



## Principal's Message

Dear Bear Nation,

Our counseling staff has been diligently working on the registration process for the 2018/2019 school year. Each student will have the opportunity to meet with their counselor and review the courses needed to achieve their four-year goals. Please remember our junior and senior students have the opportunity to take career related courses through our pathways. The annual School Assessment Review Team (SART) survey will be available this month. We encourage all parents to go online to take the SART survey. Please check our website or contact the Deputy Principal's office for more information.

Spring is the time for testing. Students and teachers have worked extremely hard to prepare for these exams. We will have Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) testing beginning in April for all 11th graders in the areas of Language Arts, Math and Science. It is important for students who are applying to universities to complete these assessments. The assessment data is utilized to determine college readiness and class placement. Advanced Placement testing will occur in the second week of May. A passing mark on the AP exam could help save your student a substantial amount of money in college tuition fees.

Our drama department will be presenting the musical "Grease" March 8-17 at the Mercedes Edwards Theater. We have many co-curricular events occurring and we encourage you to come out and support our tremendous students. Please visit our website [bhs.cusd.com](http://bhs.cusd.com) for dates, times and locations for these events. 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 or 327-3000 ext. 1

### Semester 2 Information

- **SENIORS:** Have you had Perfect Attendance since Kindergarten? You may qualify to be recognized during your senior graduation ceremony! Bring your Elementary, Junior High and High School “PERFECT ATTENDANCE” certificates, awards, and/or documentation to Mrs. Sarabia, in the Attendance Office.
- **JUNIORS:** Did you know that receiving an “F” grade, having excessive absences and being short of credits, could prevent you from receiving your “Senior Off-Campus” privileges. If you have questions, please see Mrs. Sarabia, in the Attendance Office

### Updating Student’s Records

**Address Changes**– Must be done in person by the student’s parent/legal guardian only. An address verification document and a picture ID must be brought to Data Processor, Alison Bartosch, located in the main office. For any questions, call at 559-327-3438.

- Phone Numbers can be updated by logging in to Parent Connect. The primary phone is the phone used to send school messages.
- **STUDENT RELEASE AUTHORIZATION CHANGES** - Parents/legal guardians may add or remove anyone listed under this section. Please be aware anyone added to “*Student Release and Emergency Contacts*” may pick up your student from school with or without your knowledge therefore, it is extremely important to keep these records updated.

*(Person picking up student must be listed in Student Release and Emergency Contacts.)*

### Single Period Absence

Students receive a *Single Period Verification Notice* from attendance office when they have one or more Uncleared Single Period Absences.

- A single period absence not cleared within five days may be considered a “Class Cut” Student will be assigned consequences and could also receive a Truancy Letter. It is important for all absences to be cleared in a timely manner.
- In the event of a teacher attendance error, the student will need to have the teacher sign the notice to clear the absence and return the form to the attendance office.

## Counseling Center Information

### Buchanan Registration for the 2018-2019 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., Directed Study P.E., enrolled in CART or ROP off campus or students that were absent may pick up 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 as well as Summer School if needed. 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 ending on March 23. Looking forward to a great 2018-2019 school year!

### Freshman Parent Orientation

Monday, March 5 or Tuesday, March 6 at 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!

### Scholarship Information

The counseling staff at Buchanan would like to remind seniors 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 main web page, Quick Links, Counseling Center/Scholarships

### Attention Juniors!

Juniors, if you are planning on attending a four-year university after high school, it is recommended you begin taking the SAT exam and/or the ACT this Spring. The SAT is offered on March 10, May 5 and June 2 2018. Register at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). The ACT is offered on April 14, June 9, and July 14 2018. Register for the ACT at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

### Latino Student Success Conference

Our district-wide Latino Student Success Conference will be held on Friday, April 6 at Clovis North Education Center. The primary goal of the Latino Student Success Conference is to provide inspiration for students to pursue goals beyond high school. Students will have the opportunity to meet people who persevered and became a success as well as visit with representatives from colleges and other post-graduate options, enjoy a complimentary lunch and folklorico dance show. Come to the counseling center for an application and direct all questions to counselors, Mrs. Brandon or Mr. Salone. Only the first 125 students to turn in their applications will be able to attend!

