

July 2018,

Dear Families & The Class of 2019,

Congratulations it's senior year! You have all worked very hard to make it to this point in your educational career. This is the year to achieve your goals!

College bound students get ready for the application process! This is a fun and exciting time and I am here to help you along the way. If you are applying to a 4-year college you should have taken the SAT's. If you have not the next SAT is August 25th. Please go to www.collegboard.org to register.

We are hosting a **College Fair on Thursday September 27, 2018 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** This is a great opportunity to talk with college admission counselors, and learn about the admission process. We will have up to 50 colleges in attendance as well as representatives from the Armed Services. This is a great event for families and students to learn about the opportunities available to them after graduation.

When applying to college please make note of the application deadlines. If you are applying **Early Action most deadlines are November 1, 2018. Regular acceptance deadlines are usually in February.** Please check those deadlines to make sure you have enough time to gather all the required documents necessary to apply.

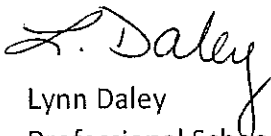
Bay Path is now using Naviance to manage the college admissions process. During junior year, your child had a Naviance workshop in their English class. Each student created their own Naviance account and started their college searches. Most colleges and Universities use the **Common Application** as part of their application process. *Seniors who are applying to college will have another Naviance workshop in the beginning of the school year to teach them how to request transcripts through Naviance.* Please see the enclosed brochure for more information and to begin using Naviance over the summer.

Please note, seniors **MUST PASS ALL CLASSES** in order to fulfill graduation requirements. **Keeping up with your homework is crucial to ensure a successful senior year.** If your child is finding difficulty in their classes, please contact me. *You will receive 4 progress reports and 4 report cards throughout the year to keep track of your child's progress.* You also have access to iParent to retrieve the most up to date grades. You can find iParent on the Bay Path website. www.baypath.net

Seniors, this year is a great time to consider co-op!!! In order to qualify for co-op seniors must have a yearly average grade of a 75 at the end of their junior year and must not have failed fourth quarter. Students are expected to have a grade of 70 or better in each academic class. Take advantage of your vocational education and consider co-op!


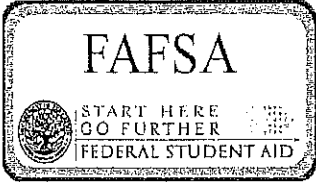
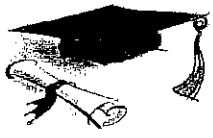
This is an exciting time, and I am looking forward to working with you throughout the year. Please don't hesitate to contact me at any point during the year.

Sincerely,



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Class of 2019
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PREPARING FOR COLLEGE SENIOR CALENDAR

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Schedule college visits -Taking August SAT? Register Now! -Research application deadlines and make a calendar to stay on track! -Research Scholarships! 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>August</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Visit colleges! -Finalize college list. -Register for fall SATS! -CREATE Common Application Account NOW! - LINK your Naviance and Common App. Account NOW! - IF you are applying Early Application BEGIN! Deadlines are Oct/Nov! 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>September</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -College applications ready! MARK DUE DATES! -Begin to GATHER RECOMMENDATIONS -Start working on your college essays -Update your resume -Attend Bay Path's College Fair! -Applying early? Work on Application process in Naviance. -SATs? Get registered! 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>October</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -October SAT date -Ask teachers for letter of recommendations (3) -College Application work on Naviance! -Check Early admission apps deadline! - FAFSA reports begins for students. 
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>November</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Send SAT scores from College Board to your final college choices! -College essay done! - Recommendation letters done! -Early admissions deadline at many colleges! -Regular admissions begins. Use Naviance, make sure Common App and Naviance linked! 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>December</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Complete ALL college applications before winter break! -Early application responses begin to arrive! -Regular admission deadlines begin! -Search scholarship \$! -Work on Scholarship essays/applications! On our website and your chosen college website! 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>January</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ask your counselor to send mid-year reports if college requires them -Regular admission deadline at many colleges -Keep those grades up!! -Submit Scholarship applications! 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>February</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Update your FAFSA if you have not done so already when your family's taxes are complete! - Regular college admission deadlines coming! Make sure your applications are complete and on time! -Use Naviance! -Scholarship work!!!!
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>March</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Continue applying for scholarships -Admission decisions will start coming in. -Read everything carefully in case action is required on your part! -Make a chart to compare college admission and aid offers. -Scholarship work!!! 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>April</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Narrow college choices and notify colleges you will not attend. -Make a final college decision! -Put a deposit on your final choice! -Scholarship work!!!! 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>May</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -advanced placement exams -explore summer job options -deadline to submit enrollment form and deposit to your college of choice. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>June</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">*GRADUATION!!*</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Create a college spending budget -Finalize housing plans

