

Ballston Spa High School Guidance Office Winter Newsletter

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Parents: Morning announcements are listed daily on the high school website located under the Quick Links section. There is a lot of valuable information there. Additionally, important dates and information are listed on the high school guidance webpage. School news is regularly emailed home to the email of the first person listed on the students account. Parents should check their parent portal account to update email addresses.



January Exam week is January 24th—27th. Students who have Regents exams or midterm exams scheduled will be expected to come to school. Students not scheduled for exams are not expected in school on these days. Schedules are listed on the high school website

SENIORS



For those of you who have not yet completed college applications you need to update Naviance as soon as possible and talk to your counselor regarding sending recommendation letters and your transcript. As you receive your acceptances please continue to update Naviance.

The 2017 Senior Award Survey has been posted in Naviance! Please complete this survey in order to be considered for numerous scholarships. The survey can be found under the 'About Me' tab in Naviance. Deadline is 2/15! Seniors should also check the scholarship cabinet regularly as there are always new scholarships being added.

JUNIORS

Junior conferences will be scheduled for the spring. You will receive a letter in the mail regarding a meeting date and time. Topics covered include: college planning, scholarships, graduation requirements, the application process, and Naviance.



For students planning to play Division I or II sports in college you must register with NCAA to be eligible.

SOPHOMORES



For all interested in the Full International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme there will be opportunities to meet with students currently in the program during all lunches on January 30th—February 1st. A "Meet the IB Team" event will be held in the high school library from 2:30-3:30 on January 17th, with a snow date of January 19th. Applications are due February 3rd from all Full IB Diploma Candidates to Mrs. Kavanaugh in guidance.

All students attending college should fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Most colleges prefer that this be done online. Financial Aid information can be found on the High School Guidance website.



Upcoming SAT/ACT test dates:

SAT Test Date 3/11/17: Registration deadline 2/10/17
SAT Test Date 5/06/17: Registration deadline 4/07/17
SAT Test Date 6/03/17: Registration deadline 5/09/17
ACT Test Date 4/08/17: Registration deadline 3/03/17
ACT Test Date 6/10/17: Registration deadline 5/05/17

Registration must be done online at www.collegeboard.com (SAT) or www.act.org (ACT)



For all students who took the PSAT exam in October, school counselors have provided score reports along with an explanation of what the score reports means. If your child missed the presentation, extra copies of the reports are in the guidance office.



AP Exam registration forms have been sent home. These are due with payment by February 10th to Mrs. Vivian in guidance. Exams are \$84. Test dates will be posted on the high school website as soon as they become available.

2017-2018 High School Planning

Beginning in February, counselors will meet with all students to help plan their course selections for the next school year. Students will bring home information sheets regarding what classes they have chosen. A letter will be mailed home confirming course selection. Please make sure you contact your students counselor with any changes before May 5th deadline.



Homework requests: Parents can email teachers directly for work or call the guidance office to place a homework request. 24 hour notice is required for homework requests.

