

# BUCHHOLZ HIGH SCHOOL



## 2023-24 BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### **WELCOME BACK BOBCATS!**

Dear Bobcat students and families,

Welcome back to another exciting school year! As we prepare to embark on this journey of learning and achievement, I want to extend a warm welcome to all our Bobcat teachers, staff, students and families. Our Bobcat pride has a long, rich tradition, and together, we will continue to foster a supportive environment where every individual can thrive. Let's approach each day with enthusiasm, curiosity and a commitment to excellence.

I have no doubt that this year will be filled with memorable experiences, new challenges, and more remarkable achievements. As your principal, I am here to support and guide you every step of the way.

Let's make 2023-2024 one to remember, as we work together to reach new heights and unleash the full potential of our Bobcats!

Welcome back and Go Cats!

-Kevin L. Purvis, Principal

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Returning students to receive schedules as follows:

- 12th Grade – August 1st from 12 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- 11th Grade – August 2nd from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- 10th Grade – August 2nd from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION:

--August 4th at 9:00 a.m.

There will be a brief parent meeting at 9:00 in the auditorium. Once this meeting has concluded, parents are asked to leave the campus and return to pick up their student at the end of orientation. Students will be given schedules, a tour of campus and meet many of our student leaders and incredible staff.

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Buchholz High School accepts the responsibility to help all students to attain personal, academic, and career goals while striving for excellence in all areas. The students, staff, parents, and business community, working in partnership, will commit to creating a community that cares about, supports, encourages, and expects adherence to high academic, social, and moral standards.

# ON CAMPUS

2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

## ADMINISTRATION

Principal: Kevin Purvis  
Assitant Principal, Curriculum: Dr. Melissa Pratto  
Assistant Principal, Administration: Marlon Jones  
Assistant Principal, Student Services: Julie Smith

## SCHOOL COUNSELORS

9th & 10th Grade last names A-G: Christine Borden  
9th & 10th Grade last names H-O: Heather Bates  
9th & 10th Grade last names P-Z: David Brockes  
11th & 12th Grade last names A-G: Dustin McMillan  
11th & 12th Grade last names H-O: Jean Brown  
11th & 12th Grade last names P-Z: Suzanne Warner

## DEANS

Marc Ellard

Kevin Peoples

Lashandra Jenkins

Gloria Valladares



Bobcat Families,

As another busy and warm summer comes to a close, I am looking forward to welcoming everyone back on campus. As the Assistant Principal of Curriculum, I assist with developing student schedules, state and national assessments, and working with students and families to plan for the academic success of students. I am excited to begin another year filled with academic growth, learning, and success. Go Cats!

- Dr. Melissa Pratto



## BUCHHOLZ ALMA MATER

For our school days,  
And for always,  
We will honor Buchholz High.  
Friends we'll cherish  
'til we perish,  
Sing her praises to the sky!  
Gold and Black,  
Still leaning onward  
To the goals we strive to win.  
Here is where we learn for living,  
Here is where we all begin.

Words by Diana Brantley  
Tune of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy"



## ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES STAFF



**Ron Brooks**  
Athletic Director



**Brittany Bowers**  
Activities Director

### FALL SPORTS

Football - Coach Bell  
Volleyball - Coach Lamagno  
Cross Country - Coach Douma and Coach Maren  
Boy's Swimming - Coach Herron  
Girl's Swimming - Coach Brooks  
Boy's Golf - Coach McNickle  
Girl's Golf - Coach Ellard

### WINTER SPORTS

Boy's Basketball - Coach Harris  
Girl's Basketball - Coach Johnson  
Boy's Soccer - Coach Journey  
Girl's Soccer - Coach Hantak  
Wrestling - Coach Pankey  
Girl's Weightlifting - Coach Rowley

### SPRING SPORTS

Baseball - Coach Brooks  
Softball - Coach Hooper  
Track & Field - Coach Battle  
Boys Lacrosse - Coach Adams  
Girls Lacrosse - Coach Higgins  
Boys Tennis - Coach Taylor  
Girls Tennis - Coach Taylor  
Boys Weightlifting - Coach Bell

