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**Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District**  
**BAY PATH REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL**

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Mr. Clifford Cloutier  
Principal

August, 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian and Student:

To our new students and parents/guardians, welcome to Bay Path! I am sure that you will find Bay Path a great place for your high school years. To our returning students and parents/guardians, welcome back.

There are a few changes to our 2016-2017 school year. Bay Path will be instituting and enforcing a new back pack policy. In the past we have tried to go away from traditional back packs to string bags, but we found these to be inefficient. We needed to explore a different avenue that would provide a bag that is not only useful, it would also be comfortable to carry. We have to keep safety in mind as well. After much deliberation and research of back pack options, Bay Path will provide mesh back packs for all students on a one time basis. We believe that this option not only provides comfortable straps, it also provides enough carrying space for your books and other school needs. As stated above, the school will provide one mesh back pack per student. If you need to replace this back pack there will be a charge. Please note – the students will not be allowed to carry any other type of back pack while in school.

Another exciting change falls under our vocational options. We are proud to bring in a Dental Assistant vocational option. This program has been filled with our Sophomores, and our Freshmen will be able to explore this shop during their exploratory rotations. We anticipate great success with this shop.

As a quick reminder, the drop off/pick up routine is as follows: Drop offs/pickups **must** be made in the designated area of the front parking lot. When driving to the school, do not use the first driveway. Instead drive forward, past the grey masonry hut on your right to the stop sign. Turn right at the stop sign and follow the signs. Your cooperation with this is so important as it keeps our student body safe.

Last year we made our start of school information packet available online. It can be found on the Bay Path website at [www.baypath.net](http://www.baypath.net). There is a general information tab (under "The School" at the top) that includes information for all grades, such as calling your student in sick, the school calendar, cell phone policy, back pack policy, etc. For grade specific information, click on the tab that is associated with your student's grade. If you do not have internet access and would like a paper packet mailed, please call our main office and we will gladly mail one to you. The application for free and reduced lunch is included on the student's tab, breakfast/lunch area, then choose free and reduced lunch for the form. Please note that this application needs to be filled out yearly, even if you have been approved in the past. All forms need to be in as soon as possible.

Student's schedules are included in this packet. Students – remember your schedule on the first day of school. This is your first homework assignment.

Speaking of homework – 80% of students that receive low grades are due to the fact that the student does not do their homework. Students that complete their homework assignments get improved grades. This is so simple. Do your homework as soon as you get home from school and you will have the rest of your evening to yourself. **Homework is a daily requirement.** You can check your child's progress by accessing iParent. Instructions to access this program is included in the packet that every student brings home the first day of school or you can go to <https://ipassweb.harrisschool.solutions/school/baypath/syslogin.html>. At the bottom of the webpage you can click to register for an account.

Bus routes are also on the website. If you click on "The School" in the top toolbar, you will find the bus route tab. If you have concerns regarding a bus route or do not have internet access, please call Nancy Lapomardo at FIRST Student (508-248-0218) or Sally Sepuka, Bay Path Transportation Coordinator, at 508-248-5971 or 508-987-0326 extension 1740.

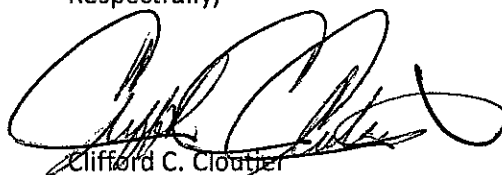
Students in Grades 9 and 10 who are scheduled for Health or Biology will be receiving educational material in human sexuality. According to Ch. 219 of the Acts of 1996, and the School Committee Policy, **parents may exempt their children from such presentations.** Sex education curriculum and supporting materials will be made available to parents, guardians, and others for inspection and review upon reasonable requests. Parents/guardians who have questions on this subject may call Bethann Cormier, Curriculum Coordinator, at 508-248-5971 or 508-987-0326 extension 1756.

The Protection of Pupil Rights Notice and Consent/Opt-Out for Specific Activities (PPRA) and the Parent Student Notification of Rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) can be found under "The School" tab in the top toolbar, District Information tab on the Bay Path website, [www.baypath.net](http://www.baypath.net). Questions concerning these notices may be addressed to me – Mr. Clifford Cloutier, Principal of Bay Path, at 508-248-5971 or 508-987-0326 extension 1701.

**All Freshmen and newly enrolled Upperclassmen are required to have a physical.** Any student who wishes to participate in interscholastic athletics are also required to have a physical within the last 12 months. A completed physical form must be returned to the School Nurse. **In the enclosed packet, you will also find a request for emergency information and a consent form for the administration of Advil or Tylenol. Please fill out these forms and have your son/daughter return them to their first period teacher on the first day of school.** If you have any questions, you may call the nurse's office at 508-248-5971 or 508-987-0326 extension 1164 or 1165.

The 2016-2017 school year opens on August 30<sup>th</sup> for Freshmen and August 31<sup>st</sup> for all student body. I look forward to this being one of our best school years ever.

Respectfully,



Clifford C. Cloutier  
Principal