Melissa Booth](#)
Grade 12 - [Phil Price](#)

Dean of Students
Grade 10 - [Matt Garcia](#)



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



Instagram

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

Important November Dates

November 1-18:	SGA Food Drive
November 3:	Makeup Picture Day for Seniors
November 7:	1st Quarter Report Cards sent home
November 8:	No School (Teacher Workday)
November 9:	Makeup Picture Day for Underclassmen
November 10:	Pre-ACT (10 Grade only)
November 11:	No School (Veteran's Day)
November 15:	SIT Meeting at 6 PM
November 17:	Great American Smokeout (Dream Team)
November 23-25:	No School (Thanksgiving Break)

Testing Announcements

Pre-ACT testing in November

North Carolina is administering the Pre-ACT assessment to all eligible tenth grade students. In mid-November (date to follow) the 10th graders will be taking the Pre-ACT test, which is a part of the ACT. This test provides a pre-assessment of academic progress toward college and career readiness, helps 10th graders make decisions about their future and gives an estimated ACT score prediction for their junior year.

- This is a free test and students will need to bring two No. 2 wooden pencils (mechanical pencils are not allowed) and a graphing calculator (TI-83 or TI-84) if they wish to use one. Calculators will not be provided for the test nor are they required.
- Cell phones, smart watches, Air pods, and other Bluetooth enabled devices are prohibited in the testing rooms so we are asking all students to leave these items at home for this day.
- We appreciate your encouragement of your student to do well on this test. Full participation is encouraged and highly recommended.

If you have any questions regarding this test, please contact Phil Riley at (980) 343-6300 or by email at Phillip.riley@cms.k12.nc.us.

Important News 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 Pre-k, elementary and middle 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: Visit 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.)



Announcements

Graduation Updates

Mid-Year Graduation will take place on February 2, 2023.
The time has not been announced yet.



The spring graduation date has not been announced yet.

Please make sure to order your cap and gowns ASAP at www.highschool.herffjones.com
All orders will be delivered to the school, not your home.

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Parents, guardians, and caregivers play a big role in students' attendance and success in the educational setting.

- Did you know that by 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores?
- Did you know that research indicates students face a much higher risk of falling behind academically if they miss 10% of school days?



All absences add up...excused and unexcused. Students who are absent two (2) days a month end up missing 18 days per school year. Absenteeism can affect the whole child, negatively impacting their social, emotional and physical well-being.

Students who regularly attend school and graduate from high school build a foundation for more positive life outcomes.

- More work options and earning potential.
- Greater opportunities for higher education.

Please help your child succeed by building the habit of good attendance and ensuring your child comes to school on time every day.

Need more help? We are here to partner with you to ensure that your teen feels safe and engaged in school. Feel free to contact Mrs. Corzine, the school social worker at 980-343-6300 or by email at caroline1.corzine@cms.k12.nc.us for further support.

Announcements



Butler Women's Lacrosse

Butler HS Women's Lacrosse Butler Women's Lacrosse team is looking for players for their Spring team! Butler students of all ages and skill levels are welcome to join! Please email coach Ken Dorcy at kendorcy@gmail.com or text 704-993-7985 with your name, grade, contact information, and any questions you may have regarding the upcoming season.

Governor's School Applications

The Governor's School of North Carolina is the oldest statewide summer residential program for gifted and talented **10th and 11th grade** high school students in the nation. If you are interested in receiving more information, please click on the link below:

<https://bit.ly/NCGovSchool>

The application will need to be submitted to Ms. English in Student Services by November 9, 2022.

Online Student Parking Information for Second Quarter 2022-23

Online student parking applications for the second quarter of the 2022-2023 school year will be reopened for student submissions from November 1 through November 7.

The online application can be found by visiting the following link:

<https://sites.google.com/cms.k12.nc.us/butlerparking/home>

The link for the Parking Application (SY22-23) is located at the bottom of the page.



Once submitted, your application will be reviewed for approval.

After it is approved, you will receive an email that will provide you with information on payment and permit pick up. Please wait until after you have received approval before paying your \$25.00 registration fee.

Butler's New Website

Butler has a new website. Check it out!