# SCHOOL CALENDAR

## 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Tuesday - Wednesday, August 1-2.....	Teacher PD Days
Thursday, August 3 – Wednesday, August 9.....	Pre-Planning (5 weekdays)
Thursday August 10 .....	First Day for Students
Monday, September 4.....	Holiday – Labor Day
Thursday, September 14.....	Interim Reports Available in Family Access
Friday, October 6.....	Holiday UF Homecoming
Friday, October 13 .....	End of First Nine Weeks
Monday October 16.....	Student Holiday – Teacher Workday
Tuesday, October 24.....	Report Cards Available in Family Access
Friday, November 10.....	Holiday - Veterans Day
Monday, November 20-Tuesday, November 21.....	Student/Teacher Holidays
Wednesday November 22 – Friday November 24.....	Holiday - Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 28.....	Interim Reports Available in Family Access
Thursday, December 21.....	Teacher/Student Holiday FLEX DAY # 1
Friday, December 22.....	Teacher/Student Holiday FLEX DAY # 2
Monday, December 25 – Friday, January 5.....	Winter Holidays (10 weekdays)
Monday, January 8.....	Classes Resume
Thursday, January 11.....	End of First Semester
Friday, January 12.....	Student Holiday – Teacher Workday
Monday, January 15.....	Holiday – MLK Jr. Day
Tuesday, January 16.....	Begin Sccond Semester
Tuesday, January 23.....	Report Cards Available in Family Access
Friday, February 16.....	Teacher/Student Holiday - FLEX DAY 3
Monday, February 19 .....	Teacher/STudent Holiday - President’s Day
Tuesday, Februauy 20.....	Interim Reports Available in Family Access
Monday, March 11 – Friday, March 15 .....	Spring Holidays (5 weekdays)
Wednesday, March 27.....	End of Third Nine Weeks
Friday, March 29.....	Student Holiday/Teacher Workday
Thursday, April 4 .....	Report Cards Available in Family Access
Thursday, May 2.....	Interim Reports Available in Family Access
Monday, May 27.....	Holiday – Memorial Day
Friday, May 31.....	Last Day for Students
Monday, June 3 - Tuesday, June 4.....	Post Planning

\* Notes on the calendar:

1. The district will not need to utilize the Flex Days until we have missed the 2nd day of school due to a hurricane or other emergency
2. The Flex Days will be utilized in the following order: #1 December 21, 2023, #2 December 22, 2023 and #3 February 16, 2024
3. If more than three days of school are missed, the district may have to add minutes to the school day after utilizing the scheduled flex days.

[-LINK TO DISTRICT CALENDAR-](#)



# PTSA CORNER

Flexibility, Determination, and Dedication: Three words that describe the attributes that we, as Buchholz parents, guardians, teachers, staff, and students, show on a daily basis. United together we can get through anything and accomplish great things.

With your amazing support last year, PTSA was able to give generously in support of our Buchholz family: \$6700 to students in need through Heart to Heart, \$2000 to teacher mini-grants and staff support, \$3200 to student academic awards & scholarships, and more.

Want to get more involved with the BHS PTSA? There are currently openings on the Board. Join us!

President - Inga Neubert  
Corresponding Secretary/Social Media - Kae Pearson  
Recording Secretary - Jill Shea  
Treasurer - Stephanie Bailes  
VP Student Achievement - Mary Anthony  
VP Student Achievement Co-Chair - OPEN  
VP Membership - Stephanie Penny  
Heart to Heart - Tia Buchanan  
Mini-grants - Stephanie Bailes  
Hospitality - Robyn Szabo  
Hospitality Support Team - Cris Santos  
Hospitality Support Team - Megan Hendricks  
Hospitality Support Team - Christina Edwards  
Hospitality Support Team - Stephanie Palka  
Hospitality Support Team - Janet Caruso  
ACCPTA - Jill Shea  
PTSA Student Rep Co-Chair - Peter Neubert  
PTSA Student Rep Co-Chair - Carter Edwards

Let make it an amazing year together!

To join BHS PTSA or for more information click [here](#), or visit the Buchholz website and click the Community tab.

