



# District 53: Student Activities

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## **District 53 Mission**

Butler School District 53 provides the best educational opportunities for each student to achieve academic excellence, to develop the curiosity for life-long learning, and to demonstrate personal and social integrity.

## **Student Activities Goal**

To engage students as active citizens in the school community

**We believe, and research supports, that students develop core values and skills through activities and athletics including:**

- teamwork
- individual and group responsibility
- competition
- physical and mental strength (grit, determination, perseverance)
- sense of culture, community, and belonging

Other benefits may include: increased achievement, attendance, and improved post-secondary outcomes

Source: National Center for Education Statistics

# The Ideal Butler Graduate

In intellectual pursuits, they...	In social and personal conduct, they...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Translate discipline-based knowledge, skills, and concepts to real-world tasks and situations.</li><li>• Set and attain high standards in work completion and quality.</li><li>• Evaluate and solve problems using analytical, practical, and creative thinking.</li><li>• Grapple with and (when possible or desirable) reconcile differing perspectives.</li><li>• Use questions to prompt, guide, and reflect upon learning.</li><li>• Attribute success to hard work rather than innate ability.</li><li>• Employ independence and collaboration wisely and appropriately.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Demonstrate integrity.</li><li>• Serve others before self.</li><li>• Choose kindness, fairness, respect, honesty, and empathy, even when doing so is difficult.</li><li>• Balance their own needs and interests with the needs and interests of other individuals or groups.</li><li>• Seek to build consensus rather than create or exacerbate conflict.</li><li>• Reflect on and take ownership for their choices.</li></ul>

# Brook Forest - Science Clubs

- Dissecting Club - students are exposed to the internal and external anatomy of animals
- Rocket Club - students build and launch ready-to-fly rockets



# Brook Forest - Art Clubs

- Draw Squad - third-grade students improve drawing skills while strengthening their fine motor skills
- Advanced Draw Squad - fourth-grade students continue to work on drawing skills and 3-D drawing techniques
- Art Studio - fifth-grade students create technically challenging art pieces



## Brook Forest - Student Service Clubs

- Student Council - fourth and fifth-grade representatives plan spirit days, service projects and fundraisers
- Patrol - fifth-grade patrol members assist staff and students by maintaining safe entrance procedures in the morning



# Brook Forest Athletics

- Intramurals - after-school activities planned for the fifth graders include cross country, basketball and volleyball
- Lunchtime TDPE - students enjoy participating in flag football, softball, Capture the Flag and Mileage Club





# Brook Forest - Music

- Choir - fourth and fifth-grade students join together to sing in unison, two, and three-part choral music. There are two concerts per year.
- K-1 Music in Motion - our youngest students perform in their first concerts at school annually in May



# Brook Forest - Music

- 2-3 Musical - all students participate in the December performance and show their talents
- 4-5 Musical - students audition for speaking and singing parts and work together to create a magical show



# Brook Forest - Additional Opportunities

ICTM - grades 3-5

WordMasters - grades 3-5

Spelling Bee - grades 3-5

Geography Bee - grades 4-5

Illinois Math League - grades 4-5

Chess Club - grades 3-5

Computer Club - grades 1-5

Homework Club - grades 3-5



# Butler Jr. High - Academic Contests

- Spelling Bee - engages students who have a special talent in spelling and vocabulary, winners of the Bee continue at Dupage County level with a chance to advance to the National Spelling Bee
- Geography Bee - students engage in geographic tests that are supplied by the National Geographic Society



# Butler Jr High - Academic Teams

- Science Olympiad - students engage in enriching scientific projects and study, competing two times per year
- Math Team - students learn mathematical strategies and methods in an enriching environment, students compete several times outside of BJH and we host the popular MathCounts competition



