Butler Senior High School

Welcome Back, Golden Tornado!

2026–2027 Family Newsletter

August 11, 2026

Welcome Back!

The first day of school is just around the corner, and our faculty and staff are excited to welcome students back to Butler Senior High School! Whether you're returning for another year or joining us for the first time, we are looking forward to an outstanding year filled with new opportunities, meaningful learning experiences, and memorable moments.

Our goal is to create a school where every student feels welcomed, challenged, supported, and connected. We believe that a strong partnership between school and home is one of the greatest factors in student success, and we appreciate your continued support.

Below you'll find important information to help your family prepare for a successful start to the school year.

Mark Your Calendar

August 14 @ 11:00 am

Student schedules available in Infinite Campus

August 17

12:00–1:00 PM - Cyber Program Orientation - Senior High Auditorium
1:00–3:00 PM- Freshman & New Student Orientation - Senior High Auditorium

August 19-21

Senior Pictures available at the Senior High School
Information is available on the school website.

August 26, 2026

First day for VoTech students

August 27
Student First Day

September 15
Open House 6:00-8:00 pm

October 9
Homecoming Football Game

October 10
Homecoming Dance

Helping Every Student Succeed

At Butler Senior High, we aim to provide a safe, engaging, and supportive learning environment where every student is encouraged to learn, grow, build meaningful connections, and prepare for a successful future.

This year, students will continue to benefit from several programs designed to support their success:

PBIS, RULER & MTSS

In cooperation with Yale, our PBIS program has been redesigned this year to include emotional intelligence learning through the use of the RULER program. In addition, our building-wide Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) will support students where they are and provide needed resources and tools to thrive.
Parent Introduction to RULER Letter

Tornado XP

This program lets students earn high school credit through hands-on, real-world experiences outside the traditional classroom by earning microcredentials, short, approved learning opportunities hosted by local businesses, nonprofits, government agencies, healthcare providers, arts organizations, and universities. Students will get involved, gather evidence of what they've learned, and build a personalized digital portfolio to reflect on their progress. Best of all, it's completely self-paced. Students can pick the pathways that match their personal interests and future career goals, taking their time over their sophomore, junior, and senior years or knocking out experiences all in one year. More information will be shared this fall for students and families.

Guidance Support

Our school counselors are here to help students navigate academics, college and career planning, scheduling, and personal challenges. Counselor assignments are organized alphabetically by student last name.

Once schedules are released on August 14th (at 11 am), schedule changes can be requested through the portal. School counselors will work through the requests over the coming weeks.

26-27 Student Schedule Change Request Form

Mrs. Beneigh: A-D	Mrs. Mowery: L-R
Mrs. McGraw: CTP and CTP	Ms. Scherer: S-Z
Mrs. Caton: E-K	

Attendance Matters

Being present each day is one of the most important contributors to academic success.

Please take time to review the district policies and Pennsylvania attendance requirements on our Butler Senior High School Attendance Website. These guidelines are designed to support student success while ensuring compliance with state requirements.

For our Cyber students, attendance expectations and required weekly wellness check-ins will be reviewed in detail during orientation ON August 17th from 12-1 in the Auditorium.

What Families Need to Know About Attendance

Transportation & Arrival

A smooth arrival helps everyone start the day successfully. Procedures to consider to avoid daily tardies to school. How to avoid daily tardies

Families are encouraged to use district transportation whenever possible. If your student will be picked up or dropped off, please review the arrival and dismissal procedures included in this newsletter. Student Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Families living within the city who need transportation should complete the appropriate transportation request form. Walk to Ride Form

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Stay Connected Through Infinite Campus

The Infinite Campus Parent Portal is the easiest way to stay informed throughout the school year.

Through the Parent Portal, families can:

- Monitor grades
- View attendance
- Check schedules
- Receive school updates
- Keep emergency contact information current

If you have not yet activated your account, step-by-step instructions are included.

Food Service Update

Please note that the cost of milk has increased to **$0.80** for the 2026–2027 school year. Breakfast will continue to be free for all students.

Additional breakfast and lunch information is available through the district website.

Student Handbook

Families are encouraged to review the Student Handbook before school begins. Students will review the handbook with their teachers during the first couple of days of school. Students will be required to sign off on the handbook acknowledgment form prior to purchasing Homecoming tickets. 26-27 Student Handbook

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Supporting a Positive School Community

Creating a positive school culture is everyone's responsibility.

We ask students to demonstrate respect, responsibility, and good judgment each day - in the classroom, throughout the building, and while attending extracurricular activities and athletic events.

To support a positive school environment where students are present, engaged, and connected with those around them, Butler Senior High School will follow a new “bell-to-bell” cell phone and personal technology policy this year. For students in grades K–8, there is no change. Our elementary and Intermediate High School students already learn in phone-free environments, and current expectations will remain in place. The significant change is for students in grades 9–12. Senior High School students will now be required to keep all personal electronic devices- **including cell phones, smartwatches, earbuds, AirPods, wireless headphones, Meta glasses, and other personal technology** powered off and stored away in a locker or backpack for the entire school day, including during class transitions, study halls, and lunch. Personal devices may only be used after the school day ends, unless otherwise directed during extracurricular activities by a coach, advisor, or sponsor.

This updated policy is intended to create more opportunities for students to remain engaged in instruction, strengthen interpersonal connections, and maximize learning throughout the school day while continuing to teach responsible digital citizenship. **Students may still bring personal devices to school, but they must remain off and out of sight during the instructional day.** As with any Board policy, violations will result in disciplinary consequences, and inappropriate use involving images, videos, or messages may also result in law enforcement involvement when required by law. We appreciate the partnership of our students, families, and staff as we work together to create a focused, engaging, and distraction-free learning environment.

Sporting Event Rules

To help ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone, students are expected to follow all school event expectations.

- Bags are not permitted at football games.
- Students in grades K–8 must remain seated in the spectator stands under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian throughout the event.
- Students are not permitted to loiter behind the stands or in other unsupervised areas.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe, welcoming environment for all Butler fans.

Daily Bell Schedule

As we prepare for another great school year, please take a moment to review our daily bell schedule. Becoming familiar with start and end times, class periods, and lunch schedules will help students and families establish a smooth routine from the very first day. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for a successful year

26-27 Senior High Bell Schedule

We Can't Wait to See You!

The beginning of a new school year is always filled with excitement and possibility. Thank you for trusting us with your child's education and for partnering with us throughout the year.

Together, we'll continue building a school community where students are challenged, supported, celebrated, and inspired to become the very best version of themselves.

We look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Sincerely,

Jason Huffman - Principal
Hope Hull - Principal of Personalized Learning
Doug Ford - Assistant Principal
Butler Senior High School