Follow us on Facebook: BuchholzBobcatsPTSA

Want to volunteer at Buchholz? Click [here](#) for the Alachua County Volunteer form

Go Bobcats!

buchholz.ptsa@gmail.com

[-LINK TO BUCHHOLZ PTSA PAGE-](#)

# STUDENT COUNCIL

## STUDENT BODY OFFICERS

President: Maddox Powell  
Vice President: Breezy Dowling  
Treasurer: Riley Lebach

## SENIOR OFFICERS

President: Ella Sherrad  
Vice President: Sloane McCaughey  
Treasurer: Riley Wagner  
Secretary: Rylee Williams  
Historian: Amelia Stern

## JUNIOR OFFICERS

President: Mason Green  
Vice President: Mara Tey  
Treasurer: Addie Rometty  
Secretary: Aiyana Armour  
Historian: Zaniyah Duliepre

## SOPHOMORE OFFICERS

President: Chase Warning  
Vice President: Jackson Collins  
Treasurer: Grace Shannon  
Secretary: Kara Gibson  
Historian: TBA

## FRESHMEN OFFICERS

Elections for Freshmen Class Officers will be held at the beginning of the school year. For information on running for office, please contact Mrs. Bowers.



## FACULTY SPONSORS

Brittany Bowers

# PARKING

## RESERVED PARKING

There are 242 reserved paved parking spaces, 70 parking spaces in the unpaved areas and 60 spaces at Northwest Baptist Church. These spaces are available through Buchholz. Each year the number of BHS students changes. Therefore, each year there is a different challenge to park. Parking is a privilege, not a right and to gain that privilege students must meet certain requirements and follow certain procedures. Purchasing decals will begin with Seniors

Every senior, must have at least 18 credits, must have a 2.0 GPA and must also not have any debts owed to Buchholz High School. Driving to and from campus is a privilege and such privilege may be revoked at any time. Please read the Parking Packet carefully. The Parking Responsibility Form is a contract that states that you will follow the rules accordingly. Please complete the packet, bring photocopies of the necessary paperwork and the appropriate payment for the desired space.

There are no special provisions for athletes, dual enrolled or job shared students. Everyone parking on the Buchholz High School Club campus or Northwest Baptist Church must purchase a decal. Parking in these areas without a proper decal may result in the vehicle being towed at the owner's expense.

August 1: Senior Early Bird Day 12:00 pm-3:30 pm. This will be by appointment only. A Signup Genius link will be sent out in July with time slots.

Please arrive at room 04-068 by your selected scheduled time (from SignUp Genius) and line up outside the double doors to purchase your decal. Student Council Members will allow you into the room in small groups to be processed. Students in each time slot will be processed as they arrive. Parents or friends may come pick up a senior's decal, but the process outlined above must still be followed.

\*This will help to minimize the wait time for students.

If you cannot attend the first day, then the next option will be:

August 4: New Senior Day  
Seniors new to BHS that attend the orientation will be able to purchase a parking decal during the orientation

August 11: Senior Day  
3:00pm – 4:00pm Seniors come to 4068 to process and pick up decal – bring copies! After this day the paved/grass/church spaces available will be sold to interested Juniors.

August 14: Junior Day  
3:00pm – 5:00 pm There will be a random drawing of the number of paved spaces available on Thursday Aug 14 at 3:00pm in the RT TA. After the paved spaces are awarded the remaining grass spots/church will be drawn until spaces run out. Juniors should come to 4068 to process and pick up decal. Junior wanting an opportunity to purchase available parking spaces (paved or grass) must fill out a card in the front office for a drawing. The cards are available from Tuesday Aug 10 till Thursday Aug 12 at 2:45. Please bring all necessary documents. Coaches and Band can give list of students to Mrs. Bowers involved in practice. Participants on the list can turn in forms and \$ during school and then pick up a decal, if their name is drawn, after practice.

August 15: Underclassmen  
3:00pm - 4:00pm Remaining decals will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Students may also put their name on a waiting list that will also operate on first come, first serve basis. Sophomores may purchase a decal upon their 16th birthday with a valid driver's license.

All Parking Procedures listed above and paper work must be completed by all students before purchasing decal.

LINK for:  
[SIGN-UP GENIUS for SENIOR EARLYBIRD PARKING LINK TO PARKING FORMS](#)

# STUDENT INFO

## SCHEDULE PICK-UP

Schedule Distribution - Scheduling Issue/Problem Solving

Seniors - August 1 - 12pm-3pm Room 4-066

Juniors - August 2 - 9am-11:00am Room 4-066

Sophomores - August 2 - 1pm-3:00pm Room 4-066

August 4 - 10am-12pm All students (anyone who has not picked up schedule) - Room 4-066

## NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

August 4th:

Students arrive at 8:30am and go to the gym  
- Begins at 9am and ends at 1:30pm

Auditorium - Parent Meeting begins at 9am (no more than about 30minutes) Parents are asked to leave and return to pick up student at 1:30pm

Students will be given pertinent school information, schedules, lockers, tour of school and lunch.

