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(Build Your Own Lunch)

“My favorite main lunch is French bread pizza.”

Blake Olson ‘27

“I get an apple for one of my sides.”

Marcus Izmirli ‘27

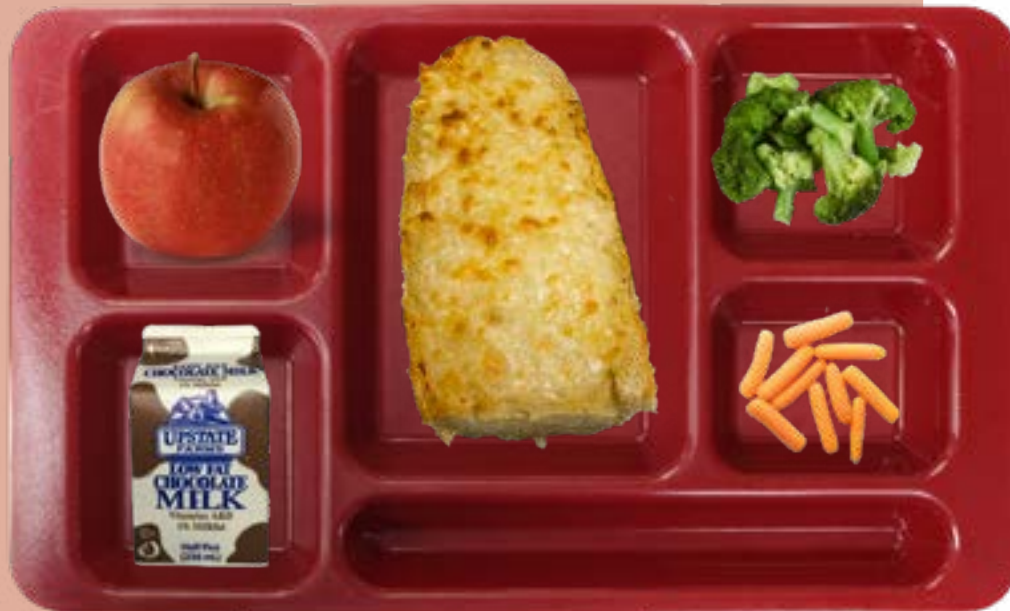


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“I get the chocolate milk everyday.”

Austin Larson ‘27

“I always get carrots.”

Nolan Hansen ‘27

Lunch Lady Love

BHS lunch ladies share their perspectives

Every school day, hundreds of students go through the lunch line without giving a second thought to the hard work and dedication that goes into it. Thankfully, Buffalo High School’s nutrition service employees are equipped to make this possible. Their jobs are built on early mornings, hard work, and plenty of care for the students.

Collectively, all of the nutrition service employees stated that the most enjoyable aspect of their jobs is the students.

“My favorite part about my job is the kids. I love interacting with them, talking with them, and seeing them every day,” **Nutrition Services Lead Christina Bruce** said.

Another important lead in the kitchen, **Courtney Wychgram** shows her love for the children.

“My favorite interactions with students are when you get to know them, and they share something personal going on in their lives,” Wychgram said. “I think it’s really cool.”

Beyond getting to know the students, the lunch ladies have a very busy and demanding schedule. **Nutrition Services Assistant Sandra Piram** described just how busy her days truly are.

“My daily schedule is very hectic,” Piram said. “I prepare breakfast for the next day, and then we move on to lunch. I’m usually on the register for both breakfast and lunch, and I have a lot of different jobs here.”

Piram also mentioned how early the day begins.

“I start at 7:15 and work until 2:00.”

By the time students arrive, the lunch ladies have already began preparing for the day. Many of the lunch ladies at BHS have been a part of the school for several years—a true reflection of their dedication and enthusiasm.

“I have been a lead for three years, but I’ve been with the school district for fourteen,” Bruce said.

Bruce explained how her job allows her to stay connected with her

children while also building a strong community with her coworkers.

“I chose to go into this job because my kids were in school, and I could have the same schedule they did. They are still in school, but I’ll stay even after because of how much I like it.”

For many of BHS’s nutrition staff, working in the cafeteria is more than supporting students—it’s about connection. Their dedication to making the school a better place is seen through their daily routines, encouraging words, and kind smiles. Through years of service, these women have become constant companions for students, proving that even the smallest interactions can brighten someone’s day.

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A-La-Cart Favorites

Students share their favorite add on items from the lunch line

“I get the Blue Ice drink on the daily.”

Lucas Potter ‘27



“I got the Birthday Cookie because it’s the best one.”

Gavin Johnson ‘26



“I picked Salt and Vinegar Chips.”

Elijah Soukup ‘26



“I usually get a Rice Krispies for after practice, and then give me a fruit snack for after lunch.”

Justin Woodruff ‘26



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