



## Principal's Message

Dear Bear Nation,

Happy New Year and welcome back! It is hard to believe we have completed the first semester and our students are accomplishing amazing feats. Our Girls Cross Country, Boys Cross Country and Boys Water Polo teams won CIF Central Section Championships. All three teams competed at the state level and represented our community extremely well. Boys Water Polo finished top four in Northern California, Boys Cross Country 9th in the state and our Girls Cross Country 2nd in the state. Our seniors have been applying to college and post-secondary institutions and staying focused with finishing their high school resume. Our juniors have met with their counselors and are identifying areas of interest for their future. The sophomores completed their Career Cruising lessons with the counselors and have developed a plan for what they would like to achieve in their high school career. Our freshmen will be meeting with their counselor to develop their four-year plan and prepare for registration in the spring.

Construction is officially completed on our site. The state of the art Counseling/Career Center and Library Media Center were released to us in mid-November. It is safe to say these facilities were well worth the wait! Our students have the latest technology and facilities upgrades to help support them reach their academic goals. Mrs. Jennifer O'Meara was honored at the California League of High Schools, Region 7 dinner on November 28, 2017. Also, Miss Kendia Herrington and Mr. Jeff Hodges are receiving a Clovis Unified School District Crystal Award on February 28, 2018. We are very proud of these exceptional educators and they truly deserve this recognition.

All underclassmen will start to register for classes for the 2018-2019 school year beginning at the end of February. It is very important for you to work with your child on their plans for high school and choose classes that support their future goals. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your student's counselor. Lastly, thank you to all our families for your continued support of Bear Nation.

Sincerely,  
Joe Aiello



Joe Aiello



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# BEAR Tracks

## Attendance Corner

327-3037—24 Hour Hotline

*A few important reminders regarding Attendance...*

**INDEPENDENT STUDY:** Please remember that Independent Study is available if your student is going to be absent for five or more consecutive days. This will not only protect your student from unexcused absences, but it also provides your student with the appropriate work he/she would be missing during the absence period.

Please remember that your student **must be absent five (5) or more days** to request an Independent Study contract, and that it must be requested **BEFORE** the absence.

**HOME HOSPITAL:** This option is also available to students who are absent due to an extended illness. Requirements:

- Be absent a minimum of 15 school days, and a maximum of 30 school days
- Physician must fill out a CUSD Home Hospital Form stating the reason and the exact dates the student will be out of school.
- For information please contact Mrs. Weaver, in Student Services, at 327-3331.

**ABSENCES:** Please promptly call our office when your student is absent. Any absence past five days of the student's return will remain uncleared and may turn into truancy.

**OFF-CAMPUS PASSES:** Please notify us as soon as possible if your student needs to leave for any reason during the school day. Advance notice gives us ample opportunity to have your child here in the Main Office waiting for you when you arrive. You may call our 24 hour hotline the night before.

**SINGLE PERIOD ABSENCES:** If a student has one or more uncleared single period absence, they will receive a *Single Period Verification Notice* from our office. If the single period absence(s) is not cleared, students may receive a *Truancy Letter*. It is very important these absences be cleared in a timely manner.

## Health Note from Nurse Sarah

As the weather becomes colder and we are all inside more than we'd like to be, the risk of illness increases. Each of us plays a part in keeping the entire community free of illness, by managing our own health and hygiene well. Please reinforce the importance of good hand washing at home. Students should be encouraged to wash their hands after using the restrooms, before and after eating, and after blowing their noses (even if they think it is just allergies). Also important is that they cover their mouths when they cough or sneeze. It is recommended that they use the crook of the elbow to do this. If they use their hands, immediate hand washing is in order. Another good thing to remember is that we should not share drinks.

Another way to decrease the illness rates at school is to keep sick students home. I understand the drive that students have to come to school to take a test, or hand in a project that they have been working so hard on. However, if they have a fever of 100°F or higher, vomiting, diarrhea, or a diagnosed communicable illness, they cannot come to school. They must also stay out of school until they are free of these symptoms / illnesses for 24 hours without medication. This is for the safety of all students as it reduces the spread of illness. For minor illnesses, I must remind students and parents that if the student requires an over-the-counter cold medication it should be given at home, before they leave for school. The school does not provide decongestants, cough suppressants, expectorants, etc.

