

BOLTON HIGH GUIDANCE NEWS

Quarterly Newsletter

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SATS FOR JUNIORS

The School Day SAT will be administered on Wednesday, March 22nd.

2022-2023 SCHEDULING

See below for more information regarding scheduling for second semester!

WINTER RECESS

Winter Recess will be from Friday, February 17th to Tuesday, February 21st.



WELCOME TO SEMESTER 2!

We are midway through the school year! Students will be able to access the 2023-2024 Program of Studies on the school website. School counselors will be meeting with students in the coming months to review progress toward graduation and course requests for next year. We would also encourage students and parents/guardians to regularly check Student Square and Parent Square - important resources, reminders, dates, and announcements are posted there regularly. Grade-level updates will no longer be posted in Google Classroom as we shift to the new platform. If you have issues with Student or Parent Square, please contact Meg Redner (mredner@boltonct.org or 860-649-3353).

FRESHMEN

We are halfway through 9th grade! Students may have new courses for the second semester, so please remember to check PowerSchool for any changes. Congratulations to the Class of 2026 for completing the first exams of their high school career. With the first set of exams completed, students should know what they can work on to do well for their final exams and the end of the year. As noted in the Team 26 newsletter, Mrs. Destine has reviewed how to access student PSAT scores and linked Khan Academy with Collegeboard.

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SOPHOMORES

Welcome to the halfway point of 10th grade! All Grade 10 students will be returning to health class this quarter. Mrs. Destine will work with Ms. Noheimer to complete the personality inventory as we continue to review their interests and strengths. Students will receive a paper copy of the Job Shadow paperwork and will review how to access this information online. There will be opportunities this school year to complete this graduation requirement.



IMPORTANT DATES

- 1/23 - Quarter 3 Begins
- 2/17-2/21 - Winter Break
- 2/24 - Midpoint of Quarter 3
- 3/2 - Parent Teacher Conferences
- 3/3 - Early Release Day
- 3/16 - College & Career Planning Night
- 3/22 - School Day SAT (Juniors only)
- 3/27 - Last day of Quarter 3
- 3/28 - First day of Quarter 4
- 3/30 - Capstone Evening
- 3/31 - Early Release Day

You can find the revised Bolton Public Schools 2022-2023 Calendar [here!](#)



POWERSCHOOL

Having trouble logging into PowerSchool? Call the guidance office (860) 649-3353 or email Ms. Redner (mredner@boltonct.org) for help resetting your password and/or troubleshooting other login issues.

Please note that PowerSchool is a great resource when it comes to tracking your students' grades and attendance.

WORKING PAPERS

Many students are pursuing part time jobs at small businesses or with larger corporate chains of stores and restaurants. All minors must have proper documentation. Upon receiving a promise of employment from their prospective employer, students can request working papers from Ms. Redner in the Guidance Office. For more information regarding working papers, please visit the [Connecticut Department of Labor's website](#).

COLLEGE & CAREER PLANNING NIGHT

Bolton's College Planning Night will be held on Thursday, March 16th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. This event is open to sophomores and juniors and their families and will consist of a presentation by the School Counselors and a Q&A with a panel of admission reps from various public and private schools across southern New England.

If you have any questions regarding the College Planning Night, please don't hesitate to reach out to Ms. Ercolani via email at jercolani@boltonct.org.

JUNIORS

Mr. Giansanti & Ms. Ercolani will be visiting all Grade 11 U.S. History classes this quarter to provide support in exploring post-secondary options, including using Naviance to explore colleges and careers, discussing the timeline of applying to colleges and vocational schools, as well as developing the college essay and requesting teacher letters of recommendation. A copy of the BHS Junior Newsletter, which includes information regarding college preparation and applications, is available [here](#), as well as a copy of the [Senior Brag Sheet](#), which assists teachers in writing recommendation letters. Please feel free to contact the Guidance Office if you'd like to schedule a post-secondary meeting.

Juniors will take the school day SAT on Wednesday, March 22nd. Students are already pre-registered, so there is no need to contact College Board for this exam. Mr. Giansanti will be visiting junior classrooms to complete the pre-registration process.



SENIORS

Many students have begun to receive acceptance letters - please remember to let us know where you've been accepted and where you ultimately decide to attend school in the fall. This is crucial as we send updates to schools regarding report cards and transcripts.

Seniors should also be working to complete their Capstone projects, as well as finishing their 25 hours of community service, in order to be eligible for graduation.

Additionally, priority FAFSA applications are due by February 15, 2023, with the regular application window closing on June 30, 2023. We advise all students to complete their FAFSA whether or not they anticipate needing financial aid as many schools require it to consider students for scholarships. More information can be found on the Guidance website [here](#).