

NEW  
STUDENT  
ORIENTATION  
BUFFALO CREEK  
MIDDLE SCHOOL

2021-2022



A traditional middle school, opening in 2007.



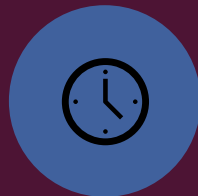
Approximately 1,200 enrolled students.



7 different classes scheduled each day.



48-minute class periods.



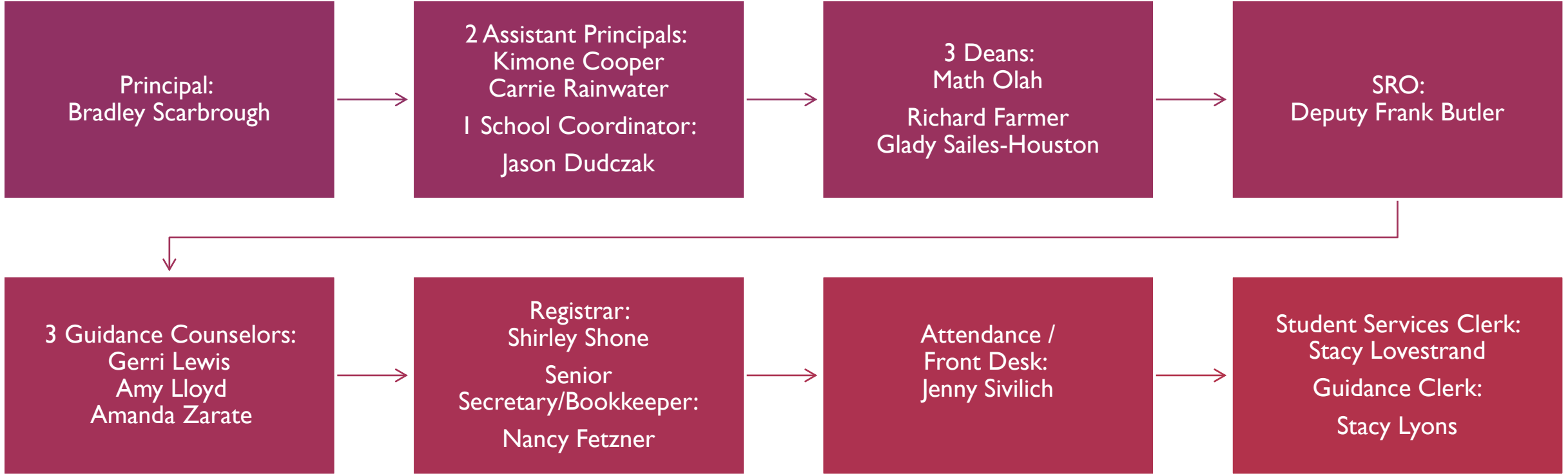
School day runs from 9:15 am to 4:10 pm.



Lunches grouped by grade-level.

# WELCOME TO THE CREEK!

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# ADMINISTRATION/FRONT OFFICE

## EXCEPTIONAL FACULTY

65 State Certified and Highly Qualified Professional Educators

9 Paraprofessionals

2 clinic nurses: Rachel Anzelone and Lindsay Lord

Buffalo Creek teachers are dedicated to ensuring that our students are receiving a world class education.

The faculty and staff lead our students to multiple recognitions and awards.



The schedule is Student-Interest Driven.



Students can take courses at three different levels: Cambridge, advanced, and regular



Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students can earn up to 7 high school credits before matriculating to the high school.



Traditional Core Subjects: ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies



Electives: Art, Engineering, Business, Orchestra, Chorus, Band, Physical Education, Agriculture



Academic Electives: AVID, Gifted, Global Perspectives, Spanish

## STUDENT-CENTERED COURSE OFFERINGS

- Buffalo Creek has earned the distinction of a Cambridge international school after an extensive application process.
- Cambridge is the most recognized curriculum throughout the world.
- Cambridge can be found in over 160 different countries.
- Cambridge qualifications are accepted at over 400 colleges and universities.
- Students must apply to become a member of the Cambridge cohort.
- The Cambridge application period runs each November - January.