The American Academy of Pediatrics also recommends that all children over 6 months of age get a flu shot. Flu shots are recommended for all caregivers of children each year as well. It is still not too late to get a flu shot. Remember it takes 2 weeks to get the full effect of the vaccine.

I am hopeful that if we are all mindful of these things we will have a healthy cold and flu season.

## Robotics

The Buchanan Bird Brains robotics team (FRC Team 1671) has been busy during their off-season getting ready for build season. They've been training new members, going to off-season competitions and advancing STEM in the community through outreach events.

During the fall, the Bird Brains competed in three off-season competitions. The first was Chezy Champs in San Jose, where they received the Programming Award and placed in the Semi-Finals. The second was Capital City Classic in Sacramento, where they placed as Finalists. The last off-season competition was Mad-Town Throwdown in Madera, which the Bird Brains co-hosted and finished as Quarterfinalists.

The team has also been making their presence known in the community at events like the Clovis Farmers Market, elementary school carnivals, and FIRST LEGO League competitions. These events aim to gain sponsorship and to inspire children in the local area to get involved in STEM.

With off-season competitions behind them, Team 1671 is now focusing their attention on preparing for the Clovis North Stable Stomp - an event that Buchanan is co-hosting with Clovis North which brings together FIRST LEGO League, FIRST Tech Challenge, and FIRST Robotics Competition teams across the Central Valley. The Buchanan Bird Brains will be kicking off their official build season on January 6th.

Jacob Baker

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## The San Joaquin Valley Town Hall Lecture Series

Over the last two school years, students have been attending the San Joaquin Valley Town Hall Lecture Series. The San Joaquin Valley Town Hall Lecture Series is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to bring thought provoking lectures to the valley. They provide free tickets to local students to every lecture. It is a great opportunity for our students and community. Last year students attended lectures by Leon Panetta, Marc Lapadula, Wes Moore, Dave Barry, Adam Steltzner, and Lisa Genova. Students recently attended the first lecture for this year on October 18. The lecture was with Vicente Fox, a previous president of Mexico. Buchanan had approximately 30 students attend.

During each lecture, every school in attendance is allowed to submit two Merit Scholars. These Merit Scholars are invited to attend a pre-lecture small group question and answer session with the featured speaker. At the conclusion of the small-group session, the speaker draws a name from the list of the Merit Scholars and gives away a \$500 scholarship. Buchanan had two students win the \$500 scholarship in the past two years. The first was Alex Peralta, class of 2016 and the other was Greta Gledhill, class of 2017.



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**BUCHANAN REGISTRATION FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR**

Registration paperwork will be distributed to all students in grades 9-11 on Monday, February 26, 2018 through physical education classes. Students enrolled in 0 Period P.E. or Directed Study P.E. may pick up paperwork during Lunch P.E. Students enrolled in CART or ROP off campus may pick up their paperwork in the Counseling Center beginning on Tuesday, February 27, 2018.

Students will meet with their counselor March 1-9, 2018 in the Counseling Center to register for classes. Students are scheduled to register through their English class. Each English teacher will have a schedule for the week. Make-ups for CART students or for those who miss will be during the rest of the month of March up to March 23rd.. Looking forward to working toward a great 2018-19 school year!

**Freshman Parent Orientation (for current Alta Sierra 8th grade students)**

Monday, March 5 or Tuesday, March 6 6:00 PM in the Buchanan High School Multi-Purpose Room. For your convenience, the same information regarding registration and graduation requirements will be presented at both meetings, so you need only attend one meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Senior Scholarship Information (Class of 2018)**

Reminder that the BHS Scholarship Portfolio is due on January 19, 2018. All documents requested for the Portfolio should be submitted to the Counseling Center by this date. The counseling staff at Buchanan would like to remind you to visit the Scholarship Bulletin website for information regarding scholarship opportunities available for your senior student. Here, you will find monthly updates on a wide variety of resources and organizations that offer yearly scholarships and awards to assist students with the ever increasing cost to attend college. Although awards vary in selection criteria and monetary value, we encourage all students to apply regardless of their background. We would also like to remind all parents that the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) deadline is March 2, 2018. Please note that some colleges and universities may require students to submit the FAFSA in order to qualify and be eligible for university and merit scholarships. The Buchanan Scholarship Bulletin can be located on the BHS Counseling Center website under Scholarships/Financial Aid.