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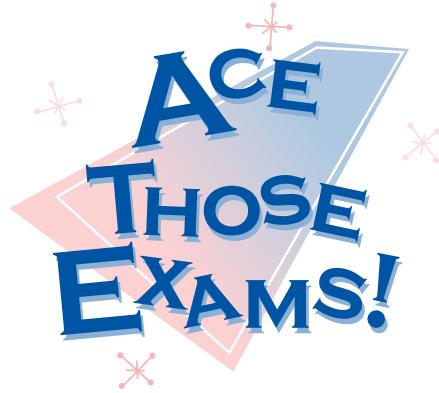


## Testing Dates

In case you are looking at your second semester long-range planning, below are our test dates for spring:

April 10 - 11	11th grade Science SBAC
April 12 - 13	12th grade Science SBAC
April 19 - 27	11th grade English SBAC
May 7 - 18	AP Exams
May 21 - 25	11th grade Math SBAC

All SBAC testing is done in class, however we have a number of students who are not enrolled in Math or Science classes. They still must test. This necessitates those students being pulled from class to complete their testing.



## No Place for Hate – Safe School

On Monday, February 5th forty Buchanan students participated in the Anti-Defamation League's (ADL) No Place for Hate training. Jacqueline Regev, Education Director with the ADL Central Pacific Region, came to Buchanan to facilitate this national program that celebrates diversity, promotes respect for differences and challenges bias and bullying at all levels. Students from PASA (Principal's Advisory for Student Affairs), Peer Counseling and Leadership were purposefully selected to become ambassadors for the No Place for Hate initiative. This group of students built their knowledge about identity, diversity and bias with the ultimate goal of sharing what they learned with other students. These students will plan and lead a Human Relations Day on Monday, March 19th for all Buchanan Students.

Later than that evening, Buchanan and Alta Sierra parents and community members participated in an abbreviated version of the No Place for Hate training at the Buchanan Community Outreach Meeting. Ms. Regev shared information, resources and practical strategies that parents could use to support their students.

Begin practicing No Place for Hate at home today! For family resources on challenging bullying and bias, please visit <https://www.adl.org/education-and-resources/resources-for-edcators-parents-families>



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# Athletic Calendar

Date	Event	Location
3/1	Swim & Dive @ El Diamante	El Diamante High School
3/1	Track & Field vs Central	Buchanan
3/1	Boys Golf @ Paso Robles Tournament	Paso Robles Golf Course
3/2 - 3/3	Wrestling State Championships @ Robobank Arena	Bakersfield
3/3	Boys Basketball Section Finals	TBA
3/3	Girls Basketball Section Playoff	TBA
3/3	Track & Field Sanger Spring Classic	Sanger High School
3/3	Swim & Dive @ Bronco Pentathlon	Clovis North High School
3/7	Boys Basketball State Playoffs	TBA
3/7	Track & Field vs Clovis East	Buchanan
3/8	Girls Basketball State Playoff	TBA
3/9	Boys Basketball State Playoffs	TBA
3/9	Track & Field Clovis East Carnival	Clovis East High School
3/9 - 3/10	Swim & Dive Winter Fest @ Mt SAC	Mt SAC, Walnut
3/9 - 3/11	Wrestling Grades States @ Cerritos	Cerritos High School
3/10	Boys Basketball State Playoffs	TBA
3/10	Girls Basketball State Playoff	TBA
3/13	Boys Basketball State Playoffs	TBA
3/14	Girls Basketball State Playoff	TBA
3/14	Unified Basketball @ Central	Central High School
3/14	Swim & Dive vs Madera	Buchanan
3/14	Badminton vs Clovis	Buchanan
3/15	Frosh Baseball & Softball @ Clovis	Clovis High School
3/15	Boys Tennis @ Clovis	Clovis High School
3/16	Baseball @ Clovis	Clovis High
3/16	Track & Field Gateway to Track and Field	Buchanan
3/17	Girls Basketball State Playoffs	TBA
3/19	Boys Basketball State Playoffs	TBA
3/19	Frosh Baseball & Softball vs Clovis West	Buchanan
3/19	Badminton @ Clovis West	Clovis West High School
3/19	Boys Golf @ Sockdate Tournament	Seven Oaks Country Club
3/20	Baseball vs Clovis West	Baseball
3/20	Boys Tennis vs Clovis West	Buchanan
3/20	Boys Golf vs Clovis	Belmont Country Club
3/21	Unified Basketball vs Clovis East (at Buchanan)	Buchanan
3/21	Track & Field @ Clovis West	Clovis West High School

