

Ballston Spa High School Guidance Office Newsletter

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Welcome back! We look forward to an exciting school year!

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◆ **Meet the Teacher Night**—The Ballston Spa High School offers two additional sessions for parents during Meet the Teacher Night on **Tuesday, September 19, 2017**. One session is focused on the College Application Process (in the auditorium) and the second session is designed for parents of first year International Baccalaureate students (in the chorus room) – both starting at 6:15pm. All parents are invited to attend the Meet the Teacher Night at 7:00 PM starting in the cafeteria.
- ◆ **College Application Process Days** — **Seniors are REQUIRED** to attend one of the following sessions during their lunch period.
 - Tuesday, September 19th
 - Wednesday, September 20th
 - Thursday, September 21st

You will be receiving all necessary paperwork / information to help with your college application.
- ◆ **Financial Aid Night** — **Wednesday, September 27, 2017** 6:30pm in the High School Library. A Financial Aid Officer from a local college will be here to explain the financial aid process. This evening is open to all parents of **Juniors and Seniors**.
- ◆ **Senior College Planning** — **Wednesday, October 11, 2017**. During the school day **Seniors** will have the opportunity to meet with a local College Admissions counselor, work on their college applications with counselor support, and attend presentations about healthy living in college.
- ◆ **FAFSA Workshop** — **Thursday, November 2, 2017** 6:30pm in the High School Library. Come ready to complete your FAFSA application with assistance from a local Financial Aid Officer.



Upcoming SAT/ACT test dates:

SAT Test Date 10/07/17: Registration deadline 9/8/17
SAT Test Date 11/04/17: Registration deadline 10/5/17
SAT Test Date 12/02/17: Registration deadline 11/02/17

ACT Test Date 10/28/17: Registration deadline 9/22/17
ACT Test Date 12/09/17: Registration deadline 11/03/17
Registration must be done online at
www.collegeboard.com (SAT) or www.act.org (ACT)



We will be offering the PSAT (a practice test for the SAT) to all **10th and 11th grade students** on Wednesday, October 11, 2017. The exam will be given during the school day and is free of charge to students. Students do not have to register for the PSAT. Resources are available on the College Board website, or follow this link.
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice>



Prep classes for the SAT will be held on:

- September 20, 2017
- September 27, 2017
- October 4, 2017

Registration due by **September 19!!**
Click here to register



We will be hosting two college fairs this fall. **Juniors and Seniors** please join us on either Friday, September 22nd and Wednesday, October 18th from 9:00—10:15am. Sign up in guidance. **Hudson Valley Community College** will be hosting a college fair Wednesday, September 20th from 6—8pm. Check the website for more info!



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.