<http://bhs.cusd.com/counseling-center/scholarships>

**Attention Juniors:****Testing Requirements for University of California:**

- SAT Exam and/or ACT Exam with Writing
- SAT Subject Exams are no longer required for admission to a UC, but may be used to strengthen a student's resume or may be recommended by some majors at the various UC's. Please see the individual UC websites for more information.

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- SAT Exam and/or ACT Exam

SAT and SAT Subject Exams- Sign up in Spring Junior year through December of Senior year

- Spring dates are March, May and June
- Register online at [sat.org/register](http://sat.org/register)
- See Practice on the website including Khan Academy

ACT Exams- Sign up in Spring of Junior year through December of Senior year

- Spring dates: February, April, June, July
- Register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

**NCAA Eligibility Center Information for College Bound Student-Athletes**

Find the NCAA Eligibility Center website at <http://NCAA.org/p/collegesports>. This website has enhanced resources and information for students. By clicking on the Student Athlete button and looking under Future, students and parents can find information on The Value of College Sports, A Guide for the College-Bound Student Athlete, and the National Letter of Intent. Information regarding the three NCAA divisions can be found on this website as well. The Student-Athlete Registration link can be found on the left of the screen.

There have been changes to the NCAA Eligibility Center Website along with the way students will sign up. Student Athlete registration will take place at the following website <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/> (which you can go to directly or through the website listed above).

There are now two different accounts on the Eligibility Center website to help prospective student-athletes make the best decision about their college choices. Certification Account (for DI and DII Student-Athletes) and Profile Page (for DIII and unsure students).

**A few spots are left!**



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# COUNSELING CENTER



If you have not yet completed an account for the NCAA Eligibility Center please see the document below to determine if you should create a Certification Account or a Profile Page.

If you have already completed an account for the NCAA Eligibility Center please see the document below and note that you have made a Certification Account (if you want to go D III you will want to complete a Profile Page).

Here is the NCAA Eligibility Center document describing the changes (it is also available on the Counseling Center website under NCAA/NAIA)

## Which eligibilitycenter.org account should I create?

We developed two different accounts for the new website to help prospective student-athletes make the best decision about their college choices.

1. **Certification Account:** You need to be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center to compete at an NCAA Division I or II school. You also need to be registered with a Certification Account before you can make official visits or sign a National Letter of Intent in Division I or II. Please allow 30 to 45 minutes to completely register and see our Registration Checklist for further details.
2. **Profile Page:** If you plan to compete at a Division III school or are currently unsure which division you want to compete in, create a Profile Page. Please allow 15 to 30 minutes to completely register. If at any time you wish to play at the Division I or II level, you can transition to a Certification Account and pay the registration fee to begin your certification process.
  - Please note: You may transition from a Profile Page to a Certification Account, but cannot move from a Certification Account to a Profile Page. Students who registered with the old website will be considered Certification Accounts.

What should I do if...

- I want to play at a Division I school: register for a Certification Account. Have information about your education and sports history ready to make your registration process easier. You will also need to pay within 30 days of creating your account for it to remain active. Make sure you're on track to be eligible by following the Division I academic guidelines.
- I want to play at a Division II school: register for a Certification Account. Have information about your education and sports history ready to make your registration process easier. You will also need to pay within 30 days of creating your account for it to remain active. Make sure you're on track to be eligible by following the Division II academic guidelines.
- I want to play at a Division III school: register for a Profile Page. Division III schools set their own academic requirements. Check with your school to make sure you're on track to be eligible. If you decide to play Division I or II sports at a later time, you will need to transition to a Certification Account.
- I'm not sure where I want to play: register for a Profile Page. As you go through your college process and learn what division is best for you, you can receive updates from the Eligibility Center with helpful reminders to make sure you're ready to participate in college. You can keep your Profile Page or transition to a Certification Account once you make your college decision.

