

# Bulldog Blitz

February 2024



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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 February Dates

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|------------------------|---|
| January 29- February 2 | Course registration begins for all 9th-11th grade students  |
| February 1             | Virtual Parent Registration Help Desk from 8 AM—2 PM<br><a href="https://bit.ly/ButlerHelpDesk">Bit.ly/ButlerHelpDesk</a>   |
| February 2             | All registration cards are to due homeroom teachers   |
| February 5             | Club Pictures and Senior Cap and Gown Pictures  |
| February 8             | PTSO Fundraiser Night at Qdoba starting at 4 PM<br>Blood Drive on campus<br>Mid-Year Graduation @ Bojangles Coliseum @ 4 PM |
| February 14            | Early Release Day– Dismissal @ 11:15 AM   |
| February 19            | No School (President’s Day)   |
| February 22            | Freshman Open House @ 6– 7 PM   |
| February 24            | Winter Ball Dance   |

## Testing Announcements

### Attention Juniors and Families of Juniors

The ACT is coming in March! Please be sure to keep a look out for more information as it is released throughout February!

### Access Testing in February

ACCESS Testing will begin in February for our ML students! For those that qualify for ACCESS testing, please be on the lookout for more information through your student's email address!

# Mid-Year Graduation Information

## Mid-Year Graduation Information

Mid-Year Graduation will take place on **Thursday, February 8, 2024**, at Bojangles Coliseum located at 2700 E. Independence Blvd in Charlotte at **4:00pm**.

Graduates need to arrive at 2:45 and enter the BoPlex walkway between the 2 venues. Doors will open to the public for seating at 3:00pm and tickets are not needed to attend. There is no limit on guests for each graduate. Bojangles Coliseum has a clear bag policy with a size limit. Please see the attachment for exact dimensions.

### Please also note the expectations listed below from Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools:

- Seniors are required to wear appropriate caps and gowns to participate in the graduation ceremony. All seniors, when robed in their caps and gowns, should adhere to the following attire guidelines:
  - ◇ Graduates should wear dark dress slacks & a dress shirt and tie or a dark dress/skirt & top and dark dress shoes
  - ◇ All caps are to be worn with the tassel to the right until the seniors are declared graduates.
  - ◇ No decorations or wording should be added to the cap or gown.
- The following items are not to be worn or carried by graduates:
  - ◇ sunglasses
  - ◇ headphones, IPODS, Blue Tooth earpieces
  - ◇ head scarves (except for religious purposes)
  - ◇ cell phones, cameras, purses
- Appropriate behavior is expected from graduates during the Processional, Ceremony, and Recessional. Graduates who toss their caps at the conclusion of the ceremony will not be allowed to come back in the arena to retrieve their caps.
- Guests and attendees may not bring the following items into the facility:
  - ◇ air horns
  - ◇ backpacks
  - ◇ balloons
  - ◇ banners
  - ◇ beach balls
  - ◇ duffel bags
  - ◇ fanny packs
  - ◇ flowers
  - ◇ gifts
  - ◇ noise makers
  - ◇ packages of any kind
  - ◇ outside food and beverages



# Counselors Corner

## Butler High School 2024-2025 Registration Timeline

### January 25, 2024

All registration information for the 2024-2025 school year information will be published on the Butler Student Services website. [Bit.ly/ButlerHelpTeam](https://bit.ly/ButlerHelpTeam)

### January 29- February 2, 2024

Course registration begins for all 9th-11th grade students. Students will receive a registration card and other resources to help them select their classes during homeroom.

### February 2, 2024

All registration cards must be turned in to homeroom teachers by February 2, 2024.

### February 5-6, 2026

Students who do not complete a registration card will be called out of class to complete registration cards in the Career Center.

### February 7, 2024- One day ONLY

Homeroom teachers will pass out registration cards to students. Students will enter classes in Power School. If a student is going to be absent on this day, they will be able to access Power School from home and enter classes.



### February 12-29, 2024

Counselors will meet with students for their individual course registration meeting.