**Cambridge Assessment  
International Education**

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**Cambridge International School**

Buffalo Creek Middle School

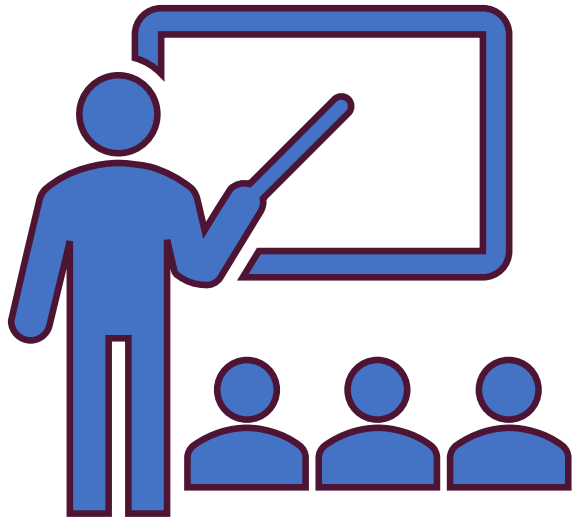


**Cambridge  
Academy**

[manateeschools.net/buffalocreek](http://manateeschools.net/buffalocreek)

**BUFFALO  
CREEK MIDDLE  
SCHOOL  
CAMBRIDGE  
ACADEMY**

## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES



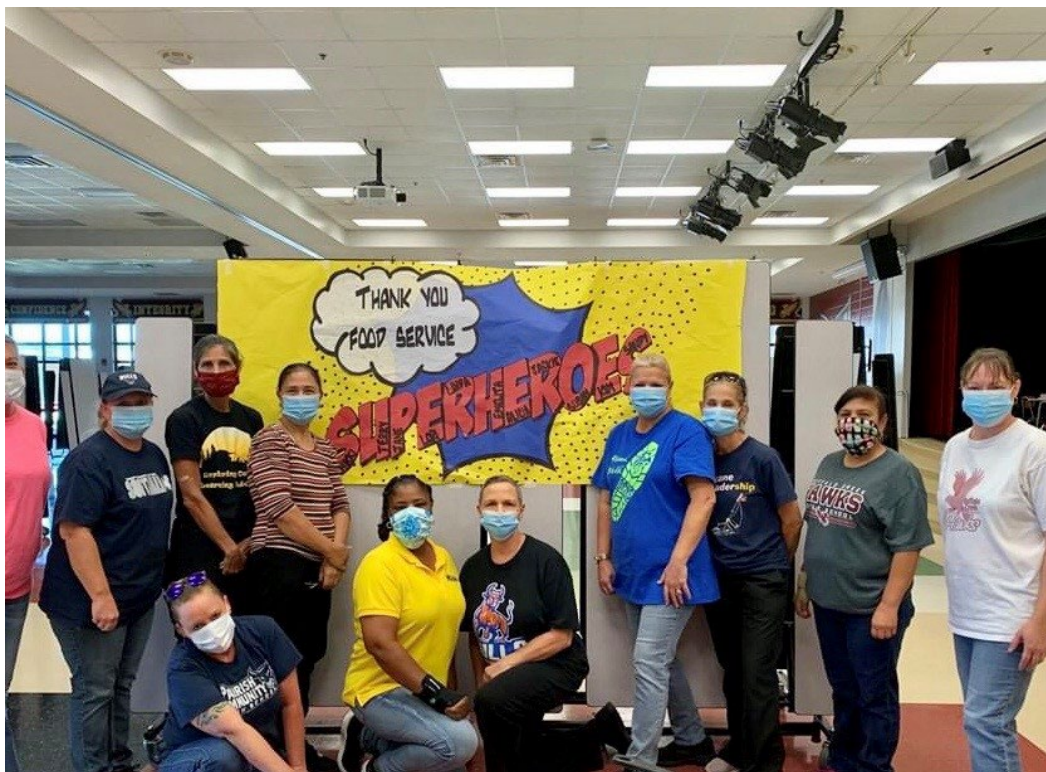
- Buffalo Creek Middle School follows the School District of Manatee County's Code of Student Conduct.
- Students are expected to adhere to the expectations and rules as outlined in the Code of Student Conduct.
- All students receive a planner which contains the student handbook for Buffalo Creek.
- All students, staff, faculty, and visitors must wear an identification badge when on campus.
- **Treat others as you want to be treated.**



# CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

- NJHS
- Athletics
- Yearbook
- SWAT
- Tri-Music Society
- FFA
- TSA
- FBLA
- ExSL

# THE HAWK'S LANDING



Breakfast and lunch is served each day.