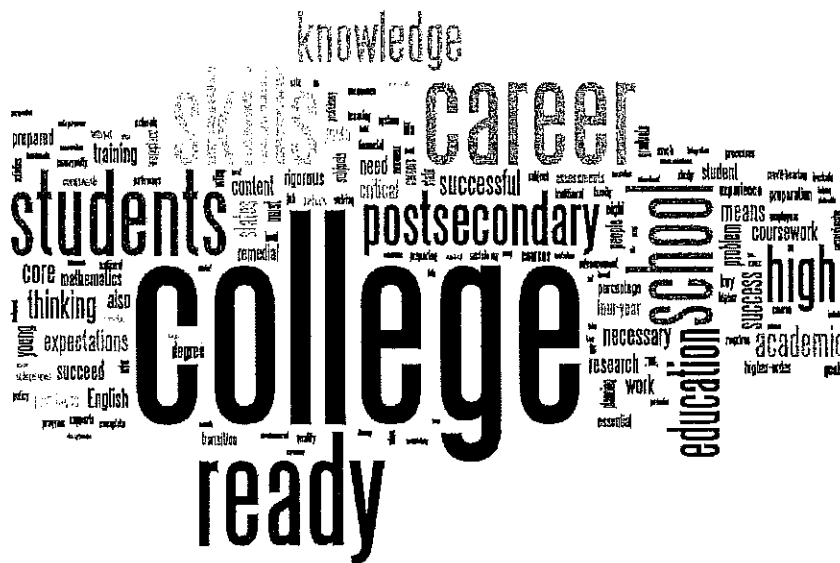
Mark your Calendars!

Bay Path's

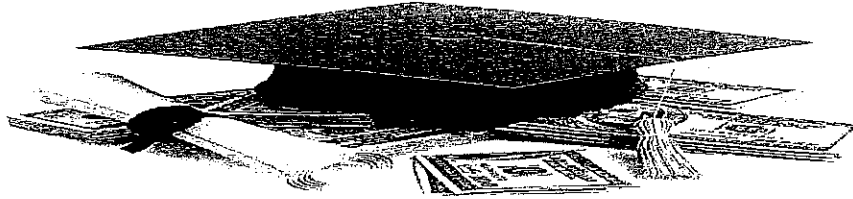
**College Fair and Financial
Aid Information Session**

September 27, 2018

The College Fair is from 6 -8 p.m. with a brief presentation on Financial Aid from MEFA at 6:45 p.m. in the Lecture Hall



Scholarship Information



All available scholarships are posted on the Bay Path website
www.baypath.tec.ma.us

Click on → School Resources
→ Guidance
→ Scholarships (left hand side)

Pay close attention to scholarship deadlines!!

Please check regularly for the most up to date scholarship information.

Financial Aid & Scholarship Sites

Financial Aid Resources and Application – www.fafsa.ed.gov

- Please note you can begin filling out the FAFSA October 1st

Assistance with FAFSA completion – www.studentaid.ed.gov/completefafsa

Mass. Financial Aid Resources – www.mefa.org

Mass. Board of Higher Education: Financial Assistance –
<http://www.osfa.mass.edu/default.asp?page+aidPrograms>

The Educ. Resource Institute (TERI) – www.teri.org

FastWeb Scholarships – <http://www.fastweb.org/>

Scholarship Search – <http://www.scholarships.com>

Student Lending – www.AAA.com

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

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.*

Common Application Questions and Answers

Common Application website: www.commonapp.org
Create your account. Click on "Apply Now" to create your account

EDUCATION TAB:

- School Look Up: Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School
CEEBC Code: 220563
- Date of Entry: September 2015 if you did not repeat a year at BP
- Graduation Date: May 31, 2019
- Counselor Prefix: Mrs.
- Counselor First Name: Lynn
- Counselor Middle Initial: P.
- Counselor Last Name: Daley
- Counselor Title: Professional School Counselor
- Counselor's Email: ldaley@baypath.net
- Counselor's Telephone Number: 508-248-5971 ext. 1766

GRADES TAB:

- Class Rank Reporting: Exact
- Rank Weighting: Weighted
- Graduating Class Size (approx.): 252
- Cumulative GPA: See me for your GPA
- GPA Scale: 100
- GPA Weighting: Weighted

CURRENT YEAR COURSES:

- How many courses would you like to report? 6 (Do not include Gym or Wellness if you are taking those.)
- Be specific when entering the class. For example Algebra 2, English IV, Contemporary Social Problems.
- If you are taking AP classes, make sure that you choose "AP." If College/Honors is in your class title choose "HONOR." Otherwise leave it blank.
- All of our classes are FULL YEAR courses.
- Credit Values: Shop – 4.5 credits, Related is 1.0, English, Math and Science (Chemistry, Physics, AP Physics), is 1.0, Botany Lab is .5, and History is .5

2018-2019 Common Application Essay Prompts

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.