



## **Best Buddies Club Informational Meeting** **Tuesday, September 24, 2019- 2:45pm**



### **CLUB SPONSOR**

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### **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

-Co-Presidents Paige Young & Kenzie Shandor  
-Secretary Lucas Shandor  
-Treasurer Makenzie Auel  
-Buddy Director Kaitlyn Anderson

*\*Will be adding 1-2 more positions...*

### **STAY "IN THE KNOW"**

**CLUB BULLETIN BOARD-** outside of Main Gym

**WEBSITE- Go To:** [www.bwschools.net](http://www.bwschools.net) and search "Special Olympics"

**REMIND-** text "@BWBestBuds" to 81010

**INSTAGRAM-** Follow us "bw.bestbuddies"

### **WHAT IS BEST BUDDIES?**

Best Buddies is an opportunity for students to be matched in 1:1 friendships with other students from Baldwin HS. The goal of Best Buddies is to promote inclusion and help break down various social barriers that may exist for some individuals. Students will be asked to attend various events at BHS and/or in the community with their "Buddy".

There are 2 ways that you can be involved:

1) **Peer Buddy-** You would be matched with one student. You will be asked to communicate with that student (via phone, text, email, and/or social media) at least once a week. You will be asked to meet in person at least twice a month. This can include eating lunch with your buddy, going to a monthly Best Buddies event, or going to a school event (dance, play, sporting event) or community event (dinner, movie, etc.). Peer buddies are responsible for completing a brief "Friendship Update" online each month

2) **Associate Member-** You will NOT be matched in a 1:1 friendship, but able/asked to participate in Monthly events and activities. This is great if you are not able to devote enough time for the 1:1 friendship but still want to be involved. You can piggyback on a friendship with another student and/or fill in for someone if they can't attend something with their buddy. You do not need to fill out a monthly friendship update.

Our goal for the next month is to recruit peer buddies and associate members to join our club, then plan out our calendar of events for the rest of the year.

*\*\*Pickup a registration and information packet if you would like to sign-up. To register, you must complete an online application at [www.bestbuddiesonline.org](http://www.bestbuddiesonline.org)*

### **CLUB MEETINGS**

-One monthly club meeting for all members, right after the Special Olympics Club meetings

### **EVENTS**

-Usually one group event a month. Some will be paired w/ the Partners/SO Club, & some will be just for Best Buddies.  
-Will focus on attending a lot of BHS events, but also include activities out in the community

### **CLUB T-SHIRTS**

-We are doing one shirt for everyone involved with Partners, Special Olympics, and/or Best Buddies  
-You will have your choice of purchasing a short sleeve or long sleeve shirt this year.  
-Order forms will be available by the start of next week. We need to make a motion to vote on this year's color & design:  
4 Color Choices: Stonewash Blue, Royal Blue, Purple, or Black  
-Go to our club website and click on the "Member Surveys" tab to cast your vote.

**NEXT MEETING-Wednesday, October 30, 2019 @ 2:45pm in the South Cafeteria**