## SUMMER READING

Students who will be in 9th grade for the 2023-2024 school year:

Regular: no summer reading

Honors: no summer reading

Pre-AP: Mythology (Edith Hamilton)

Students who will be in 10th grade for the 2023-2024 school year:

Regular: no summer reading

Honors: Life of Pi (Yann Martel)

Pre-AP: Life of Pi (Yann Martel)

Students who will be in 11th grade for the 2023-2024 school year:

Regular: no summer reading

Honors: The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass

AP Lang: How to Win Friends and Influence People (Dale Carnegie), and The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass

Students who will be in 12th grade for the 2023-2024 school year:

Regular: no summer reading

Honors: The Picture of Dorian Gray (Oscar Wilde)

AP Lit: East of Eden (John Steinbeck)

## TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks will be issued to students through each of their classes. Once textbooks have been issued, students are responsible for each book until the textbooks are returned and checked in. If textbooks are lost, students are financially responsible for those books. Students should take care of their textbooks because they are not easily replaced.

All textbooks that are not returned at the end of each year are placed on the debt list. Please return all outstanding books to the media center to be removed from the debt list.



# STUDENT INFO

## ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

Does your student suffer from even occasional headaches or menstrual cramps? Does he/she need to carry inhalers anytime during the year or carry an EpiPen for a severe allergy? A permission slip must be filled out by a parent or guardian and kept in the clinic. This is for your student's safety so that staff and faculty know of your student's condition and its severity. From Alachua County School Services Handbook "Parents of those students receiving medication from school personnel will furnish the school with a separate supply of the medication, in its original (pharmacy or store labeled) bottle. Parents are required to bring medication directly to the school health room as students are not permitted to carry medication except in specific cases (i.e., asthma, insulin, Epi-Pen®)."

Make it easy for you and safe for your student!! Come to the clinic early August 8th and 9th 8AM-3PM or the first week of school during regular school hours to bring medications with signed permission slips.

Have a safe and healthy school year!!  
Amber Kovach, RN

## SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures will be taken through English classes in September. Students must have their pictures taken to appear in the yearbook. This picture may also be used for ID cards.

School picture information

9/20. Seniors

9/21. Underclass and staff

11/2. Absentees

12/9. Cap and gown

## ATTENDANCE

Buchholz believes that a student's academic performance is directly related to class attendance. Parents should encourage students to attend all classes regularly and reserve absences for emergencies. Notes from a parent or guardian may excuse up to six absences for the following reasons: sickness, injury, death in the family, or some other insurmountable condition. Documented appointments with health care professionals, religious instruction or religious holiday; participation in a school sponsored activity approved by the principal or designee; and court appearances (subpoena required) are excused absences. Documentation excusing absences must be turned into the Attendance Office upon the immediate return of the student to school. Make-up work will not be assigned until a note has been received and affirmed. Absences will not be excused for a previous semester or school year.

## MEDIA CENTER

The Buchholz Media Center is open every school day from 7:45am until 3:15pm. Students are always welcome before school, at lunch and after school, but during class time they must be on a pass and have school work to complete. Students have access to over 10,000 novels, and reference materials as well as Computer space and the ability to Print.

## TUTORING OPPORTUNITIES

Math Homework Help is available every Monday and Wednesday after school in the Media Center. Math Teachers are available to help students of all math levels.

# STUDENT INFO

## BRIGHT FUTURES SERVICE HOURS REQUIREMENTS

Community Service is an excellent way to help the community. However, Community Service Hours are NOT a requirement for high school graduation.

They are one of the requirements necessary for receiving the Bright Futures Scholarship for college, along with:

- An academic GPA of 3.0 or higher
- ACT score of 26 or SAT CR & Math of 1170 or higher

“COMMUNITY SERVICE”, is defined as altruistic tasks performed with the intent of enhancing the quality of life in the school or the community at large.

Students may earn credit for graduation through APPROVED community service. Up to one (1) full credit may be earned, ½ credit at a time, for each 75 hours of pre-approved community service. Students may earn two one-half credits by completing 150 hours of service. Community service hours may only be applied to either coursework for credit or community service for Florida Bright Futures Scholars Awards, not both. A student who seeks one full credit for graduation and the community service for Florida Bright Futures, must complete 250 hours of approved community service activities. (ACPS policy 2575.01)

Effective August 20, 2012 all service hours must be PRE-APPROVED by your guidance counselor.

## COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Seniors and parents need to know that in order to participate in graduation exercises, a student must have successfully completed ALL or ALL BUT 1.0 credit of the required academic credits.

## NCAA ATHLETES

This is a good time to review the information, register and create your account with the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

On the website you will find a link to information and recourses for prospective student/athlete and parents. Please visit and review your obligations prior to your junior year. [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)

Remember, that if you would like to play a sport in college, you must go through the NCAA clearing house.



# STUDENT INFO

## ACADEMY OF FINANCE

Did you know that you can open a Florida Credit Union account at the Bobcat Branch? The Bobcat Branch is a branch of the Florida Credit Union located in the Academy of Finance at Buchholz High School. It is only open to Buchholz students, faculty and staff. The Bobcat Branch is run by the AOF students. The hours of operation are 8:00 – 8:20 and during both lunches.

Benefits include:

Never go hungry again. You can withdraw money from your account when you forget your lunch money.

You can access your account when you are at Buchholz or at any other Florida Credit Union branch.

If you are new to BHS and open an account during orientation, the Florida Credit Union will add \$25 to your account. You will need to complete an application and a social security number is required.

You only need to maintain a balance of \$5 to keep your account open. There are no fees for inactivity for Bobcat Branch members.

Throughout the year, the Bobcat Branch offers promotions which include free CatProwl tickets, t-shirts and gift cards.

You can start learning about Financial Responsibility while in high school to help prepare you for life!

## BOBCAT GEAR AT THE SPIRIT SPOT

The Spirit Spot is your one-stop shop for school sponsored t-shirts and apparel for the new school year. The Spirit Spot is the Buchholz school store operated by students in the Academy of Entrepreneurship. We carry a wide variety of t-shirts, hoodies, hats, scarves, socks, jackets, and seat cushions for the game that allow students to show their Bobcat pride. The Spirit Spot is located in Building 9, right next to the covered bus port on the east side of the campus. We will be open August 6-9, 2019 from 9-2 pm. Customers will save \$10 off of purchases of \$50.00 or more. Students/Parents attending orientation can stop in and make purchases.

 <p><b>\$10</b></p> <p><i>\$10 off a purchase totaling \$50 or more in store, with this coupon</i></p>  <p>10 6 5 9 0</p>	<h3>Back-to-School Sale</h3> <h4>Instant Money!</h4> <p><b>Before August 10th ONLY!</b></p> <p><i>Special shopping hours 9am - 2 pm each day!</i></p> <p><i>\$10 or \$15 savings coupons are valid for one item on one single purchase of \$50 or \$75 or more respectively, from Tuesday, August 6 - Friday, August 9, 2019. One coupon per customer, must be used within 48 hours of purchase. Discount does not apply to Books, Cell Phones, or Clearance items. Discounts cannot be combined with any other discount coupons. Discount applied to all quality regardless of the printed basic, any refunds will be given on the printed amount. No Cash Value.</i></p> <p><i>The Spirit Spot is a school-based store located in the Academy of Entrepreneurship shop at Buchholz High School. It is operated by students, and parents are used to lead Academy activities, including: cell phone, laptop shop, car finance, state and national competitions, school shops, and more on campus.</i></p>	 <p><b>\$15</b></p> <p><i>\$15 off a purchase totaling \$75 or more in store, with this coupon</i></p>  <p>0 6 6 0 6</p>
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# DRESS CODE

## SCHOOL DRESS CODE

### SCHOOL DRESS CODE

You are expected to dress for school and school activities in a way that contributes to your health and safety, promotes a positive school learning environment and does not disrupt the events and activities of the school.

**General Dress Code Requirements** This general dress code applies to all students at school and to all students while attending school-sponsored activities after the regular school day.

Clothing must be the appropriate size for you, not be oversized or undersized. The waist of the garment shall be worn so that the waistband is worn at the waist and not below the waist. You may not wear baggy/saggy pants.

Shirts/blouses/dresses must cover midriff, back, and sides at all times and should be fastened with no visible cleavage or undergarments.

Shorts/skirts/jumpers/skorts/dresses shall be worn no shorter than "mid thigh." Mid thigh is determined by extending the arms to the sides of the body and finding the tip of the longest finger (using normal posture).

