

# Bulldog Blitz

November 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](#)



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## Important November Dates

November 1:	1st and 2nd Block Midterms
November 2:	3rd and 4th Block Midterms
November 6-7:	No School (Teacher Workdays)
November 9:	PreACT (10th grade Only)
November 10:	No School (Veteran's Day)
November 13:	College & Career Expo
November 16:	Butler Spirit Night @ Jersey Mike's Matthews (4-8PM)
November 20:	CTE Trades Career Fair
November 22-24:	No School (Thanksgiving Break)

## Testing Announcements

### Attention 10th Grade Parents

The 10th grade students will be taking the PreACT on Thursday, November 9. The test will be a paper/ pencil test this year and it will be a full school day for all students. More information regarding this test has been sent out in Parent Square.

# 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](#).

## Holiday Assistance

If you are interested in supporting a Butler student/family, please check out this [sign-up](#). Donations will be collected through December 15th.

If your family is in need of assistance this holiday season, please take a moment to fill out [this google form](#).

Questions, please contact our school social worker, Mrs. Corzine at 980-343-6300 or [caroline1.corzine@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:caroline1.corzine@cms.k12.nc.us)



# 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

## Attention all High School Students and Families

The Charlotte Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in partnership with Harding University High School presents the TurnUp For College Workshop.

**Date:** Saturday, November 18, 2023 9:00am - 1:00pm

**Location:** Harding University High School, 2001 Alleghany St. Charlotte, NC 28208

Visit <https://bit.ly/CAC-TUFC23> to register

Deadline for registration is November 8, 2023 at 11:59pm



CHARLOTTE ALUMNAE CHAPTER  
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

# TURNUP

For College



SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 18, 2023  
**9A.M. – 1P.M.**  
CHECK IN 8A.M. – 8:45A.M.

9TH - 12TH GRADE STUDENTS & PARENTS	COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES INVITED INCLUDE:	HOSTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:
<p>Explore topics such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Financial Aid and Scholarships</li><li>- Choosing and Applying for the Right College</li><li>- Summer Opportunities to Help Prepare for College</li><li>- Mental and Physical Wellness</li><li>- Balancing Social Life and Academics</li></ul>	<p>North Carolina A&amp;T State University East Carolina University Fisk University Fayetteville State University Johnson C. Smith University North Carolina Central University University of North Carolina at Charlotte Queens University of Charlotte Winston-Salem State University and many more!</p>	<p>Harding University High School 2001 Alleghany Street Charlotte, North Carolina</p> <p><b>*Free and open to the public*</b></p>

Register at <https://bit.ly/CAC-TUFC23>

# Career and College Announcements

## College & Career Expo

Our College & Career Coach (Ms. Cartwright) is putting together an opportunity for all of our students to explore future career interests, begin planning for life after graduation, learn how to take tuition free college classes during high school and talk to financial aid experts about paying for college.

On **Monday, November 13th** your child can join us and attend the College & Career Expo happening in the Media Center. We have representatives from over 25 different programs at Central Piedmont who are experts in their career fields to provide valuable information for any student regardless of post-graduation plans.

**Any student can attend during their lunch!**

They can register with the link on the flyer or visit Ms. Cartwright in room #708. Juniors and Seniors with early release are encouraged to register to attend during their free periods.

# COLLEGE & CAREER EXPO

- Career Exploration ✓
- Associates Degrees ✓
- Transfer Programs ✓
- Financial Aid Process ✓
- Dual Enrollment ✓
- Raffle Prizes! ✓

## MONDAY NOV 13th

[Lunch & Early Release  
Registration](#)

✉ [emma1.cartwright@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:emma1.cartwright@cms.k12.nc.us)



Feel free to contact her at [emma1.cartwright@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:emma1.cartwright@cms.k12.nc.us) for further information. Don't let your student miss out on this unique exposure to the wide variety of careers, academic programs and opportunities that await them.

# Career and College Announcements

## **MYEP (Mayor's Youth Employment Program)- Paid Internship!**

The MYEP (Mayor's Youth Employment Program) is an internship (PAID) that is completed during Summer 2024. Students will learn career readiness skills during the fall and spring to prepare them for the internship experience. This is a wonderful opportunity to network with professionals in your interested career field.



Please see the link below for age requirement, deadlines, and application:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/17A8B5DXr0vKwrBjjnaYGbmjEjjOy1VCZeB3pM6go\\_Cc/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/17A8B5DXr0vKwrBjjnaYGbmjEjjOy1VCZeB3pM6go_Cc/edit?usp=sharing)



# Announcements from DREAM Team

Be Kind to Your Mind. Live Drug Free.

**OCTOBER  
23-31**



Red Ribbon Week serves to mobilize communities in raising awareness about drugs, and encourages youth to learn about, as well as partake in, drug prevention.