# Counselors Corner

## SECU Foundation– 2024 People Helping People Scholarship

SECU Foundation is offering a \$10,000 scholarship. The People Helping People Scholarship is now available.

### Eligibility Requirements:

- \*Current High School Senior
- \*State Employee Credit Union member or eligible for membership through a parent/guardian
- \*NC resident and eligible for in-state tuition
- \*Accepted to attend one of the 16 UNC system universities as a full time undergraduate
- \*Demonstrate scholastic achievement with a 2.5 or higher unweighted GPA on a 4.0 scale
- \*Exhibit leadership, excellence of character, integrity, and community involvement
- \*File FAFSA as part of the application

Please take time to review the application process and FAQs. The application is online this year and you will need to follow all instructions to have a completed application. Click on the link to begin the application

<https://powerforms.docusign.net/993c3d9b-80fd-4964-9c95-6ddd3aea54e5?env=na4&acct=6cba6c6f-fb7f-46b7-8eda-e0306bdd6276&accountId=6cba6c6f-fb7f-46b7-8eda-e0306bdd6276>

Completed applications should be emailed to Ms. English at [jannelle.english@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:jannelle.english@cms.k12.nc.us) by **Friday, Feb. 16, 2024**. Please review the attachments and if you have any questions, please contact Ms. English.

**SECU Foundation**  
PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

# 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

## Cosmetic Bags?

We are collecting new or gently used cosmetic bags for an upcoming health fair. They can be dropped off in the front office.

# Announcements

## Attendance Matters

As we start the second semester, we would like to remind you of the importance of good attendance for all students. Every day a student is absent is a lost opportunity for learning. Did you know that over the course of a student's high school career, missing 10 percent of school days would equate to missing almost an entire semester of school?



How can you help?

- Avoid scheduling vacations when school is in session. They are considered unexcused absences.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to the school social worker, school counselors, or the school psychologist for support, resources, and guidance.
- Avoid medical appointments when school is in session.
- Monitor your child's academic progress and attendance in PowerSchool, if you do not know how, please reach out to us for assistance.
- Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.

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

## 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!

## 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.



## Health Fair– March 14th

There will be a health fair during 3rd block in the area just outside the cafeteria.

## Hiring Fair– April 16th

Are you looking for a part-time, summer, or full-time job? If so, stop by the hiring fair on April 16th during lunch!!

# Announcements from Yearbook

## Cap and Gown Portraits

Seniors, Lifetouch will be at Butler Feb. 5th to take cap/gown portraits. Sessions are FREE of charge but limited. Complete the provided "sign up genius" to claim your spot today. Please follow the link or see the attached document for more. (The sign-up genius is managed by Lifetouch. Please direct any technical questions to the Lifetouch help number/contact.)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/DavidButlerHS#/>

## CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATION PORTRAITS!

Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch will be at  
**David Butler High School**  
to photograph Seniors in a Cap and Gown.

### DATE:

Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### SESSION DETAILS

Poses: 8

Outfits: 1 Cap & Gown (Provided)

Session fee: \$0

This photo session includes a variety of poses on two backgrounds.  
(We will not be doing Tux/Drape photos at this time)

### SIGN-UPS:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/DavidButlerHS>



### What to wear

**Girls** should wear something that will not show at the top of the gown. A shirt without a collar is suggested.

**Guys** should wear a shirt and tie.



**Prestige**  
Photography by Lifetouch



Questions? Please contact us at 800-343-5735 or email [prestigeaware@lifetouch.com](mailto:prestigeaware@lifetouch.com)



# Announcements from DREAM Team



## ATTENTION JUNIORS!!!

### Applications are open for Butler's 2024-2025 DREAM Team!

#### What does it mean to be a member of Butler's DREAM Team?

- Be a positive role model at Butler and in community!
- Develop leadership skills!
- Commit to a drug, alcohol, tobacco, and violence free lifestyle!



Scan QR code for application or visit  
<https://forms.gle/RF3AMiykxYg3jK3u6>  
Follow @dream\_team\_bhs for more info.

