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Week of December 16 - 20, 2024

GENERAL

- Bobcats, please join me in congratulating Team 49759A "Lynx Rufus" on their epic win at the "Kraken Klash" regional tournament in Tampa! Adrian P. is the lead engineer and Notebooker on the team and has put in tremendous work and effort on this bot! Teammate Eddie Y. also attended the competition on Saturday with him. Other members of Lynx Rufus include Karm B. and Isa V., who have been working on the bot this whole semester. They were undefeated in their 8 qualifying matches, earning them a 2nd rank seed for the elimination tournament. They also survived all the knockout rounds and triumphed in the final match, earning them the title of Tournament Champions and a qualification bid to the Regional Championship in February. They also received the "Amaze Award" from the judges, which is based on both tournament performance, as well as a judging interview and engineering notebook review. (Their Notebook is 100 pages long so far!) The Amaze Award recognizes a consistently high-performing and competitive robot. Key criteria of the Amaze Award are:
 - Robot reliably contributes to high-scoring matches with their alliance partners.
 - Robot performs at a high level in Driving Skills and Autonomous Coding Skills at the event.
 - Programming is effective at solving the game challenges for both Qualification Matches and Skills Challenge matches.
 - Students understand and explain how they worked together to develop their robot design to consistently execute an effective game strategy.
 - Team Interview demonstrates effective communication skills, teamwork, professionalism, and a student-centered ethos.
 - The Engineering Notebook is consistent with the qualities demonstrated in the team interview and robot design.
- Midterm Exam Schedule: Semester exams are **Wednesday & Thursday, December 18th & 19th**. Students will report to 1st period each day from 8:30am – 8:40am for Announcements and Attendance. Students are not permitted to check out during the exam periods. See the BHS website for precise details. In general, the schedule is:
 - Wednesday Exams – Periods 1, 3 and 5
 - Thursday Exams – Periods 2, 4 and 6

WEDNESDAY: December 18th	THURSDAY: December 19th
PERIOD 1: 8:45 – 10:15	PERIOD 2: 8:45 – 10:15
PERIOD 3: 10:20 – 11:50	PERIOD 4: 10:20 – 11:50
PERIOD 5: 1:10 – 2:40	PERIOD 6: 1:10 – 2:40

- Judge Stephan Mickle Essay Contest: High School seniors submit your essay which captures the work and life of Judge Stephan P. Mickle Sr. for a chance to win a monetary award. Winners will be asked to read their essay at a public event during the Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend Commemoration Activities. Mandatory Essay Guidelines: up to 500 words, double spaced, include cover page with full name, school, and grade, capture work and life of Judge Stephan P. Mickle Sr. through knowledge, compassion and understanding of biographical information and date, no AI generated essays will be accepted. Deadline to submit is December 19, 2024 to mickleessaycontest@gm.sbac.edu.
- SCHOOL CLOSED for Winter Holidays: December 23, 2024 – January 3, 2025
- Bobcat Branch bank, a branch of the Florida Credit Union, is open before school from 7:50am – 8:20am and during both lunches. If you do not have an account with the Florida Credit Union,

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come see us for details on how to open an account and receive \$25. There will be lots of promotions this year when you come and make a deposit or withdrawal. Hope to see you soon!

- Follow BHS on X: @buchholzhigh or Instagram: buchholz.high or Facebook: F.W. Buchholz High School
- Follow student government on Twitter: buchholz_high or Instagram: buchholz.high.
- After School Tutoring in the Media Center on Monday and Wednesdays from 3:00pm – 4:00pm. Transportation is not provided.

○ MONDAY: 3-4pm	○ WEDNESDAY: 3-4pm
○ Foreign Language	○ ELA
○ Math	○ Math
○ Science	○ Social Studies

CLUBS

- [BHS Club Website Link](#)

SPORTS

- Tickets exclusively on sale for \$10 through GoFan.co website/app for paperless tickets. Be ready to show your electronic ticket at the gate for entry.
- Coach Contact Information is located under the Sports tab on the Buchholz Home page.