**Breakfast - no charge**  
**Lunch - no charge**

There are always healthy options.

# WHAT TO EXPECT THE FIRST DAY .....



Look for your homeroom;  
**lists will be organized by name and by Grade** in the Gym and the café'.



**YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER WILL GIVE YOU YOUR SCHEDULE.**



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON.

# National Junior Honor Society



These outstanding 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students excel in all classes and embrace the National Junior Honor Society's 5 pillars. NJHS activities include being BCMS ambassadors, school leaders, supporting all school activities, creating global community service projects, and mentoring peers.



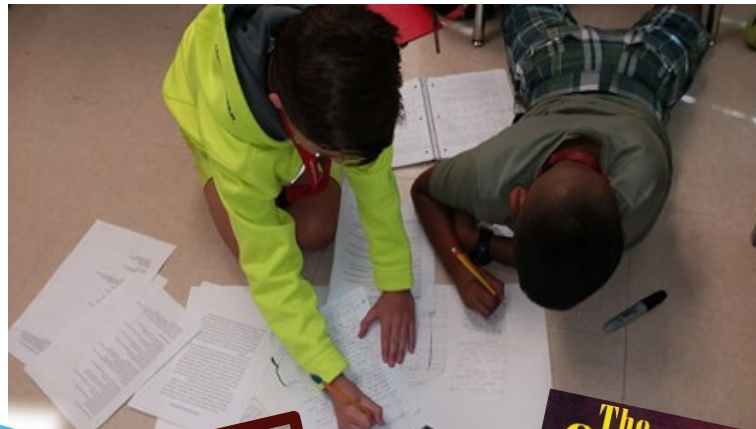
# LANGUAGE ARTS & READING

*"There is no friend as loyal as a book."*  
— Ernest Hemingway

*"If there's a book that you want to read, but it hasn't been written yet, then you must write it."*