The NCAA Eligibility Center Information Night will be held on January, 22, 2018 in the BHS Library Lecture Hall (LLH) starting at 6 pm. Information for Sophomore and Junior Student Athletes and their parents will be presented.

## **Sophomore/Junior Parent Information Night**

Join us on Thursday, February 8, 2018, in the Library Lecture Hall from 5:45-8:00 PM for a variety of informational sessions designed to answer many common questions that students and parents have as they enter the final years of high school and begin to plan for their future. Students are welcome to join! There will be representatives from Community College, CSU's, UC's, Grand Canyon University, Financial Aid, ROTC, CA Health Sciences University, Culinary Arts, CART, and much more. While this evening is designed for sophomore and junior parents, we welcome anyone who is interested in these presentations.

## **Other Counseling Center dates in January and February**

- Jan-9/10- Sophomore Career Cruising (through English 10 classes)
- Jan 11- CART Visitation Day- Grades 10/11 to CART (sign up in CC)
- Jan 22- Sophomore Conferences (through English 10 classes)
- Jan 29- ROP/CTE Presentation to all 10th grade students
- Feb 5 - Freshman Conference (through English 9 classes)

## New Counseling Center

**We are in our new facility!** After spending some time unpacking and organizing and moving desks and bookshelves around to see how to efficiently set up our offices, the counselors are now getting back to our normal routine as we are getting settled into our newly constructed Counseling and Career Center. Although the finishing touches continue to be made (television sets soon to be installed, reception counter top being added, brochure racks soon to be installed, etc.) we have moved back to the 100 Wing. We are very much looking forward to utilizing our expanded facility to do what we can to help our students! Here are just a couple of pictures to show you our new-and-improved center.



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## Boys Water Polo

Buchanan's Boys' water polo team made history this past fall as it took a second consecutive CIF championship and moved to the first ever Northern California Regional Championships. Seeded fifth out of eight in Division I, the Bears had to take on Menlo, the #4 team and had to travel to Palo Alto High School on Tuesday, November 14th. Arriving back home just before midnight, Buchanan had extended its season to at least the semi-finals based on its 10-9 double overtime upset. As of press time, the Bears were 25-4, undefeated in TRAC play and Valley champs. The trio of senior Anthony Tolbert, junior Kaleb Archer and junior Gabe Putnam were accorded Central California CIF co-Most Valuable Player honors based on their performance during the playoffs. Buchanan defeated Bullard in the quarter-finals 21-5, Redwood in the semis 14-5 and Clovis North 8-6 in the finals. Buchanan's JV boys led by sophomores Aidan O'Meara, Logan Gioffre, Blake Fullerton and Conner Fritsch were also undefeated in TRAC play.

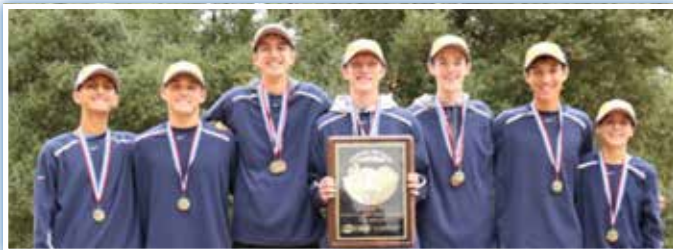
## National Signing Day

Congratulations to Buchanan athletes who signed their college National Letter of Intent on November 8th.

- Anthony Montalvo – Oklahoma State – Wrestling
- Anaya Sperling – San Francisco State – Basketball
- Kyle Merchen – Concordia – Boys Volleyball
- Katie Nili – Westmont – Track / Cross Country
- Kennedy Rice – Chico State – Girls Volleyball
- Julianna Tookoian – UCLA – Crew
- Molly Millar – Stanford – Softball
- Analiese Raley – Nebraska – Softball
- Tyler Ashman – Northeastern State University - Golf

## Girls Volleyball

Girls Volleyball wrapped up a successful 2017 season with an overall record of 34-8. The team kicked off the season with attending the prestigious Ann Kang Invitational Tournament in Honolulu, HI competing against nationally ranked teams from California, Hawaii, and Texas. The team went on to make our mark at the San Luis Obispo tournament taking 2nd place and at the Hard Driven Volleyball Challenge (Clovis North) taking 1st. The Bears fell short to TRAC rival Central High School in both league and in the CIF Central Section Finals losing to them in 5 sets at each meeting. This was the first time since 2009 that Buchanan Girls Volleyball has been to the section finals (last year won was in 2007).



