



# BHS News



Summer 2008

## Principal's Corner

Mr. Patrick Larkin  
BHS Principal

I hope that this newsletter finds everyone in the midst of a restful and enjoyable summer. I am looking forward to my second year as the Principal of Burlington High School and I feel fortunate to work in a community which is so supportive of its students.

As always, I encourage you to contact me by e-mail [larkin@burlington.mec.edu](mailto:larkin@burlington.mec.edu) or phone 781-273-7662 with concerns, questions, comments, etc. Also, please check out the Principal's Update link for the latest news from BHS at <http://www.burlington.mec.edu/hs/>.

### Important Dates

August 19	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation, 9-11 a.m.
August 27	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - PICTURE DAY
September 1	<b>No School</b> - Labor Day
September 18	Back to School Night, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
September 24	College Information Night, 6:30 p.m.
September 29	<b>No School</b> - Prof. Dev. Day
October 13	<b>No School</b> - Columbus Day
October 31	1 <sup>st</sup> Term Closes
November 4	<b>No School</b> - Prof. Dev. Day and Presidential Election
November 11	<b>No School</b> - Veterans' Day
November 20	Parent Conference Night, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
November 21	<b>No School</b> - Parent Conferences 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
November 26	Half Day
November 27-28	<b>No School</b> - Thanksgiving Recess
December 8	<b>No School</b> - Prof. Dev. Day
December 24 - January 2	<b>No School</b> - Mid-winter Vacation

### Burlington High School Mission Statement

Burlington High School prepares students for lifelong learning and responsible citizenship by offering a challenging, relevant curriculum and varied activities in a safe environment.



### Coffee with the Principal



Mr. Larkin will be available to meet with parents on Monday mornings from 8:00-10:00 a.m. during August. This is an opportunity for parents to meet with Mr. Larkin and to enjoy conversation about the school in an informal setting. During this time you will have a chance to speak about anything you think Burlington High School is doing well, as well as voice any concerns you may have about our school. Because this is informal you may come at any time during the two hours. If you would like to meet with Mr. Larkin at another time that is more convenient please call 781 273-7662 or e-mail [allegretto@burlington.mec.edu](mailto:allegretto@burlington.mec.edu).

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Orientation

BHS will hold its annual summer orientation for 9<sup>th</sup> graders on **Tuesday, August 19, 2008 from 9 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** This annual event will allow incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders to get a feel for the high school and interact with upper-class tour guides prior to the start of the 2008-2009 school year.

### Back-to-School Night

Burlington High School will host its annual Back-to-School Night on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Parents will have the opportunity to meet with teachers while experiencing a simulated school day. Guidance counselors and administrators will also be available throughout the evening to answer questions. More information to follow.



## Our Counselors Are Available to Resolve Schedule Conflicts

When students receive the 2008/2009 schedule you may notice the word “CONFLICT” in lieu of a course name. If this is in fact the case, please call and schedule an appointment to meet with a guidance counselor. Please remember that all students must carry six academic courses each semester plus physical education. If there is an error or omission in the schedule, you need to make arrangements to correct the problem. There are several options available:

- From now through August 21st, Mr. Joseph Attubato, Support Services Coordinator, and several Guidance Counselors will be available (by appointment only) Mondays through Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. **Please call Mrs. Carla Ferraguto and/or Mrs. Theresa Cavanaugh Guidance Secretary, at 781-270-1853 or 781-270-1827 to schedule an appointment.**
- Guidance Counselors will be available during the week of August 18<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup> from 8 A.M. to 12 noon for walk-ins. **During this week, students will be helped on a first come first serve basis.**

Our updated sports schedule can be viewed at [www.highschoolsports.net/](http://www.highschoolsports.net/).



## BHS School Council Openings

Burlington High School has openings on its School Council for interested parents and community members. If you are interested in serving on the BHS School Council, please contact Peggy Allegretto at 781 273-7662 or [allegretto@burlington.mec.edu](mailto:allegretto@burlington.mec.edu) by September 1, 2008. The School Council helps to create the annual school improvement plan and also assists in the revision of the student handbook. In addition, this group of parents, students, staff, and community members provides support to the school on various initiatives and other needs as they arise. The BHS School Council meets on the third Thursday of each month in the Main Office Conference Room.

**Picture Day 8/27**

## Guidance News

A letter from Support Services Coordinator, Joseph Attubato:

Dear Parents,

The guidance staff looks forward to serving as a resource for students and parents this summer and for the upcoming 2008/2009 school year. This summer counselors will be available to meet with students that have schedule issues. If you would like to schedule an appointment please call 781-270-1853.

This upcoming school year Kim Osborne will take a one year leave of absence. Fortunately Barbara Malatesta will assume Kim's caseload. Barbara served BHS during the spring of 2007 and did an outstanding job. We are happy to have her back at BHS. I have no doubt that she will be able to jump in and perform all aspects of the job.

Senior parents please remember that College Planning Night will be held in the Fogelberg Auditorium on Wednesday, September 24, at 6:30. However, please feel free to call your student's respective counselor for questions and concerns regarding the college process. Please also remember to take full advantage our college management program, "Naviance." All seniors have been given access to the program. If you are having problems logging on to the program please call me directly at 781-270-1856 and I would be glad to assist you.

### Junior Parents:

MCAS is over and it's time for junior year. This is a very important year. Please remember that juniors are encouraged to take PSAT and SAT or ACT exams this school year. Registration information is available on the Naviance program. This year is also the time to develop your list of possible colleges/universities or other post graduation plans and discuss them with your respective guidance counselor. Senior year stress can be greatly reduced by making a solid plan during your junior year. Please be sure to use the Naviance program to start your first steps towards decisions on college and possible future areas of study and/or career interest.

### Sophomore Parents

The freshman hump is over and this will be an exciting year. Sophomores will all be required to take the PSAT exam in October. The PSAT test is a Preliminary SAT exam which can help to identify strengths and weaknesses and help with the selection of future courses. Also all sophomores have been given access to the Naviance program. This is an excellent college and career planning tool that BHS has been utilizing for three years. Students can take assessments to gain an understanding of their strengths and weaknesses, and future career areas can be identified.

### Freshman Parents

Welcome to BHS. Please note that your son's or daughter's counselor is listed on the schedule in the upper right hand corner below the grade level. The guidance staff is happy to assist you in a variety of areas. Whether you have a schedule concern, personal issue, or just some general questions about BHS, please feel free to call. The Guidance Staff phone numbers are listed below.

Mr. Joseph Attubato	781-270-1856
Ms. Stephanie Diozzi	781-270-1852
Mrs. Molly Leary	781-270-1849
Mrs. Barbara Malatesta	781-270-1854
Mrs. Leisel Smith	781-270-1848
Mrs. Gloria Wojtaszek	781-270-1843

For general questions please call the guidance secretary at 781-270-1853.