

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School
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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 and Math MCAS in order to graduate.
- 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 26-29
Math MCAS - May 21- 24
- Please note that all students took the Biology MCAS in Grade 9. 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 have to retake the Biology MCAS in February.

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 10, 2018 and the cost is \$17.00. Please see Mrs. Potenti with any questions when we return to school in September.
- Taking the PSAT will give you a good sense of your strengths 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.

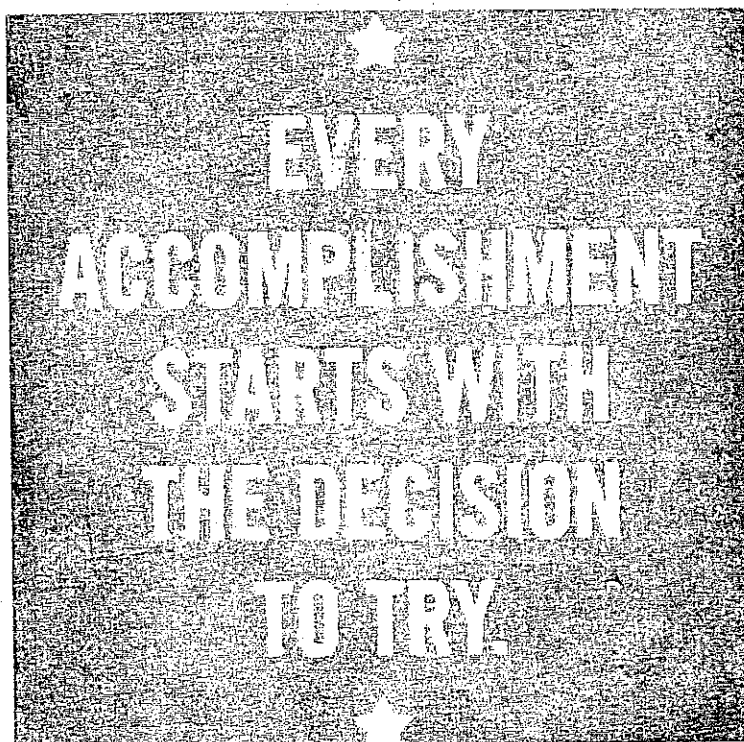
TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SOPHOMORE YEAR

- 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!

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,


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Naviance Student is a comprehensive website for students and parents that you can use to help in making decisions about courses, colleges, and careers. It is linked with your child's School Counselor to track and analyze data about college and career plans, so it provides up-to-date information that's specific to our school. Naviance Student allows students to:

- **Get involved in the planning and advising process-** Build a resume, complete on-line surveys, and manage timelines and deadlines for making decisions about colleges and careers.
- **Research careers-** Get helpful information about particular careers such as job descriptions, necessary skills, what tasks are performed and typical wages earned to name a few.
- **Research colleges-** Compare GPA, standardized test scores, and other statistics to actual historical data from our school for students who have applied and been admitted in the past.
- **Create future plans** – Create goals and to-dos, and complete tasks assigned to you by the school to better prepare yourself for your future college and career goals.

Naviance Student also lets us share information with you about upcoming meetings and events, local scholarship opportunities, and other resources for college and career information. You can also use the site to send us an email message.

Naviance Student

Can be accessed as follows: <https://student.naviance.com/bayprv>

***Students did set up their accounts during their freshman year** and they have completed "Do What You Are," a personality assessment and have searched careers that interested them based on their responses. To learn more about this you **can log on and review with your child.**

SUMMER ASSIGNMENT:

So that I am able to continue to work with your child in helping them with their future plans, please have them log on to complete their "GAME PLAN!" This is designed to help me work with the students to develop a plan for achieving their goals after high school.

Even if you answer "unknown," please still select 2 career areas that most closely relate to your future career goals.

DIRECTIONS:

- Go to <https://student.naviance.com/bayprv>
- Have the student log in to the Naviance account
- Click on the "About Me" tab. Then click on "Home."
- Under the section, "My Postsecondary Plans," click on "Game Plan" and complete it.

ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS: In addition, while your child is logged onto their account, please go in and add your email. (You may also add the other information as well, but your email is most important). This program allows me to share information with you and keep you updated. To add your email:

- Click on the "About Me Tab."
- Click on "My Account."
- Click on Parents/Guardians Tab (in the center).
- Click the + (add) sign.
- Enter your email address and hit SAVE.

...to the "Game Plan" and add your email address by: **Friday, August 31, 2018***

EXCITING NEWS for SOPHOMORES!!!!

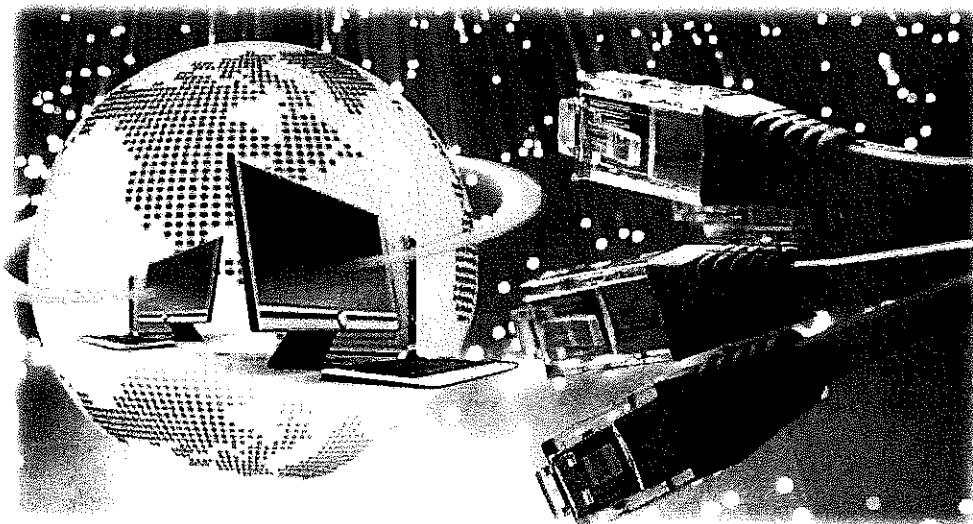
We have a new Vocational Technical Program available to current sophomores.

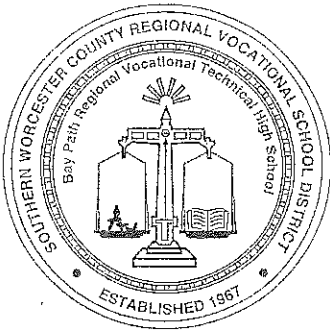
Information Support Services & Networking

This career area is designed to introduce students to computer networking and support. Students will be trained in the latest industry help desk concepts, application, end user operating system support, service maintenance, computer network operation/support, web technologies, Cyber Security and wireless/mobile support. Students will have the opportunity to obtain certifications in A+, Network+, LINUX PDC, Microsoft Technical Associate, Apple Certified Associate, CISCO Certified Entry Network, and CISCO Certified Technician.

Exciting stuff!!! Are you interested in participating in a MINI-Exploratory (2 ½ days) during the week of September 24th?

If *YES*, please call the Guidance Office at Extension 1718 or 1763. Mrs. Brunelle or Mrs. Ribauda will be scheduling students soon. Please call by September 7th.





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September, 2018

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 2018-2019 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

2018-2019

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

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

By participating in this extended day 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

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