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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.

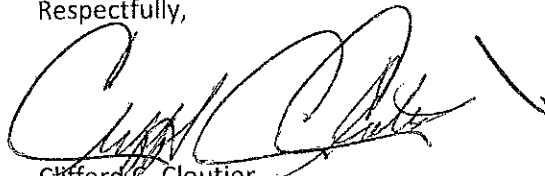
Students in Grades 9 and 10 who are scheduled for Health or Biology will be receiving educational material in human sexuality. According to Ch. 219 of the Acts of 1996, and the School Committee Policy, **parents may exempt their children from such presentations.** Sex education curriculum and supporting 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.

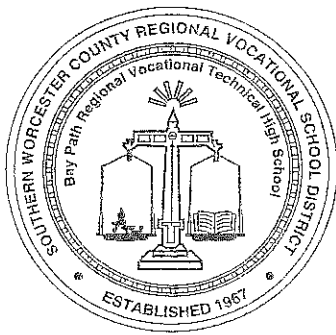
All Freshmen and newly enrolled Upperclassmen are required to have a physical. Any student who wishes to participate in interscholastic athletics are also required to have a physical within the last 12 months. A completed physical form must be returned to the School Nurse. **In the enclosed packet, you 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 stylized flourish at the end.

Clifford C. Cloutier
Principal



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Nancy Ferriter-Alpine
Pupil Services Director
Ext. 1713

September, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

In keeping with the Bay Path tradition of offering the most comprehensive and challenging Vocational and Academic educational program to the students of the Bay Path community, the district is committed to maintaining the status as one of the schools in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to be recognized as a Compass School.

A Compass School's students have exceeded state expectations for their MCAS testing program for three consecutive years. We are very proud to have these students enrolled and graduating from our institution.

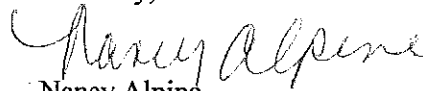
With the support of your School Committee and the Bay Path Administration, the district is offering to you and your child (by contract only) a year-long **MCAS Mathematics Preparation and Enrichment Program** for the 2017-2018 school year. With our commitment to our students and their families and in keeping with this tradition of consistent improvement, we need YOUR support to assist us in this academic endeavor.

This program, taught by **highly qualified math teachers**, will run from 2:35 p.m. to 3:25 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, during your child's vocational week. This will allow each student to continue to take advantage of the extra help sessions offered by his/her academic teachers during his/her academic week.

As the *Department of Elementary and Secondary Education* is again raising the bar for the passing scores which determines a high school diploma, it is imperative that you enlist your child and support their consistent attendance to this critical program.

On the other side of this letter, you will find the district contract for enrollment. Please complete the required information and return it to the attention of the Guidance Department.

Sincerely,


Nancy Alpine
Pupil Personnel Director

TOGETHER WE WILL MAKE BAY PATH A SUCCESS!

MCAS Extended Day Program Contract

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School
57 Old Muggett Hill Road, Charlton, MA 01507

2017-2018

*Tuesday-Thursday during shop week
2:35p.m.-3:25p.m. The late bus is available.*

PLEASE RETURN WITH YOUR CHILD'S 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL PAPERS

By participating in this extended program I, _____, agree to the following:

1. I will attend faithfully, unless absent from school for the day.
2. Homework may be assigned **DAILY**, and it is expected to be completed.

Parents and students must choose and sign one of the following options:

_____ My child will attend the extended day program during his/her shop week.

Date: _____

Student Name Printed

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

_____ My child will **NOT** attend the extended day program.

Date: _____

Student Name Printed

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

RETURN WITH YOUR CHILD'S 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL PAPERS

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School
Cherise Price
Professional School Counselor
Class of 2020
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cprice@baypath.net

August 2017

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Students,

I hope you have a great summer, and enjoy your time off. You survived freshman year and have adjusted to the demands of Bay Path. Now you are ready for the next chapter of your high school career, **Sophomore Year!**

Here are some things that you should be aware of as you enter sophomore year:

MCAS

- Sophomores are required to take and pass the ELA, Math, and Science MCAS in order to graduate.
- Please note that any student who was in Honors Biology (in Grade 9) already took the Biology MCAS and students who were in Engineering the Future took the Science & Technology MCAS. If those students passed (received a Needs Improvement, Proficient, or Advanced), then they will not have to take the Science MCAS as a sophomore. If a student did not pass, then they will take the Biology MCAS with the other sophomore students.
- Students should strongly consider attending the afterschool MCAS Math program that we offer to strengthen their skills and get some extra help, so that they are prepared to take and pass the test.
- **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE NOT ABSENT DURING MCAS!** All vacations, doctor's appointments, etc. should not be scheduled during the following dates:

ELA MCAS - March 27, 28, and 29

Math MCAS - May 23 and 24

Science MCAS - June 6 and 7

PSAT

- The PSAT is a practice test for the SAT (a test that most 4-year colleges require for admissions).
- The test is given to mostly juniors, but if you are thinking about going to college, you may want to consider taking the PSAT as a sophomore. It will be given at Bay Path on October 11, 2017 and the cost is \$15.00
- Taking the PSAT will give you a good sense of your strength and weaknesses and a feel for the testing atmosphere.

GRADES

- Even though you still have 3 years of high school left, unfortunately college admissions requires a lot of planning and so doesn't planning your career.
- ***The primary focus of your sophomore year should be keeping your grades up!***
- When you apply to college, **the colleges ask for your high school transcript and GPA (grade point average)**. Your transcript is a list of all the classes that you took in high school and of every FINAL grade you earned in those classes. GPA is an average of grade points earned for the total classes completed. *Keep in mind that the minimum GPA requirement for state colleges and universities is a 3.0 (which is an 85 average).
- **Grades are also important if you are considering CO-OP for your junior or senior year**. To be eligible for CO-OP midway through junior year you must have a minimum quarter grade and a yearly average of an 80.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

- The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.
- The selection process begins after 2nd quarter grades are issued. All students in Grades 10, 11, and 12 whose cumulative high school average at that time is 85 or better are eligible.
- Any eligible student who wants to apply for membership in the NHS must fill out and complete the NHS Checklist prior to March 31st.

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SOPHOMORE YEAR

- Be in school and on time every day!
- Remember to request make up work when you return from being absent!
- Remember the things that you may have not done too well last year, for example, not doing homework, being unorganized, not getting to know others.... Work on changing those things!
- Try to get involved in at least one activity, club, or sport at school. Now that you have adjusted to how Bay Path works, this will be so much easier to do!
- Work hard and always try your best!
- Make good decisions!

Keep this quote in mind throughout the year because you are the only one who can decide how you would like this next year to go.

“Accept responsibility for your life. Know that it is you who will get you where you want to go, no one else.” ~ Les Brown

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Cherise Price