

Getting Ready for Senior Year

Planning Is Key!

- Graduation in Sight
- Post Graduation Plans
- Enjoy Senior Year



Graduation in Sight

- Take all classes needed for graduation
 - Need 15 credits (all 9th & 10th major classes passed and 2 11th grade) and Math, Science, Global & either US History or ELA Regents.
- Make sure all required classes fit into senior year schedule or see your School Counselor to get Summer School/Night School classes. (Available on Parent Portal)
- **Work, work & work** some more over the summer preparing for 12th grade.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

REGENTS DIPLOMA

COURSES	CREDITS
○ – ENGLISH	4
○ – SOCIAL STUDIES	4
○ – MATH	3
○ – SCIENCE	3
○ – HEALTH	.5
○ – ART or MUSIC	1
○ – WORLD LANGUAGE (L.O.T.E.)	1
○ – PHYSICAL EDUCATION 4 yrs.	2
○ – ELECTIVES	3.5
○ TOTAL UNITS	22

NYS REGENTS EXAM REQUIREMENTS

REGENTS DIPLOMA

- ENGLISH 11
- MATH
- GLOBAL HIST.& GEO
- U.S. HISTORY & GOVT.
- SCIENCE REGENTS

- ALTERNATE PATHWAYS

ADVANCED REGENTS DIPLOMA

- ENGLISH 11
- INTEGRATED ALGEBRA
- INTEGRATED GEOMETRY R
- INTEGRATED ALGEBRA II
- GLOBAL HISTORY& GEO.
- U.S. HISTORY & GOVT.
- 2 SCIENCE REGENTS
- WORLD LANGUAGE

Post Graduation Plans

- College or Vocational Training is for everyone.
- Refined skills mean \$\$\$ and control over your life. \$1M over a lifetime.
- Make the college want you. You are investing in each other.
- Plan, Plan and Plan

Post Graduation Plans

Simplify College Process

- Understand Admissions Factors
 - High School Transcript
 - Standardized Test Scores
 - Letters of Recommendation
 - Activity Resume
 - Personal Essay

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Simplify College Process

- High School Transcript
 - Rigor of Courses
 - Academic Performance
 - Rank/Standing in Class
 - All Credit Bearing Classes Count (8-12)
 - GPA Trends – Keep Improving

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- Standardized Test Scores
 - Redesigned SAT I – 2 parts or SAT II – Subject Tests
 - www.collegeboard.org
 - ACT – 4 Parts
 - www.actstudent.org
 - Both are accepted and they give a comparison point to students across country
 - Practice on a schedule - Method Test Prep
 - www.methodtestprep.com in Castle Learning
 - TAKE A PREP COURSE- Kaplan, Princeton, MTP and use KHAN ACADEMY

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- Letters of Recommendation
 - People that know you well in a professional setting and can write a comprehensive and positive letter.
 - Teachers 2 – Counselor 1; can substitute with employer or coach if it fits your plan
 - Provide the person with a resume (Family Connection) and ask at least 3 weeks before you need it. Asking before the Summer will be best.

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- Activity Resume (Family Connection)
 - Needed to fill in applications and for letters of recommendation.
 - Should be from your HS career and needs to highlight accomplishments in and outside of school. Clubs, Work, Community Service, Hobbies and Awards
 - Must be factual. Can be taken as fraud if found out to be false and have your admission rescinded.

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○ Personal Essay

- Introduces you and your story to the College
 - Why you and not thousands of other applicants
- Answer the question that is asked
- Write, proofread and ask teacher/counselor to read it over.
- Recycle or alter if it fits
- The essay can tip the scale of the admissions process

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○ Applying to College

- Use SuperMatch or College Board to create a prospective college list that fits your needs 8-10 Colleges. Select Safe, Target & Reach.
 - Safe – your credentials exceed entrance requirements
 - Target – your credentials meet entrance requirements
 - Reach – your credentials make entrance unpredictable based upon requirements or competitiveness.
- Research and Visit Colleges during the Summer/Early Fall
 - Take college tours
 - Open Houses can be found on websites
 - Some schools will cover transportation/stay
 - College visits to BHS in the fall – CHECK NAVIANCE

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Applying to College (continued)

- Pay attention to deadlines.
 - Early Action/Decision deadlines begin 11/1/2016
 - Regular Decision deadlines begin 1/1/2017
 - Rolling Admissions – anytime, early is better
- Finish the Application
 - Make sure you complete every part accurately and neatly. Online vs. paper;
www.commonapp.org & www.suny.edu
 - Let me know when and where you are applying. Give me 2 weeks to put everything together.
 - Try and place all information into one package.
 - Confirm Delivery and Processing

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- Applying to College (continued)
 - College Interviews
 - Some schools require.
 - Make sure to dress Appropriately.
 - Know common and some unique facts about the college.
 - Have thoughtful questions prepared to ask.
 - Take interviewer's information so you can send a thank you. Demonstrated Interest.

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- Financial Aid--- Prior, prior
 - FAFSA – Fill out after 10/1/2016
 - Research Scholarships
 - Apply to anything that you qualify for in and out of school. Think of all of the things that make you unique.
 - www.bufsd.org under guidance: scholarships news...

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The Student Athlete

- NCAA Eligibility- Register and begin process
- Consult with your Guidance Counselor to be sure you have met the requirements to play collegiate sports
- See qualifying courses online





NAVIANCE

- UPDATE YOUR NAVIANCE EMAIL ADDRESS
- LOGIN AND UTILIZE THE COLLEGE SEARCH TOOLS
- YOU MUST HAVE ACCOUNT FOR APPLYING TO COLLEGE NEXT YEAR



TIMELINES

- All College Applications should be complete before November 15
- It is your responsibility to know what the schools requires
- Student Transcript Request Forms detail what is expected of the student prior to submitting all documents
- Start the Common Application in Late August when it becomes active



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Career Exploration Exam “ASVAB” 3/8
- College Fair next Wednesday, 3/9
- Test Prep begins 3/31 REGISTER online
- REGISTRATION DEADLINES:
SAT- April 8 Deadline for May 7 Exam

Post Graduation Plans

Enjoy Senior Year

- Take part in your senior year.
 - Take pictures and memories with you.
 - Senioritis is a condition of the mind not body.
 - Bring back a Pennant from the College you attend.

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Q&A