**Follow  
@dream\_team\_bhs  
on Instagram  
for weeklong  
stories, facts, and  
trivia!**



## **RED RIBBON WEEK**

**Mon. Oct. 23 - Fri. Oct. 30**

**Teacher Sign Up for In-Class Presentations**  
For teachers who sign up, DREAM Team will drop in to shed light on substance use with their classes on Friday, Nov. 3rd. <https://bit.ly/3tKbUWa>

**Wed. Oct 25 Team Talk!**

Follow @dream\_team\_bhs to hear more about substance use prevention (also viewed in SEL)

**Thurs. Oct 26 "Plant A Promise"**

Tulips will be planted as a reminder of students' promise to live drug free.

**Fri. Oct 27 Wear RED Day!  
"Be Kind to Your Mind and  
Don't Do Drugs"**

Wear RED to show intolerance towards drug use!

**Mon. Oct. 30**

**PLEDGE to be Drug-Free Campaign**  
Pledge signing, Games, and Prizes during all lunch periods.

**Tues. Oct. 31**

**"Say BOO to Drugs!" Costume Day**  
Wear your Halloween Costume \*NO MASKS\*  
No inappropriate lengths, exposure, graphics.

Post pics in your costumes. Tag @dream\_team\_bhs  
#redribbonweek #saybootodrugs

## Announcements from SGA

# LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD DRIVE

3rd block A day classes are competing to win baked goods!!!



### CAN BRING:

- CANNED MEATS
- PASTA
- LOW SODIUM VETABLES
- CANNED FRIUTS
- CERAL
- CORN MUFFIN MIX

### CAN'T BRING:

- GLASS
- OPENED CANS/BOXES
- EXPIRED FOODS

# Announcements from Yearbook

## October 31st - Senior Panorama & Last Call event

- **Senior Panorama** - Seniors will take their group picture for the yearbook in the stadium during Bulldog Block. Seniors should report to their Bulldog Blocks and wait for an announcement before making their way to the stadium.
- **Last Call event** - This is the LAST CHANCE for seniors to take their picture for the yearbook. Slots are limited and not guaranteed. There is no sitting fee for this date. Slots are limited and not guaranteed.
  - \* [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4AAFA728A5FF2-45446810-senior#/  
pin/password - lastcall](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4AAFA728A5FF2-45446810-senior#/)
  - ⇒ If you do not sign up here, you may still sign up for a slot with Lifetouch/Prestige in Indian Trail. There is a \$20-\$25 dollar sitting fee, but you have multiple picture options/settings. You must make sure to schedule a time by Nov. 16 if you would like the picture to make it into the yearbook. <https://local.prestigeportraits.com/nc/indian-trail/2019-van-buren-ave.html>

## Yearbook Ads

The senior yearbook is extra special, so celebrate your senior by purchasing a "senior ad." Share some family photos and words of encouragement, and the yearbook staff will dedicate a space just for the special senior in your life. It's a great gift from grandparents and the like. Senior ad. purchases are due by Dec. 20 online. Please email Mr. Rusk if you have any questions - [steven1.rusk@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:steven1.rusk@cms.k12.nc.us)

Yearbook and Senior Ad Link - [https://yearbookforever.com/schools/butler\\_high\\_school\\_buy\\_yearbook\\_9874/U3S4LRe7yA0c7dwiXKhDEig7](https://yearbookforever.com/schools/butler_high_school_buy_yearbook_9874/U3S4LRe7yA0c7dwiXKhDEig7)

## 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.walsworthyearbooks.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.**



# Counselors Corner

Hello Students and Parents,

The new Naviance interactive student homepage experience, called My Future Plan, is available now. My Future Plan will provide an individualized experience based on your selected post-secondary path. By making Future Planning the primary focus, the redesigned student homepage will help you determine what to focus on next based on your future path.

Key Features on the new home page include:

1. Call-to-action provides guidance on what action to take next.
2. Favorited Careers prominent on the homepage.
3. Specific Plan Highlights based on your post-secondary plan, including college, career, military and multiple plans!
4. Top Skills, Knowledge, and Education needed for Favorited Careers.

You may be wondering...what will look different when I log in?

- A new and improved future planning focused homepage.
- Some career and college research tools also have a new and improved experience.
- Welcome messages and other content provided by our school will be visible on the right side of the page.
- Some links that were previously available on the homepage have moved to the top navigation.

In addition, Naviance introduced a new tool provided by Headed2 for career exploration and direct-to-work opportunities. You can learn about active employment, internship, and apprenticeship opportunities, and will have quick access to websites for completing job applications.

Finally, you will be able to view military branches in Naviance, access direct links to military branch websites, and favorite the branches that interest you!

Log in today to get started. You can access Naviance through Clever or your Launchpad. If you do not have a post-secondary plan selected, please add one so you can take full advantage of all My Future Plan has to offer. The more you use the tools in Naviance, the more interactive and robust your homepage experience will be!

**INTRODUCING  
MY FUTURE PLAN!**

The NEW Naviance Student interactive experience will enable you to build **your own personalized pathway plan** from your Naviance Student homepage.

**LOG IN TODAY TO GET STARTED!**

# 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>



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



# 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.