— Toni Morrison

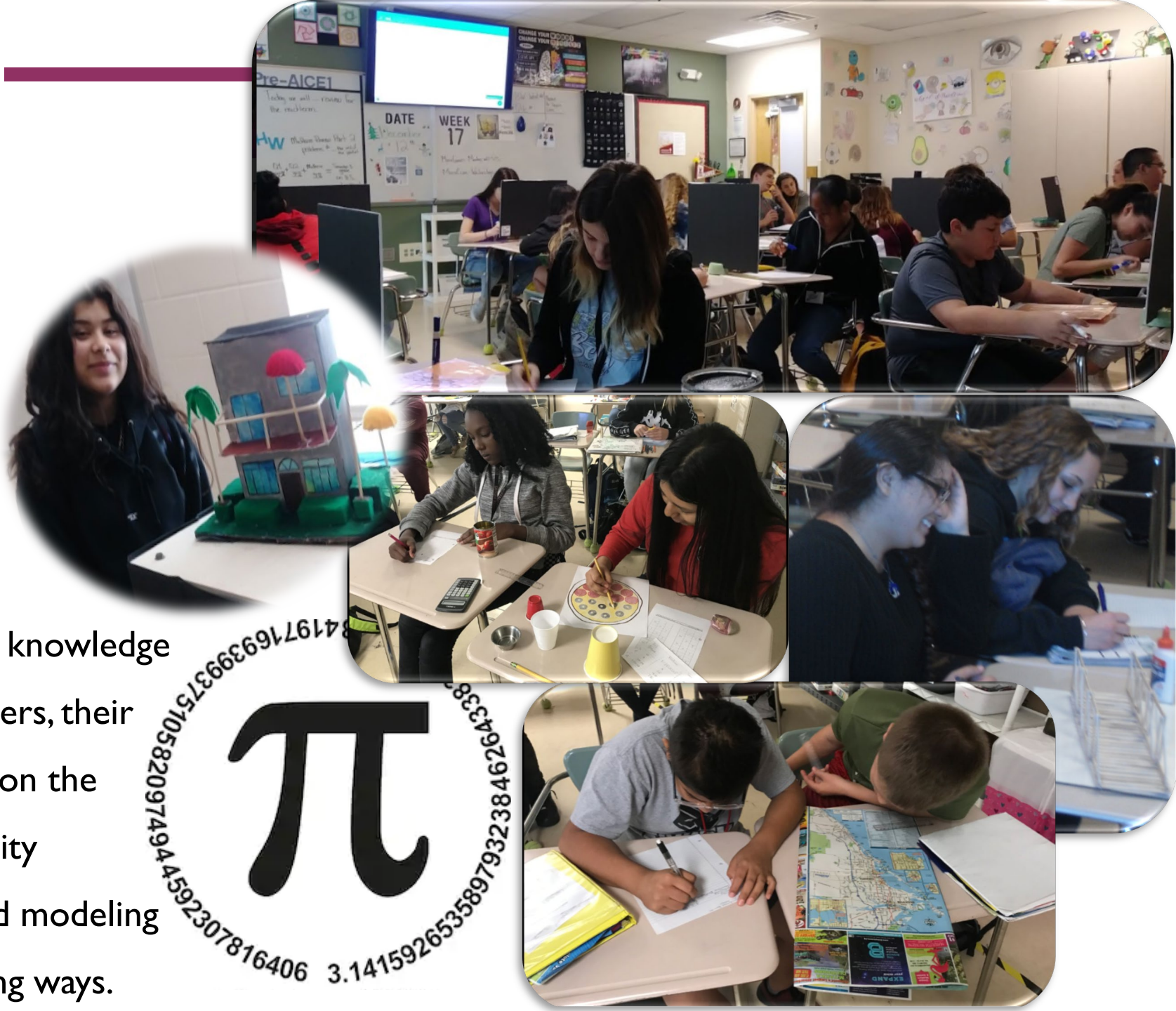
Using a variety of literary genres including, short story, poetry, novels, drama, nonfiction and other media formats, our Language Arts and Reading courses emphasize the fundamental skills of writing, speaking, listening, viewing, thinking and presenting.



# MATHEMATICS

Mathematics at Buffalo Creek makes connections to and expands upon much of the content students have learned throughout their lives.

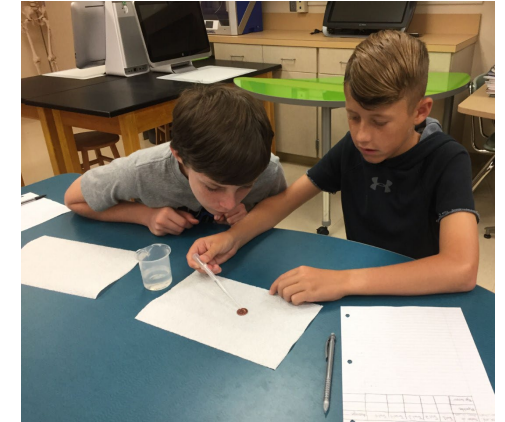
Here, students are taken from a basic knowledge to an intuitive understanding of numbers, their magnitude, relationships, and impacts on the world during explorations of probability and statistics, dimensional analysis, and modeling their understanding in fun and engaging ways.



# SCIENCE



Middle school science integrates earth science, life science, and physical science. Science classes balance hands-on activities, textbook work, technology, and class discussions. Science students explore our world around us and answer questions based on phenomena using facts and evidence.





Buffalo Creek students will become detectives and search for clues to help understand why the world has become what it is. Throughout their middle school experience, they will discover exciting details about fascinating civilizations, the American Revolution, and how our government systems work. Students will create fun projects like making artifact models, reenact key moments in history, hold mock court proceedings, and advocate for their views with state and national elected leaders, as well as experience lawmaking firsthand by participating in a Model House of Representatives.

