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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, 2017

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.

Last year there were a few changes to our school year. Bay Path instituted and enforced a new back pack policy. In the past we had 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. Bay Path provided mesh and clear back packs for all students last year. We believe that this option not only provided comfortable straps, it also provided enough carrying space for your books and other school needs. The school will provide one mesh back pack per freshmen student. If you need to replace this back pack, there will be a charge. Please note – we will allow other types of backpacks that are close in comparison to be carried while in school, but they will need to be pre-approved by the Dean of Students.

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 up the driveway to the school, bear left; do not use the first driveway. When pulling next to the grey hut, you will see the stop sign on your right. Turn right at the stop sign and follow the signs. Your cooperation with this is so important as it keeps our student body safe and traffic flowing.

School information packets are available online. It can be found on the Bay Path website at 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.

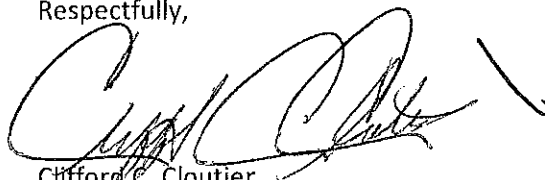
Students in Grades 9 and 10 who are scheduled for Health or Biology will be receiving educational material in human sexuality. According to Ch. 219 of the Acts of 1996, and the School Committee Policy, **parents may exempt their children from such presentations.** Sex education curriculum and supporting 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. 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 2017-2018 school year opens on August 29th for Freshmen and August 30th for all student body. I look forward to this being one of our best school years ever.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clifford C. Cloutier', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Clifford C. Cloutier
Principal

STUDENT DRIVERS

No student will be allowed to drive on campus without a 2017-2018 school issued parking permit. Anyone who shows up on campus driving a car, and does not have a 2017-2018 school issued parking permit, will be sent home. It is imperative that all students adhere to this policy.

This especially applies to the first day of school.

Your failure to adhere to this policy will be taken into consideration when reviewing your application for a parking permit.

Daniel McGowan
Dean of Students

Bay Path Vocational Technical High School

Jill Dennis - Guidance Counselor

This is it Class Of 2018!!

I'd like to welcome everyone back to Bay Path for our last year! Yes it's finally here! You're either thinking – Great! It's almost over or No! I'm not ready to go! I hope everyone has been busy this summer getting ready for the rest of your life! No pressure, right! Senior year is very important - it is the foundation for your future. **You are now judged as a young adult.** You're academic and trade performance is taken very seriously from this point on.

Building a strong base starts now!

Our word of the year will be—FOCUS!

Always remember, school success depends on studying, completing assignments, attitude, effort, attendance, and working cooperatively with others and of course, FOCUSING!

YOUR FUTURE DEPENDS ON IT!

*We will be using your Naviance account for ALL college steps! Directions are included on a separate page to add colleges, apply/track college applications, and request transcripts. **GET STARTED** adding schools and linking to the Common App!

****Two important events on the same night! (Flyer)**

Our COLLEGE FAIR and SENIOR FINANCIAL AID PRESENTATION

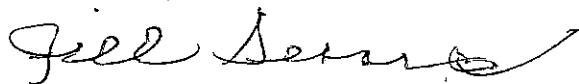
Will be *both* held on Thurs, September 21st!

The College fair will run from 6 - 8 pm in our cafe and our Senior Financial Aid Presentation will be at 6:45pm in our lecture hall.

*All scholarships are posted on our school website! www.baypath.net

**Remember senior grades are very *important* so keep your grades up!

Sincerely,



Jill Dennis

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