In addition to the above basic uniform, the principal may designate more restrictive dress code requirements, if approved by the school's SAC. ie. "Tank tops are prohibited. This has been approved the Principal and the SAC."

#### Exceptions:

You may wear special clothing necessary for a school-sponsored activity, as permitted by the principal.

If you are enrolled in a career academy, you may wear the uniform of that program.

The Superintendent, in consultation with the principal, may waive the dress code policy on a case-by-case basis for reasons such as, but not limited to, medical necessity or sincerely held religious belief. Shoes must be safe and appropriate. You may not wear bedroom slippers or shoes with wheels. Elementary students only, must wear shoes that are closed-toed and closed-heel and/or athletic shoes; you may not wear platforms, sandals, flip flops, crocs or jellies.

**Outer Garments:** You may wear coats, jackets, sweat-shirts, sweaters, or other appropriate outer garments when necessary due to weather conditions or for other legitimate reasons. The outer garments must be of the appropriate size for you and shall not be overly baggy or violate any other provisions of the dress code.

## PROHIBITIONS

You may not wear:

- Clothing that is not properly fastened
- Clothing, hair styles, piercings, jewelry, or accessories that are dangerous to the health and safety of yourself or others, or are distracting or disruptive to the orderly learning environment;
- Clothing that exposes undergarments or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner
- Clothing that is unlined sheer or unlined lace
- Clothing that is form fitting, unless proper outer garments are worn over top of it
- Visible undergarments, sleepwear or outer garments traditionally designed as undergarments such as boxer shorts, or bras;

# PARENT INFO

## PARENT INFORMATION

### IMPORTANT POLICIES

#### PROHIBITED ARTICLES AND SUBSTANCES

There are several school policies that we wish to call to your attention in hopes that awareness of these policies will make the start of school a satisfying and orderly process for all involved.

Smoking and tobacco products are not allowed on the school campus, in areas adjacent to the school, or at school sponsored activities on and off campus. Drinking or possession of intoxicating beverages at school or school sponsored activities is prohibited. Possession or use of drugs and/or drug paraphernalia on school property (including buses), at school sponsored activities, and in any vehicle brought onto school property or to school sponsored activities is prohibited.

Possession of weapons and the use of weapons on school property (including buses), at school sponsored activities, and in any vehicle brought onto school property or to school sponsored activities is prohibited.

Playing cards are prohibited.

The items prohibited above are subject to confiscation by school authorities and any student possessing them is subject to the Code of Student Conduct. The school is NOT responsible for confiscated items.

#### AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Parents, please determine in advance your student's reason for needing to remain on campus after school and the length of time the activity involves. Doing so allows you to make arrangements for prompt pickup. This is especially important for evening activities, both on and off campus. Home varsity football games at Citizen's Field are over at approximately 9:30 PM.

#### ATTENTION PARENTS

For your child's protection, BHS policy restricts

contact with students to parents/legal guardians and those persons who have been authorized by the parents/legal guardians. "Contact" includes checking a student out of school, asking to speak to a student, or making deliveries of any kind (i.e. homework, gym clothes, etc.). This policy covers all "non-parents" including immediate family (siblings, grandparents, uncles, aunts), as well as friends, neighbors, etc. This policy means only those visitors that have been pre-approved by parents may have contact with students. Non-parents can be approved by listing those names on your child's signed emergency card. If you have any questions, please contact BHS at (352) 955-6702.

#### TRANSPORTATION

##### BUS SCHEDULES

Bus schedules can be accessed through the School Board Website at [www.sbac.edu](http://www.sbac.edu)

##### DROP OFF AND PICK-UP AREAS

For the safety of students, do not drop off at the intersection of 55th and 27th Avenue (the front of the school). This policy will help keep traffic jams to a minimum and help us prevent students crossing against traffic. The east parking lot and bus driveway are for the use of faculty and school buses only. Bus movement must not be hindered. These areas are monitored by the Sheriff's Office and you may receive a ticket for dropping off students in these areas. The designed drop off zone is in the front of the gym, along the loop at the top of the hill.

Parents should park in visitor spaces. All numbered spaces are reserved.

##### IMPORTANT ITEMS TO LOOK FOR ON THE FIRST DAY

Each student will receive a class schedule and school insurance application. Parents, please look for this important information so the necessary forms can be returned to school as soon as possible.