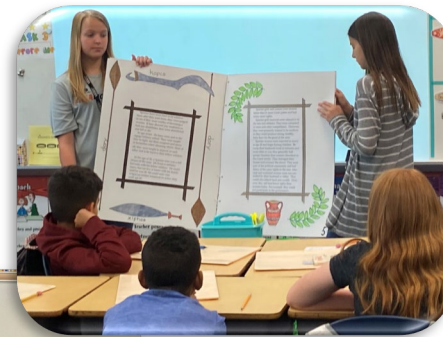
At Buffalo Creek, Social Studies courses are fun and engaging classes that will equip students with an understanding of the past and present in a way they never have before.

## Model House of Representatives



Hawks advocate for what they believe in; pictured below is Leila Payne meeting with State Representative Gregory to share her ideas for a law.

## Books on Ancient Greece





# AVID AT BCMS

**AVID helps you in the  
now, to figure out  
and prepare  
for the later!**



# AVID

Advancement  
Via  
Individual  
Determination



Decades of College Dreams

College Preparatory  
Program

## Get Organized!

In AVID we help you get organized so that you aren't falling behind in class.

## Plan your Future!

We help you learn about college and plan out the steps you need to achieve your goals!

## Learn to Learn!

We also help you learn about how you learn best! We offer study and note taking tips to make you successful!



## STUDENT TESTIMONIALS!

My favorite part about AVID has to be how much the class prepares you for your future. It helps you figure out what could be helpful for the career you want to do.

My favorite part about Avid is that it is a great learning environment, and you can be yourself

My favorite part of Avid is it is a safe environment. My teacher is always open to helping me become my best..

# INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY ELECTIVE



CERTIFIED ASSOCIATE



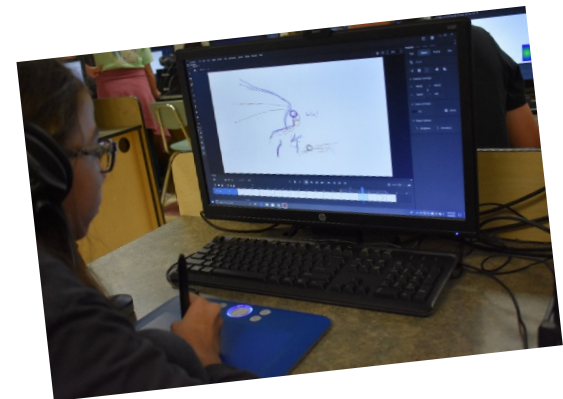
## Level I *(Prerequisite to Level II)*

- Keyboarding skills
- Basic computer components
- Folder structure and file formats
- Word processing
- Desktop publishing
- Presentation software
- Digital cameras and digital images
- Basic photo editing
- Introduction to vector art
- Color theory and design principals



## Level II & III

- In-depth look into design principals and concepts
- Continued work with digital images
- Advanced instruction in photo editing and vector art
- Introduction to animation & game design
- Adobe certification opportunity
- Applications include:
  - Photoshop
  - Illustrator
  - Game Maker
  - Animate





**No**  
*experience*  
*necessary*

*Sing For Joy*



*Do*  
*Re*  
*Mi*  
*Fa*  
*Sol*  
*La*  
*Ti*  
*Do*



- <https://BCMSmusic.net>
- No prior experience necessary
- Instruments are provided at no cost
- Performance opportunities
- Tri-M Music Honor Society

# Orchestra & Band





# Tri-M<sup>®</sup> Music HONOR SOCIETY

Tri- M is an international honor society for middle/junior-high and high school students. This National Association for Music Education (NAFME) program recognizes students for their academic and musical achievements, rewards them for their accomplishments and

service activities, and inspires other students to excel at music and leadership. Tri-M<sup>®</sup> offers many different advantages: not only does it create community within our music department, it also benefits our school and community as well.