Date	Event	Location
3/21	Badminton vs Central	Buchanan
3/22	Baseball @ Central	Central High School
3/22	Frosh Baseball & Softball @ Central	Central High School
3/22	Boys Tennis @ Central	Central High School
3/22	Boys Volleyball @ Clovis	Clovis High
3/22	Boys Golf vs Clovis North	Fort Washington Country Club
3/23	Swim & Dive @ Clovis	Clovis High School
3/23 - 3/24	Girls Basketball State Playoffs	TBA
3/23 - 3/24	Boys Basketball State Finals	TBA
3/24 - 3/26	Wrestling SCWAY K-8 State	Buchanan
3/24	Swim & Dive Garces Swimming Invite	Bakersfield
3/24	Track & Field @ Azusa Pacific University	Azusa Pacific University
3/27	Track & Field Easter Classic @ Sanger	Sanger High School
3/27 - 3/30	Swim & Dive Klaus Barth Rock-n-Roll Invite	Long Beach
4/2	Boys Golf @ TRAC Tournament	Fort Washington Country Club
4/3	Frosh Baseball & Softball @ Clovis East	Clovis East High School
4/3	Boys Tennis @ Clovis East	Clovis East High School
4/4	Baseball @ Clovis East	Clovis East High School
4/4	Unified Basketball vs Clovis West (at Clovis East)	Clovis East High School
4/4	Swim & Dive vs Clovis West	Buchanan
4/4	Track & Field @ Clovis North	Clovis North High School
4/4	Badminton vs Clovis East	Buchanan
4/5	Frosh Baseball & Softball vs Clovis North	Buchanan
4/5	Boys Tennis vs Clovis North	Buchanan
4/5	Boys Volleyball vs Clovis West ~ Spirit Night	Buchanan
4/5	Boys Golf vs Clovis West	Sunnyside Country Club
4/6	Baseball vs Clovis North	Buchanan
4/6	Badminton @ Clovis North	Clovis North High School
4/6 - 4/7	Swim & Dive Clovis West Invitational	Clovis West High School
4/6 - 4/7	Track & Field Arcadia	Arcadia High School
4/7 - 4/9	World of Wrestling	Reno Livestock Events Center
4/9	Frosh Baseball & Softball vs Clovis	Clovis High School
4/9	Badminton @ Clovis	Clovis High School
4/9	Boys Golf @ TRAC Tournament	Fig Garden Golf Course
4/10	Baseball @ Clovis	Clovis High School
4/10	Softball vs Clovis ~ Elementary Spirit Night	Buchanan



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## Athletic Calendar ...continued

Date	Event	Location
4/10	Boys Tennis vs Clovis	Buchanan
4/10	Boys Volleyball @ Central	Central High School
4/11	Unified Basketball @ Clovis	Clovis High School
4/11	Badminton vs Clovis West	Buchanan
4/11	Swim & Dive vs Central	Central High School
4/12	Frosh Baseball & Softball @ Clovis West	Clovis West High School
4/12	Boys Tennis @ Clovis West	Clovis West High School
4/12	Boys Volleyball @ Clovis East	Clovis East High School
4/12	Track & Field Junior West Coast Relays (Alta Sierra)	Buchanan
4/12	Boys Golf vs Clovis	Belmont Country Club
4/13	Baseball vs Clovis	Buchanan
4/13	Softball @ Clovis West	Clovis West High School
4/14	Track & Field West Coast Relays	Buchanan
4/16	Frosh Baseball & Softball vs Cental	Buchanan
4/16	Badminton @ Central	Central High School
4/16	Boys Golf @ TRAC Tournament	Sunnyside Country Club
4/17	Baseball vs Clovis West	Buchanan
4/17	Softball vs Central	Buchanan
4/17	Boys Tennis vs Cental	Central High School
4/17	Boys Volleyball vs Clovis North	Clovis North High School
4/18	Track & Field @ Clovis	Clovis High School
4/18	Unified Basketball vs Clovis North (at Clovis West)	Clovis West High School
4/18	Badminton @ Clovis East	Clovis East High School
4/19	Frosh Baseball & Softball vs Clovis East	Clovis East High School
4/19	Boys Tennis vs Clovis East	Clovis East High School
4/19	Boys Volleyball vs Clovis	Buchanan
4/19	Boys Golf vs Clovis East	Belmont Country Club
4/20	Baseball @ Clovis West	Clovis West High School
4/20	Softball vs Clovis East	Buchanan
4/20	Swim & Dive @ Clovis East	Clovis East High School
4/20	Track & Field Sanger Metric Classic	Sanger High School
4/23	Athletic Scholarship Dinner	Buchanan MPR
4/23	Frosh Baseball & Softball @ Clovis North	Clovis North High School
4/23	Badminton vs Clovis North	Buchanan
4/24	Baseball @ Central	Central High School
4/24	Softball @ Clovis North	Clovis North High School
4/24	Boys Tennis @ Clovis North	Clovis North High School
4/24	Boys Volleyball @ Clovis West	Clovis West High School
4/24	Boys Golf @ TRAC Tournament	Belmont Country Club
4/26	Frosh Baseball & Softball @ Clovis	Clovis High School
4/26	Boys Volleyball vs Central	Central High School
4/26	Track & Field Frosh/Soph County Campionships	Clovis North High School
4/26	Boys Golf vs Central	Sunnyside Country Club
4/27	Baseball vs Central	Buchanan
4/27	Softball @ Clovis	Clovis High School
4/27	Swim & Dive vs Clovis North ~ Senior Night	Buchanan
4/27	Track & Field Battle of Central Cal	Buchanan
4/27	Badminton Individual League Championships	Clovis North
4/28	Swim & Dive BHS Diving Inviational	Buchanan
4/30	Frosh Baseball & Softball vs Clovis West	Buchanan
4/30	Boys Golf @ TRAC Tournament	Fort Washington Country Club