<https://www.cmsk12.org/butlerHS>



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 4-12 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](#)
- [Logging into Tutor.com](#)

Butler School Store

The Butler School Store will open on **November 7-20, 2022.**

Spirit Wear

- Hoodies, t-shirts, pajama pants, Butler stickers/decals, drinkware, hats and more.

Senior Signs

- Can be customized with your student's name

Orders can be shipped or picked up at Cotton Gin Printing in downtown Matthews.

Visit <https://butlerschoolstore.com> to place your order.



The school store will be open the following dates this school year:

- November 7 - 20, 2022
- January 30 - February 12, 2023
- April 17 - 30, 2023
- May 8 - 21, 2023 *Flash Sale*

Prom Closet

Mrs. Corzine and Mrs. Walker have created a prom closet at Butler for students who are in need of prom attire. We are now accepting gently used and clean dresses and accessories. Items can be dropped off in the front office or Student Services. We appreciate any and all support!



Announcements

Order Your Yearbook!

Order your Yearbook here: YearbookForever.com.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mr. Rusk via email at steven1.rusk@cms.k12.nc.us

Senior Portraits

Makeup pictures for Seniors who have not scheduled an appointment with CADY Studios is scheduled for November 3 from 9:30AM-6PM in the Media Center. This is your **last chance** to be included in the yearbook. You must sign up for a time slot in advance and slots are limited (first come, first serve). You must see Mr. Rusk in Rm. 959 to receive a pass to attend.

Senior Tribute Ads are on sale NOW!

Interested families may purchase Senior Ads through yearbooksforever.com. All narratives and photography must comply with CMS Board Policy and Butler school rules to be included in the yearbook. Our staff will design your ad and send you proofs for approval later in the year. The final purchase date for Senior Ads is November 30.

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

- Full Page (1 dominant photo, 4-7 supporting photos)
- 1/2 Page (1 dominant photo, 3-5 supporting photos)
- 1/4 Page (1 dominant photo, 2-3 supporting photos)
- 1/8 page (1 dominant photo, 1 supporting photo).



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

Seniors: Mark your calendars!

The Senior Class group photo will be taken in the stadium on Thursday, November 3rd. The senior class photo will be taken during Bulldog Block. Please report to Bulldog Block for attendance purposes. An announcement will be made to release students. Don't miss out on having your photo taken with 430 of your closest friends!

Cafeteria Updates

Breakfast is free for all students but **LUNCH** is not. If you need assistance please complete a free/reduced meal application www.cms.k12.nc.us. If your child received FREE/ REDUCE lunch last year, you still need to complete an application for THIS SCHOOL YEAR in order to continue receiving those services. In addition, students who purchase lunch (or a la carte item for the café) be sure to load funds onto your students account at www.paypams.com.

Announcements from SGA

SGA LOAVES & FISHES FOOD DRIVE



NOV 1ST-NOV 18TH



WHAT YOU CAN GIVE:

Canned Meats

Canned Fruits

Pasta (canned or dry)

Cereal

Low Sodium Vegetables

Corn Muffin Mix

****PLEASE NOTE- WE DO NOT ACCEPT
GLASS, OPENED, OR EXPIRED
CONTENTS****

**DONATION BINS WILL BE AT THE TOP
OF EVERY HALL**

Announcements from Dream Team



OCTOBER 2022 "CHOOSE TO REFUSE"

HOMECOMING PARADE (10/7)

SGA organized Butler's Inaugural Homecoming parade to bring our school and community together. Multiple student organizations, Our city's Mayor, and the Butler family walked in the parade.

Click here to watch a video of the parade!



NATIONAL SAVE DAY (10/19)

October 19th was National SAVE Day in which students/faculty wore orange in support of keeping schools safe from violence!



TRUNK OR TREAT (10/20)

Senior Board hosted the annual Trunk or Treat and student organizations decorated car trunks distributed candy to and organized games for children in our community. SAVE Promise Club passed out Halloween Safety Tips to parents.



RED RIBBON HISTORY

In response to the murder of DEA Agent Enrique Camarena, thousands of individuals from across the country began wearing Red Ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to raise awareness of the killing and destruction caused by drugs in America.

WHAT IS RED RIBBON WEEK?