# PE UNIFORMS ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN CLASS.

## Uniforms may be purchased:

- Online, any time, using the QR code or link:  
<https://manateeschools.revtrak.net/middle-schools/bcms/#/list>
- In class or before school for \$20 total with cash or check (\$10 shirt and \$10 shorts)  
Checks must be made payable to Buffalo Creek Middle School  
AND include the student's name and ID #

UNIFORMS ARE **NOT** AVAILABLE FOR  
PURCHASE AT THE FRONT OFFICE

- For questions please call the PE department at  
**EXT. 2290** or **EXT. 2289**



### Coach Flannigan

- Favorite sport to watch is Football
- Favorite food is chicken
- Enjoys sharing his senior citizen knowledge



### Coach Fraise

- Favorite sport is Track and Field
- Loves to teach Ultimate Games and Basketball
- Enjoys spending time outdoors w/family & friends

### Coach Hickey

- Favorite sport is golf
- Loves to teach is pickleball
- Enjoys coaching softball



### Coach Lofgren

- Favorite sport to watch/coach is Baseball
- Enjoys fishing and spending time with family
- Favorite unit is Hula Hoops

### Coach McConico

- Enjoys watching football
- Favorite food is BBQ ribs
- Favorite unit to teach is Capture the Flag



# P.E. DEPARTMENT

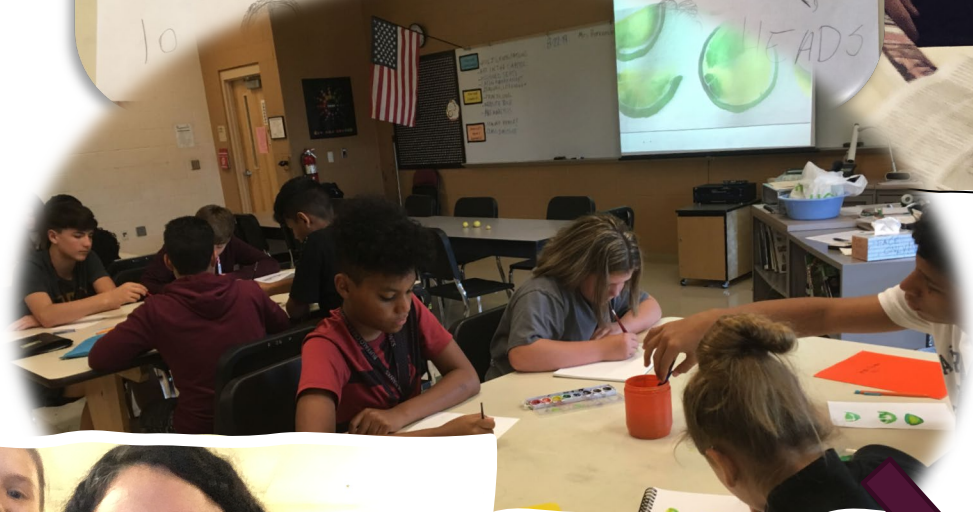
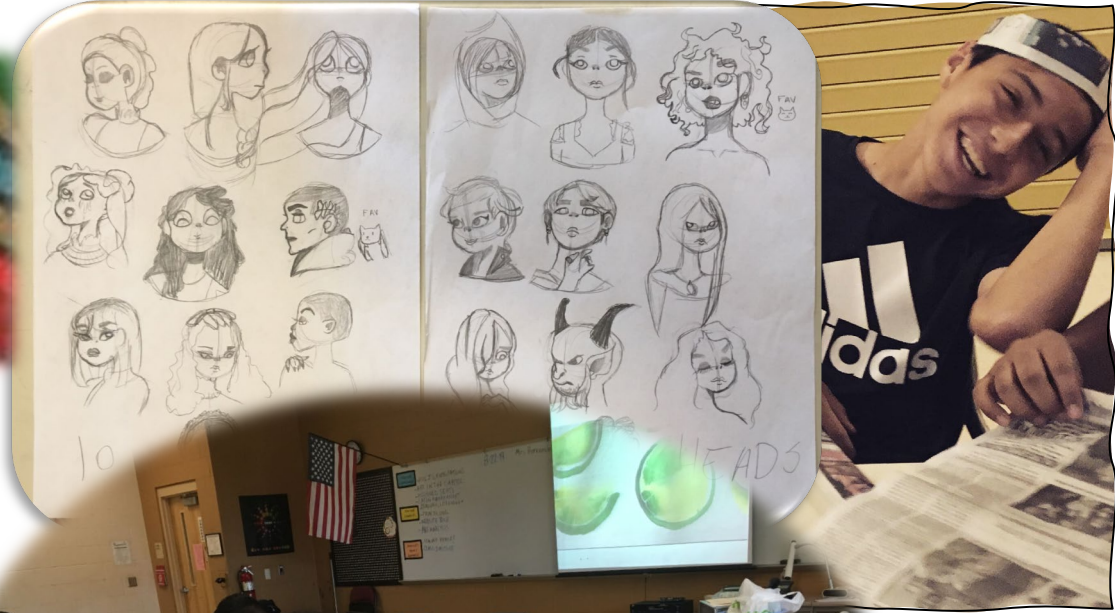