## Important Dates

Date	Event	Location
3/1 - 3/2	Grade 9 Registration	Buchanan
3/2	Guard & Percussion @ SJVCGPR	Clovis North High School
3/3	Science Olympiad	Granite Ridge
3/3	Guard & Percussion @ WGI Fresno	Percussion/Guard
3/5	Grade 8 Registration ASI	Counseling
3/5	Choir Festival Concert	Performing Arts Center PAC
3/5	Freshman Parent Orientation	Buchanan MPR
3/6 - 3/8	Monterey Jazz Festival	Monterey
3/6 - 3/7	Grade 10 Registration	Buchanan
3/6	Fresno Bee Kids Day ~ Sale of Newspapers	Activities
3/7	SART Meeting	Buchanan
3/8 - 3/10	Drama Presents <b>Grease</b>	Mercedes Edwards Theater
3/8 - 3/9	Grade 11 Registration	Buchanan
3/9	Guard & Percussion @ SJVCGPR	Clovis East High School
3/12	Academic Awards	Buchanan MPR
3/12 - 3/15	Regional Science Fair	Fresno Fairgrounds
3/13 - 3/15	ASI Registration (incoming 9th grade)	Buchanan
3/13	CUSD Spring Choral Festival	Performing Arts Center PAC
3/14	Student of Promise Dinner	Clovis Veterans Memorial Building
3/15 - 3/17	Drama Presents Grease	Mercedes Edwards Theater
3/15	Science Fair Awards	Fresno Fairgrounds
3/15	High School Orchestra Festival	Performing Arts Center PAC
3/17 - 3/18	WGI Winter Guard Union City	Union City
3/19 - 3/23	Grade 9-11 Makeup Registration	Buchanan
3/20 - 3/21	Orchestra @ CMEA Orchestra Festivals	Sunnyside High School
3/21	CUSD High School Band Festival	Performing Arts Center PAC
3/22	Fresno City Jazz Festival	Fresno City College
3/22	Percussion & Winter Color Guard Performance	Buchanan ~ West Gym
3/23 - 3/24	State Science Fair	State Science Center
3/23 - 3/24	SJVCGPR Percussion Championship	Clovis North High School
3/23	Spring Rally	Buchanan
3/26 - 4/2	Spring Break	Holiday
4/4	SART Meeting	SART
4/7	Destination Imagination	Destination Imagination
4/9	Latino Student Leadership Conference	Fresno State University
4/10 - 4/11	SBAC Tesing for 11th Grade Science	Buchanan
4/11	CUSD Governing Board Meeting	District Office ~ PDB
4/11	Ambiance Fashion Show	Buchanan ~ MPR
4/12 - 4/13	SBAC Tesing for 12th Grade Science	Buchanan
4/14	ACT	Various Locations
4/14	Drama Prom	Buchanan Outdoor Theater
4/14	Bands @ SJVCBI	Performing Arts Center PAC
4/17	First Robotics Competition World Champs	Robotics
4/18 - 4/27	SBAC Testing for 11th Grade English	Buchanan
4/19 - 4/20	Jazz Bant @ CMEA Central Jazz Festival	Hanford
4/20	Grading Period 12 Wks Progress Report Sem 2	Grades
4/23	Athletic Scholarship Dinner	Buchanan ~ MPR
4/23	Senior Class Meeting	Buchanan ~ REC
4/28	Drama Bear Stage Live	Buchanan Room 403
4/25	CUSD Governing Board Meeting	District Office ~ PDB
4/30	Clovis Exchange Dessert	Buchanan ~ MPR



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## Matt Mueller Memorial Blood Drive

The 18th annual Matt Mueller Memorial Blood Drive was held on Thursday, Feb. 1st. The Kiwanis Club of Old Town Clovis generously provided a pancake breakfast for all students who were scheduled to donate. The drive brought in a total of 323 donors during the one day drive. The Buchanan Leadership program would like to thank all students, staff and community members for their support for this very important event.