Boys Cross Country Valley Championships Photo, left to right, Thor Swanson, Kelly Brewer, Ryan Toto, Hayden Hansen, Dustyn Mckenny, Andrew Goff, Bo Olsen

## Cross Country

What an outstanding season for Buchanan Cross Country! The Boys team finished the season with a League Title, a Valley Title and a very respectable 9th place finish at the California State meet, led by senior Hayden Hansen who was also individually your 2017 TRAC League Champion!

The Boys will continue their season down in Walnut, California at the Footlocker Regional qualifier meet on December 2nd. On the Girls side, sophomore Corie Smith and Junior Meagan Lowe also led their team to a League Title, a Valley Title and a remarkable 2nd place finish at the California State meet. Both ladies alternated taking 1st and 2nd in all three of the meets with Corie ending as your 2017 State Champion and Meagan as 2nd place runner up. With such an amazing performance by the Girls squad, they have now been invited to the Nike Cross Country National meet in Portland, Oregon on December 2nd to race against the nation's best runners! Stay tuned to watch all of these amazing runners continue to outrun the competition in 2018 on the Track!



Girls Cross Country State Photo, top row Gianna Chiramonte, Sydney Fox, Alyssa Destacio, Clare Hernandez. Bottom row, Amanda Dolberg, Katie Nili, Corie Smith, Meagan Lowe.



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# ATHLETIC CALENDAR



Date	Event	Location
1/2	Girls Basketball vs Memorial	Buchanan
1/5	Boys Basketball Varsity vs San Joaquin Memorial	Clovis East
1/5 - 1/6	Wrestling Last Chance Invitational	Fresno City College
1/5 - 1/6	Wrestling vs Clovis North (Pack the Gym)	Buchanan
1/12 - 1/13	Boys Basketball vs Clovis East (Senior Night)	Buchanan
1/19 - 1/20	Wrestling TRAC Championships	Buchanan
2/2 - 2/3	Baseball vs Tulare Western	Buchanan
2/3	Baseball @ Hanford West	Hanford West
2/6	Boys Tennis vs Redwood	Buchanan
2/8	Baseball vs Edison	Buchanan
2/9	Boys Tennis vs Bullard	Buchanan
2/16 - 2/17	Baseball @ Bullard	Bullard
2/16 - 2/17	Baseball vs San Joaquin Memorial	Buchanan
2/17	Girls Soccer vs Madera	Buchanan
2/20	Boys Basketball @ Stockdale	Stockdale
2/20	Girls Basketball vs Edison	Buchanan
2/22	Boys Basketball Varsity vs San Joaquin Memorial	Clovis East
2/22	Boys Soccer @ Clovis High	Clovis High
2/23 - 2/24	Girls Soccer vs Clovis High	Buchanan
2/23 - 2/24	Boys Basketball Varsity vs Paso Robles	Clovis East
2/24	Girls Basketball vs Salinas	Buchanan
2/27	Girls Basketball Varsity/JV vs Immanuel	Buchanan
1/2	Boys Soccer vs Clovis West	Buchanan
1/3	Girls Soccer @ Clovis West	Clovis West
1/4	Wrestling vs Central (Senior Night)	Buchanan
1/5	Boys Basketball @ Clovis High	Clovis High
1/5	Girls Basketball vs Clovis (Spirit Night)	Buchanan
1/5	Boys Soccer @ Central High	Central
1/6	Girls Soccer vs Central High	Buchanan
1/6	Boys Basketball vs Clovis West	Clovis West
1/9	Boys Soccer @ Clovis East	Clovis East
1/9	Girls Soccer vs Clovis East	Buchanan
1/9	Girls Basketball @ Clovis West	Clovis West
1/10	Wrestling vs Clovis West (Spirit Night)	Buchanan
1/12	Boys Basketball @ Central	Central
1/12	Girls Basketball vs Central	Buchanan
1/12	Boys Soccer vs Clovis North	Buchanan
1/12	Girls Soccer @ Clovis North	Clovis North
1/16	Wrestling @ True Wrestler Invitational	Mission Oak
1/16	Boys Basketball @ Clovis East	Clovis East
1/16	Girls Basketball vs Clovis East	Buchanan
1/17	Boys Soccer vs Clovis High	Buchanan
1/17	Girls Soccer @ Clovis High	Clovis High
1/19	Wrestling @ Clovis (Pack the Gym)	Clovis High
1/19	Boys Basketball vs Clovis North	Buchanan
1/19	Girls Basketball @ Clovis North	Clovis North
1/19	Boys Soccer @ Clovis West	Clovis West
1/20	Girls Soccer vs Clovis West	Buchanan
1/23	Boys Basketball vs Central (Spirit Night)	Buchanan
1/23	Boys Soccer vs Central	Buchanan
1/23	Girls Soccer @ Central	Central