Buchholz High School Athletic Schedule – Week of December 14 – December 21:

- **Monday - NONE**
- **Tuesday - NONE**
- **Wednesday - Boys Varsity Wrestling District Duals @ University High School – 4:30pm**
- **Thursday - Boys JV/V Soccer @ EHS – 5:00pm**
Girls JV/V Soccer @ Westport – 6:00pm
- **Friday - Boys F/JV/V Basketball @ EHS – 4:30pm**
Girls Varsity Basketball @ Newberry – 6:30pm
Boys & Girls Wrestling @ KO IBT/Silver @ Spurs Arena
- **Saturday - Boys F/JV/V Basketball vs the Villages – 4:30pm**
Boys & Girls Wrestling @ KO IBT/Silver @ Spurs Arena

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Big Futures Scholarship – College Board: No essay, no minimum GPA or test score, just follow the steps for chances to win! The more steps you complete and earlier you start, the more chances you have to win: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/bigfuture-scholarships>
- **Air Force ROTC Scholarship:** The purpose of the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps (AFROTC) High School Scholarship Program is to provide merit-based academic scholarships as an incentive to attract, recruit, and retain a diverse, intellectual, and leadership-focused group of

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high school seniors. Applicant requirements: Unweighted GPA of 3. Test Scores - SAT score of 1240 or ACT of 26. Apply at [AFROTC.COM](https://www.afrotc.com). Deadline December 31, 2024.

- **The McDonald's HACER® National Scholarship:** The McDonald's HACER® National Scholarship Program offers scholarships to up to 30 outstanding students from all over the country. It continues to provide educational opportunities to help narrow the gap that exists for Hispanic and Latino college-bound students, further reinforcing McDonald's long-standing commitment to feeding and fostering the diverse communities it serves. Apply at <https://www.mcdonalds.com/us/en-us/community/hacer.html>. Deadline February 6, 2025

Custo Line: Build Your Own Meal: Choose from daily special items or build your own salad or nachos daily! All meals can be topped with fresh items from our cold bar!

Monday, December 16: Orange Chicken, Brown Rice & Steamed Broccoli
Salad of the Day: Sweet Mandarin Orange Asian Salad w/Breadstick
Choice of Sides: 100% Apple Juice, Fresh Fruit

Tuesday, December 17: Soft Pretzel, Cheddar Cheese Sauce, Savory Sweet Potatoes Fries, Warm Salsa & Blanco Queso Cheese Sauce
Salad of the Day: Sweet Mandarin Orange Asian Salad w/Breadstick
Choice of Sides: Mixed Berry Cup, Fresh Fruit

Wednesday, December 18: Ka Boom Chicken Fillet, Hamburger Bun, Tater Tots & Blanco Queso Cheese Sauce
Salad of the Day: Sweet Mandarin Orange Asian Salad w/Breadstick
Choice of Sides: 100% Grape Juice, Fresh Fruit

Thursday, December 19: *HOLIDAY FEAST:* Cheesy Lasagna, Golden Corn, Triple Chocolate Cookie & Baked Apple Crisp
Salad of the Day: Sweet Mandarin Orange Asian Salad w/Breadstick
Choice of Sides: Orange & Lime Holiday Frozen Juice, Cranberry Sauce, Warm Peach Cobbler, Fresh Fruit

Friday, December 20: Three Cheese Cavatappi, BBQ Pulled Pork, Cornbread Mini Loaf & Roasted Parm Zucchini Fries
Salad of the Day: Sweet Mandarin Orange Asian Salad w/Breadstick
Choice of Sides: Strawberries & Whip, Fresh Fruit

Grab N Go: Teriyaki Chicken Bites and Crinkle Fries

Galley: Pizza or Poppers

In the Spirit Spot Café: Chicken Poppers, Chicken Sandwiches, Fries, Cookies, Iced Coffee, and Chips.