## National Signing Day

Congratulations to Buchanan athletes who signed their college National Letter of Intent on February 7th.

- Trevor Ervin – Air Force Academy – Wrestling
- Ethan Leake – Northern Colorado – Wrestling
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## Nurse Sarah

### Being responsible for your own health is important.

You already know that keeping yourself healthy includes eating right, getting enough exercise and sleep, and avoiding drugs. But keeping yourself healthy also includes making sure your shots are up-to-date. High school, college, work, travel, and sports can expose you to new risks. Do you know that the protection provided by some of your childhood vaccinations may be wearing off?

### You could miss out on life.

In many places, you cannot attend school, go to summer camp, or even work at some jobs if your shots are not up to date.

### You could get sick...even end up in the hospital.

You can develop risks for more diseases as you get older. And if you have a medical condition like asthma or diabetes and get sick, you could have serious problems.

### Here is a list of serious diseases that can be easily prevented with vaccination:

#### **Varicella (chickenpox)**

If you have not been previously vaccinated and have not had chickenpox, you should get vaccinated against this disease. The vaccine is given as a 2-dose series. Any teenager who was vaccinated as a child with only 1 dose should get a second dose now.

#### **Hepatitis A (HepA)**

Anyone can get infected with hepatitis A. That is why many teens want to be protected by the vaccine. Some teens, however, have an even greater chance of getting the disease. These risk factors include traveling outside the United States\*, babysitting or having household contact with a child who was adopted from a foreign country within the last 60 days, being a male who has sex with other males, using illegal drugs, or having a clotting factor disorder or chronic liver disease. Talk to your healthcare provider about this 2-dose series of shots.

#### **Human Papillomavirus (HPV)**

All adolescent girls should get a series of 3 doses of HPV vaccine. One brand, Gardasil, prevents both cervical cancer and genital warts. Another brand of HPV vaccine, Cervarix, prevents cervical cancer. Adolescent boys, too, can get the Gardasil brand of the HPV vaccine to prevent genital warts.

#### **Influenza**

Every person, beginning at age 6 months and continuing throughout their lifetime, should receive annual vaccination against influenza every fall or winter. Vaccination is the most effective step you can take to be protected from this serious disease.

#### **Meningococcal disease (MCV4)**

All teens ages 11–18 years need a dose of MCV4. If you received a dose when you were age 11–15 and are now age 16–18, or about to enter college, you need a booster dose. If you are younger than age 22 and about to enter college or are in college, you need a dose of MCV4 if you have never received it or received it more than 5 years ago. Check with your healthcare provider.



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# SENIORS – It's YOUR 2018 Sober Graduation Party!



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(cash or check payable to Buchanan Foundation)  
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Applications for Foundation member senior student will be distributed to them in class by the Counseling Center during the week of April 3rd. If they do not get an application in class during that week, applications are available in the Counseling Center. Seniors' parents/guardians must be a Foundation member in order for the senior to be eligible to apply. If they are not yet members, parents/guardians may join the Foundation by March 31st and their senior will then be eligible to apply. Application deadline is April 27.

## Robotics

Buchanan's robotics team, The Bird Brains, has been busy since the kick-off of their six-week build season on January 6th. The team has been working hard and making progress on this year's robot. The Science and Technology division of the team has been building and programming the robot so that it can meet this year's game qualifications. The Inspiration and Recognition team recently hosted a Sponsors Banquet and have been hard at work to finish this year's numerous award submissions.

This year's Sponsors Banquet was a smashing success. We invited sponsors, community influencers, and supporters to come mingle and check out the progress we have made. The Sponsor Banquet had great turnout and was a great opportunity to inform and thank our sponsors.

Through a generous CTE grant, Buchanan High School received three new machines this winter: a manual mill, a Haas CNC Mill, and a Haas CNC lathe, as well as funding for other STEM programs and classroom materials at the school. These machines were part of a grant to develop the engineering pathway, of which our team has the privilege of sharing resources with.

The unveiling of this year's robot, Doc XIV, will take place at our Open House event on February 17th from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Buchanan High School MPR. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this community event.

With build season in full throttle, The Bird Brains thank sponsors, parents, and other supporters for the time they have devoted to this program. The team is gradually getting prepared and excited for this year's competition at the Sacramento and Central Valley Regionals.

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