1/23	Girls Basketball @ Clovis	Clovis High
1/25	Wrestling @ Clovis East	Clovis East
1/26	Boys Basketball @ Clovis West	Clovis West
1/26	Girls Basketball vs Clovis West	Buchanan
1/26	Boys Soccer vs Clovis East	Buchanan
1/26	Girls Soccer @ Clovis East	Clovis East
1/30	Track & Field @ Berkeley All Comers	Berkeley
1/30	Boys Basketball vs Central	Buchanan
1/30	Boys Soccer @ Clovis North	Clovis North
1/31	Girls Soccer vs Clovis North	Buchanan
1/31	Girls Basketball @ Central	Central
2/2	Girls Basketball @ Clovis East	Clovis East
2/2	Boys Soccer CIF Playoff	TBA
2/2	Boys Basketball @ Clovis North	Clovis North
2/2	Girls Basketball vs Clovis North (Senior Night)	Buchanan
2/3	Boys Soccer CIF Playoff	TBA
2/6	Boys Basketball Section Playoffs	TBA
2/6	Track & Field Parent Meeting	Buchanan
2/6	Girls Basketball Section Playoff	TBA
2/7	Boys Basketball Section Playoffs	TBA
2/9	Track & Field Buchanan Distance	Buchanan
2/13	Girls Basketball Section Playoff	TBA
2/13	Track & Field Clovis Sprint Classic	Clovis High
2/13	Boys Basketball Section Playoffs	TBA
2/15	Girls Basketball Section Playoff	TBA
2/20	Track & Field Alta Meet	Buchanan
2/20	Wrestling Who's #1 Duals	New Jersey
2/21	Wrestling CIT @ Morro Bay	Morro Bay
2/22	Boys Basketball Frosh/JV Showcase	Buchanan
2/22	Wrestling Doc Buchanan Invitational	Clovis High
2/23	Wrestling Valley Championships @ Lemoore	Lemoore
2/24	Boys Tennis @ TRAC/SWYL Challenge	Bakersfield
2/27	Wrestling Mission San Jose Invitational	Mission San Jose
2/28	Boys Soccer CIF Playoff Final 2/23 or 2/24	TBA
2/28	Wrestling Masters Championships	East Bakersfield

## Football

What a year! Here's recap about our football team this season and the achievements they accomplished this year. Overall our Bears finished the season 10-3. It was our first 10 win season in 8 years!! The players, were led by awesome seniors: Trevor Ervin, Keenen Wolf, Luke Malloy, Tyler McLelland, Theo Meyer, Toa Scanlan, Jordan Huddleson and much more. These young men did an amazing job of leading and encouraging our team to stick together through hard times and celebrate together during the good.