# Butler Jr. High

## Student Government

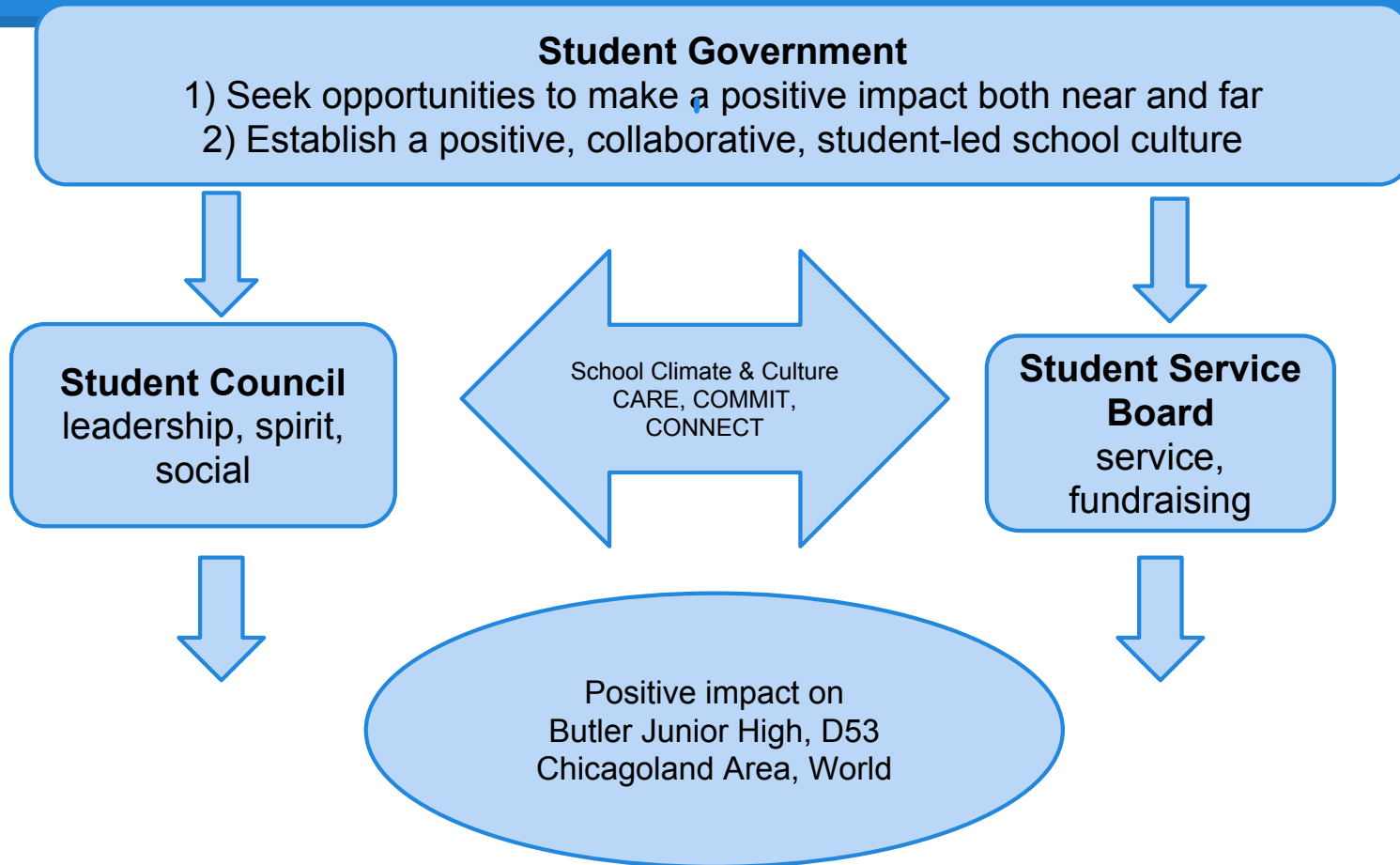
- 1) Seek opportunities to make a positive impact both near and far
- 2) Establish a positive, collaborative, student-led school culture

**Student Council**  
leadership, spirit,  
social

School Climate & Culture  
CARE, COMMIT,  
CONNECT

**Student Service Board**  
service,  
fundraising

Positive impact on  
Butler Junior High, D53  
Chicagoland Area, World



# Butler Jr. High - Activities

- Book Club - a forum for students to share their love for reading and engage in literary discussion
- Chess/Game Club - students explore their interests in board games and practice new chess strategies
- Broadcasting Club - students produce a monthly news show serving as anchors, producers, editors and technicians
- Yearbook Club - students produce a memorable keepsake while learning to use publishing software

# Butler Jr. High - Music & Performing Arts

- Band - students participate in weekly lessons and perform in evening concerts
- Fall Play and Spring Musical - students learn all aspects required to put on a theatrical performance both on-stage and behind the scenes
- Talent Show - students and staff showcase their talents through this time-honored Butler tradition





# Butler Jr. High - Athletics



Burr Ridge  
Cass  
Eisenhower  
Gower



Jefferson  
Lakeview



Lisle  
Old Quarry  
Westmont  
Westview

# Fall Athletic Opportunities



August - October

- Cross Country: grades 6 -8

Practice until 4:15 daily

- Volleyball: grades 6 - 8

Practice until 5:00 or 5:30 daily



# Winter Athletic Opportunities

## October - January

- Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball: grades 6-8  
Practice until 5:00 pm daily
- Junior Varsity and Varsity Cheerleading: grades 6-8  
Practice until 4:30 or 5:00 pm

## December - February

- Wrestling: grades 5 - 8  
Practice until 5:00 pm daily



# Spring Athletic Opportunities

## March - May

- Soccer - Boys and Girls: Grades 6-8  
Practice until 5:00 pm daily

## May

- Track - Conference Meet (Lemont High School)
- Swimming - Conference Meet (Downers Grove South High School)



# Butler Jr. High - Intramurals

- Intramurals - an opportunity for students to participate in a variety of activities after school in relaxed atmosphere.

Held throughout the year from 3:30 - 4:15



# Thank you!

Please....

- encourage your child to get involved!
- take a brochure for reference.
- share this information with other Butler 53 families.
- share any feedback or ideas you may have for consideration.