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Dear Parents/Guardians & Class of 2020,

Welcome Back juniors!!! I would like to take a minute to introduce myself. My name is Bryan Richards, I will again be the guidance counselor for the class of 2020! I have been a guidance counselor at Bay Path for 2 years, I am excited to continue working with all of you as we approach a very important junior year.

This is the year of **Important Decisions**. During junior year students should be thinking about what they want to do when they graduate from Bay Path. Do you want to work in your vocational field? Are you thinking about college? Possibly a two year or four year college? Are you thinking about post secondary education? There are many options available to you. **NOW** is the time to start thinking about your **FUTURE**.

PSAT

Juniors who are interested in going to college should take the PSAT's in October. The PSAT's, otherwise known as the Preliminary SAT, measures critical reading, math problem solving, and writing skills. Juniors who take the PSAT's will receive feedback about their academic skills, prepare for the SAT, get ready for college, and enter scholarship competitions.

The PSAT will be given **Wednesday October 10, 2018 at Bay Path**. Students must sign up in the Guidance Office, please sign up early as there are a limited amount of tests. The cost is \$17.00.

SAT

The SAT is the nations most widely used college admission test. The SAT was created to help level the playing field in college admissions. Most 4 yr. colleges require the SAT. It is recommended to take the SAT at least once during your junior year. Juniors have the opportunity to take the SAT in the spring. You can also take the SAT during the fall of your senior year. SAT test dates are on the reverse side of this letter.

Co-Op

Juniors have the opportunity to participate in Co-op this year. **Cooperative Education** is offered to juniors during the **third quarter** if they qualify. Co-op students have the chance to work in their trade area, while getting paid, during shop weeks if they fulfill the requirements. Students are eligible for co-op if they maintain a **C average or better in all of their academic classes, as well as a B or better in shop and related**. It is up to the student to find co-op placement.

ASVAB

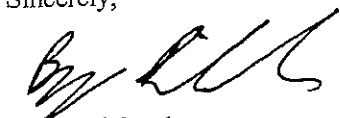
The ASVAB is a career exploration program administered by the military to help assist students in **determining career fields or occupations they are interested in**. Students are given an interest inventory to help identify interests, clarify what is important to them, and better understand their own abilities. The ASVAB will be given in January 2019. Students are encouraged to listen to announcements and sign up in the guidance office.

Naviance

Naviance can be accessed as follows: <http://student.naviance.com/bayprv>
Now is the time to familiarize yourself with Naviance. This career college planning program is used to search colleges and finalize your college application list. Naviance is the only way to request transcripts to be sent to colleges during senior year. I will be working with your child this year to teach them how to utilize the Naviance program.

We have an exciting year ahead! I look forward to working with you again.

Sincerely,



Bryan Richards
Professional School Counselor

Naviance

<https://www.naviance.com>

Type in Bay Path Postal Code 01507

How to make your Colleges "I'm Think About" List on Naviance

Click on:

1. Colleges Tab
2. Colleges I'm Thinking About
3. + Add colleges to list
 - Look up Colleges
 - Add to Colleges I'm Thinking About

Requesting Transcripts *Seniors*

Click on:

1. College Tab
2. Colleges I'm Thinking About
3. Colleges Applying to
4. Move to College Applications
5. Add and Request Transcript
6. What type of transcript are you requesting?
 - Initial
7. Request and Finish

Manage Transcripts

Once you have requested transcripts to be sent to the colleges you are applying to you will be able view the progress. *By clicking on Manage Transcripts you will receive a confirmation number for the transcript you requested, the date you requested it, the date the transcript was sent to the college and a confirmation receipt once the college has received the transcript.*