Since 1988 Red Ribbon Week has become a national movement. Today, the Red Ribbon serves as a reminder to communities to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities.

WHAT IS NATIONAL SAVE DAY?

A day started by the death of Alex Orange meant to bring attention to the continuing problem of school violence and educate everyone about how schools can be made safer and more secure.

TO SEE MORE PICTURES AND INFORMATION FOLLOW @DREAM_TEAM_BHS ON INSTAGRAM



Announcements from Dream Team

DID YOU KNOW?

- Tobacco use has killed over a 100 million people during the 20th century, and, if current smoking trends continue, the cumulative death toll for this century has been projected to reach 1 billion.
- Nearly half of high school seniors report having used marijuana, and 6.5 percent are daily marijuana users.
- Common consequences of substance abuse include: mental health disorders, impaired driving, and illegal activity.
- Opioid-involved overdose deaths increased significantly from 46,802 deaths in 2018 to 49,860 in 2019.

Source:
https://nida.nih.gov/sites/default/files/soo_2014.pdf

Source:
<https://www.addictioncenter.com/community/what-do-teens-need-to-know-about-substance-abuse/>



OCTOBER 2022 "CHOOSE TO REFUSE"



TEAM TALK

This month's Team Talk is about school violence and how to build a safer community.



Follow @dream_team_bhs on Instagram to view all Team Talks!

RED RIBBON WEEK 10/24 - 10/28

During this week, students are encouraged to participate in themed days, lunch campaigns, and sign a pledge all in support of a drug free lifestyle.



MONDAY/TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY

Students and staff were encouraged to wear pajamas to "Put Drugs to Sleep" on Monday, and wear sunglasses and hats to "Shade Out Drugs" on Tuesday. On Wednesday everyone was encouraged to wear red as they are "Red-y to Choose to Refuse."

THURSDAY

A lunch campaign was held where students could play games such as hopscotch with drunk goggles, tic tac toe and cup pong while learning about the dangers of substance use/abuse. Students also had the chance to sign a pledge about why they're drug free!



FRIDAY

On Friday, students and staff wore Halloween themed outfits and costumes to "Say BOO to Substance Abuse".



BULLDOG SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING DEADLINES AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Foundation of the Carolinas

FFTC managers 150 scholarship funds for students. Applications go live in December 2022.

[More Info](#)

Johnston Ziegler Scholarship

\$2500 from Teen Health Connection offered to a current senior preparing to go on to college. ***DEADLINE 4 PM NOVEMBER 11, 2022***

[Apply Now](#)

CFNC No Essay Monthly Scholarship Contest

Enter monthly by filling out a short online form for the chance to win \$1000

[Apply Now](#)

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP MONTH

Scholarship tips: • Follow directions- Read the instructions carefully and ensure that you submit all necessary requirements. That can immediately disqualify you or decrease your chances of winning. • Be creative- Think outside the box, but be genuine in your essay responses. Creativity allows you to stand out, so let your personality shine. • Find options that reflect your interest- If you like horseback riding or fly-fishing, search for opportunities that align with these activities. • Periodically check Naviance or other websites for updated scholarships and due dates. See the list below for additional websites. • Never give up- If you get a denial, do not let that keep you from applying to more scholarships. The more applications you put out there, the better your chances.

10 Minority Scholarship Opportunities

These 10 scholarship opportunities are for minority groups including women, LGBTQ+, Hispanic, African American, Asian, and Native American.

[More Info](#)

HELPFUL APPS

Download and Register to get the most up to date scholarship opportunities

fastweb

fastweb

goingmerry



Sign up to receive a more detail newsletter of available scholarships

<https://studentscholarships.org//newsletters>

DAUGHTERS OF THE REVOLUTION (DAR) SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Areas of Study include Political Science, History, Government, Economics, Medical and Nursing, Education, Library Science, Business Administration, Horticulture, Voice or Piano, Chemistry, English, Math, Science, and American History.

Applications open November 1, 2022 and close January 31, 2023.

[More Info](#)

Essay Contest Open to 9-12th Graders that offers the potential for a monetary prize

[Apply Now](#)

DAR Good Citizenship Program and Scholarship Contest offers the potential for up to a \$2500 scholarship

[Apply Now](#)

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>



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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