#### REQUIREMENTS:

- Minimum 2.5 GPA
- Must be a rising senior
- Varsity member of a sports team  
OR club/organization member.
- 3 Butler Teacher Evaluations
- 1 Coach/Adviser Evaluation

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19**  
**BY MIDNIGHT**

**INTERVIEWS:**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY, 26**  
**2:30 - 4:00PM IN 400 HALL**



## **Butler High School Earns AP Computer Science A Female Diversity Award Recognized for Improving Gender Representation in AP Computer Science A**

Butler High School has earned the College Board AP<sup>®</sup> Computer Science Female Diversity Award for achieving high female representation in AP Computer Science A. Schools honored with the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award have expanded girls' access in AP computer science courses.

More than 1,100 institutions achieved either 50% or higher female representation in one of the two AP computer science courses or a percentage of the female computer science exam takers meeting or exceeding that of the school's female population during the 2022-23 school year. In 2023, Butler was one of 225 recognized in the category of AP Computer Science A.

"We're thrilled to congratulate our female AP computer science students and their teachers on this step toward gender parity in computer science education," said Laura Prince. "We're honored that our school earned this distinction and look forward to seeing these young women and others pursue and achieve success in computer science education and careers."

"Computer science is the source code of our economy and much of the career landscape," said Trevor Packer, Head of the AP Program. "In the six years since we began the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award, it's been heartening to see schools like Butler welcome so many more young women into this vital field."

AP Computer Science A (CSA) students learn to design and implement computer programs that solve problems relevant to today's society. AP Computer Science A, which first debuted in 1988, continues to grow and female participation has increased 69% since 2017, to 24,147 women. Overall AP computer science course participation has increased 147% since 2017, broadening STEM career opportunities for more students.

Providing female students with access to computer science courses is critical to ensuring gender parity in the industry's high-paying jobs and to drive innovation, creativity, and representation. The median annual wage for computer and information technology occupations was \$100,530 in May 2021. However, women represent just 24% of the five million people in computing occupations.

According to a Google study, 54% of female computer science majors took AP CSA in high school. College Board research about AP CSP also finds AP CSP students are nearly twice as likely to enroll in AP CSA, and that for most students, AP CSP serves as a stepping stone to other advanced AP STEM coursework.

These findings highlight the importance of schools nationwide achieving gender parity in AP computer science classrooms. Female students remain underrepresented in our high school computer science classes, accounting for just 34% of AP Computer Science Principles participants and 26% of AP Computer Science A participants. Currently, 57.5% of high schools teach foundational computer science. The 1,127 schools that receive this year's AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award serve as inspirations and models for all U.S. high schools.



**2023 AP<sup>®</sup> CSA**  
Female Diversity Award



CMS & TEEN HEALTH  
CONNECTION PRESENT....

# Building Healthy Connections

BETWEEN PARENTS  
& KIDS

**JOIN US....**  
**12 NOON-1PM**

- Tues. Jan. 30th
- Tues. Feb. 27th

## "Substance Use Prevention"

This class addresses how to maximize your influence with regards to the prevention of teenage substance use.

## "Preparing your Teens for Successful Transitions"

Helpful Strategies to address the stress that accompanies transitions.

Tues. April 9th

## "Discouraging Bullying by Promoting Positive Relationships"

In this training, we will explore bullying and why people do it, consider challenges that impede prevention efforts, examine the negative effects caused by bullying and discuss possible solutions and prevention strategies.

**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  
12 DEL MEDIODÍA A LA  
1 PM

Jueves. 1 de febrero

**"Apoyando la salud conductual de su adolescente"**

Esta clase aborda cómo maximiza tu influencia con respecto a la prevención del consumo de sustancias en adolescentes.

Jueves. 29 de febrero

**"Preparando a sus Adolescentes para Transiciones Exitosas"**

Estrategias útiles para abordar el estrés que es asociados a las transiciones.

Jueves. 11 de abril

**"Desalentar el acoso escolar promoviendo relaciones positivas"**

Exploraremos el acoso y consideraremos los desafíos que impiden los esfuerzos de prevención, examinaremos los efectos negativos causados por el acoso y discutiremos posibles soluciones.

**Sign up:**

[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:

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(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.



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