Best Dressed  
2019-2020



# Visual Arts

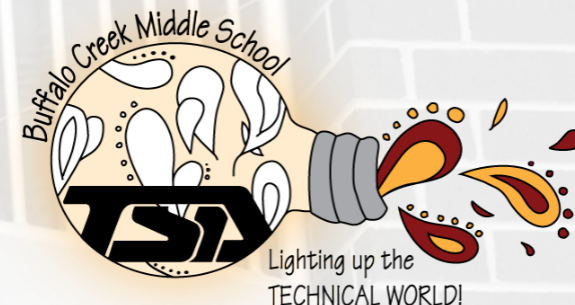
- 2-D Art: Drawing, painting, collage, loom weaving, photography, international competition opportunities
- 3-D Art: paper mâché, sculpture, ceramics, basket weaving





# TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION

- Join the Elective Class or just the after-school club
- BCMS TSA placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in Florida and 1<sup>st</sup> in the District in 2020
- 35 Different Competitive Events
- Individual and Team events
- Develop Leadership Skills
- Community Service Projects
- Fundraiser opportunities
- District, State, and National Competitions
- Motto: Learning to Lead in a Technical World
- Visit <https://www.manateeschools.net/bcmstsa> for more information







Buffalo Creek FFA – 3 Star National Chapter  
and Florida Premier Chapter

# BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

the   
YDASH - MIDDLE SCHOOL AGE

## RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW!

The YDASH Program offers students the opportunity to experience extracurricular activities while learning new skills and building relationships in an educational environment. Along with giving middle school students a safe place to be after school, the YMCA focuses on presenting the student with an array of speakers and activities that will spark creative thinking and endless possibilities. Activities vary by site but include homework time, group games, sports, arts & crafts, character development and special interest clubs.

### PROGRAM BENEFITS:

- Fitness Classes
- Volleyball
- Flag Football
- Tackle Football
- Soccer
- Service Learning Opportunities
- Academic Homework Time
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- School Day Off Program
- Summer camp
- Arts



### RECEIVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT NO LATER THAN 7 DAYS AFTER YOU REGISTER FOR YDASH!

(Note: Discount may be applied to upgrade your membership based on full-time student membership fee. One discount per family.)

*YMCA MISSION: To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.*

**ManateeYMCA.org**  
**941.798.9622**



**FREE Y Membership Included for YDASH participant.**

**Upgrade to Single Parent or Family and SAVE!**

### Program Fees & Registration:

\$25 Registration Fee and 1st month fee due at registration. \$65 monthly fee (Bankdraft/ACH only) or \$75 monthly fee paid by check or money order. Financial aid is available, if needed.

**REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020/21 SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS MAY 1, 2020.**

Visit [ManateeYMCA.org/Programs/YDASH](https://www.manateeymca.org/Programs/YDASH) for Registration.

**Available School Sites:** Braden River, Buffalo Creek, Haile, Johnson, King, Lee, Mona Jain, Nolan and Sugg (held at 59th St. West Bradenton Branch)

**Hours:** 7am – 6pm and includes early release days; Johnson Middle opens at 6:30am due to their modified school schedule.

**For More Information:** Rhiannon Blaney, South Branch Program Executive Director, at 941.798.9622 ext. 116 or [rblaney@manateeymca.org](mailto:rblaney@manateeymca.org)

We look forward to having you and your family as a part of our Buffalo Creek Family.

The first day of school is August 10, 2021.

Check out our social media pages for school information and updates for the new school year.

Go Hawks!

**THANK YOU!**