Our coaches: Mike Vogt, Mike Cooper, Ross Wood, Chris Bessinger, Christian Parra, Gary Delsimone, Trey Mitchell & John Hall did a fantastic job of challenging and encouraging our players to practice and play their best every day. What is even more important is that our coaches also instilled into these young men, the positives values and characteristics of what it takes to be excellent men one day. Through the result of hard work and dedication by these coaches and

players, our team reached the Valley Championship. A game that our football program has not played in, in 17 years. Although the outcome wasn't what we wanted in the Valley Championship game, these coaches and players have raised the standard of what I feel our football program should be every year.

I am very thankful for all the support you gave our football team this year and if you see one of these awesome players or coaches passing by please congratulate them on an excellent season.

I am thankful for the opportunity to coach the Buchanan Bears this year. It was a great experience. Once a Bear, Always a Bear  
Matt Giordano

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# Important Dates

Date	Event	Location
1/9 - 1/10	Sophomore Career Cruising	During Class Time
1/11	CART Field Trip	CART
1/15	Martin Luther King Holiday	
1/17	Mock Trial Round 1	Fresno County Superior Court
1/17	Governing Board Meeting	District Office - PDB
1/19	Winter Rally	Buchanan - REC/East Gym
1/20	Pep and Cheer	Yorba Linda
1/22	Sophomore Counseling	During Class Time
1/22	NCAA Parent Information Night	Buchanan - MPR
1/23	Buchanan Area Band Articulation Concert	Performing Arts Center - PAC
1/24	Mock Trial Round 2	Fresno County Superior Court
1/24	Buchanan Area Orchestra Concert	Performing Arts Center - PAC
1/27	Academic Decathlon	Fresno State University
1/27	Winter Formal	Clovis Veterans Memorial Building
1/27	SAT	
1/27	Color Guard & Percussion SJVCGPR	Clovis North High School
1/27	Pep and Cheer	Ontario
1/29	District LCAP Meeting	Clovis Veterans Memorial Building
1/29	ROP/CTE Presentation	Buchanan - Library Lecture Hall
1/30	Mock Trial Round 3	Fresno County Superior Court
2/1	Mock Trial Round 4	Fresno County Superior Court
2/1	Matt Muller Blood Drive	Buchanan - West Gym
2/2 - 2/4	Drama at Lenaea Theater Festival	Folsom Lake College
2/3	Academic Decathlon	Central East
2/3	Pep and Cheer CIF	TBA
2/5	Freshman 4-Year Plan	During Class Time
2/6	Mock Trial Semi-Finals	TBA

2/6 - 2/7	Bear Science Fair	Alta Sierra - Library
2/7	Mid-Valley Jazz Festival	Visalia
2/7	Governing Board Meeting	District Office - PDB
2/7	Pep and Cheer UCA Nationals	Orlando, Florida
2/7	SART Meeting	Buchanan Room 853
2/8	Sophomore/Junior Parent Night	Buchanan Library Lecture Hall
2/8	Mock Trial Finals	TBA
2/8 - 2/9	Orchestra @ Homestead Festival	Cupertino
2/9	Color Guard & Percussion @ SJVCGPR	TBA
2/10	Pep and Cheer Clovis West Showcase	Clovis West
2/12	Lincoln's Birthday Holiday	
2/15 - 2/16	Orchestra @ CASMEC All-State Weekend	TBA
2/17	Band @ WGI Percussion	TBA
2/17	Pep and Cheer Clovis North Showdown	Clovis North
2/19	Washington's Birthday Holiday	
2/20	Intermediate African American Leadership	TBA
2/21 - 2/22	FCC/CCC Placement Testing	Buchanan - Library
2/21	Governing Board Meeting	District Office PDB
2/21 - 2/25	Pep and Cheer USA Nationals	Anaheim
2/23 - 2/24	San Joaquin Valley Jazz Festival	Performing Arts Center - PAC
2/23	Grading Period 6 Wks Progress Report Sem 2	
2/24	Robotics Championship Tournament	Buchanan
2/24	Band @ WGI Color Guard	Modesto
2/24	Science Bowl	Tokay High School, Lodi
2/24	Forensics Tournament	Buchanan
2/26	Registration Distribution	Distribution During Student's PE Class
2/27	Mock Trial Awards Ceremony	Fresno Veterans Memorial Auditorium
2/28	Crystal Awards	Performing Arts Center - PAC