

# BOLTON HIGH GUIDANCE NEWS

*Quarterly Newsletter*

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## END OF SEMESTER APPROACHES

The BHS fall semester will conclude on January 21, 2022.

## NEW WEBSITE!

Check out our new Guidance Website for tons of resources, forms, and more [here](#).

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Fall and winter are the perfect time to get in some Community Service hours - check out our list of ideas on page 3!

## WELCOME TO QUARTER 2!

Bolton High students are off to a great start this school year! We are looking forward to finishing the semester strong. In the guidance office, we are excited to share our new webpage with you which we are working to fill with resources to help you with college and post-secondary preparation and planning, as well as forms needed for college applications, community service, job shadow experiences, and more. Check it out [here](#)!



# FRESHMEN

The Class of 2025 is off to a great start at BHS this year! We encourage students to get involved with the clubs and sports offered at Bolton. Clubs are up and running and winter sports are just around the corner. We offer everything from Art Club to Guild (Gaming) Club, as well as Fishing Club and Donut Club. Our winter sports are basketball, indoor track, ice hockey, and gymnastics.

PSAT 8/9 scores will be released in the next several weeks. Students can access their scores via [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).

We also encourage students to work on their community service hours which are required for graduation - the fall and winter are the perfect time to help out in the community. Students can pick up forms to track their hours in the guidance office.



# SOPHOMORES

Mrs. Destin   will be visiting sophomore health classes this month and next to work with students on a personality assessment in Naviance. This assessment is used to help students begin thinking about job shadow opportunities they are interested in as part of their graduation requirements. Students and parents can both access Naviance at <https://student.naviance.com/bolton>.

CollegeBoard will release the PSAT/NMSQT scores in the next several weeks. Scores and other information can be found on [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).

Students will be wrapping up the first semester, so it's important to stay on top of first-semester grades for their half-year classes. Both the writing lab in the library and the math center are up and running for tutoring.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 11/10 - last day to register for winter athletics
- 11/15 - Connecticut Application Fee Free Day
- 11/23 - Early Release Day
- 11/24-11/25 - Thanksgiving Recess
- 12/3 - Early Release Day
- 12/9 - School photo makeup day
- 12/23 - Early Release Day
- 12/24-12/31 - Holiday Recess
- 1/14 - Early Release Day
- 1/17 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)
- 1/18-1/21 - Midterms\*
- 1/21 - Last day of Quarter 2 & Semester 1

\*subject to change based on winter weather and snow days

## POWERSCHOOL

Having trouble logging into PowerSchool? Call the guidance office (860) 649-3353 or email Ms. Redner ([mredner@boltonct.org](mailto: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.*



## FALL & WINTER SERVICE IDEAS

- Participate in or organize a holiday toy drive
- Donate blood or volunteer at a donation event
- Volunteer at a Senior Center or Nursing Home
- Organize a "Clean Up Crew" to pick up litter along trails and roads
- Create "Craft Kits" for children and families in need (more info at [www.chrysaliscenterct.org/get-involved/volunteer](http://www.chrysaliscenterct.org/get-involved/volunteer))
- Hold a bake sale with proceeds going to a local charity
- Rake leaves/shovel snow for elderly neighbors
- Host a winter clothes and blanket drive
- Help out at the local soup kitchen or food pantry
- Transcribe historical documents for the Smithsonian (see [si.edu/volunteer/DigitalVolunteers](http://si.edu/volunteer/DigitalVolunteers))
- Babysit for families so they can do their holiday shopping or have a date night
- Volunteer at a local shelter or wildlife rehabilitation center
- Volunteer to help teach English to refugee families and their children
- Volunteer to operate concessions at sporting events
- Bake birthday cakes and cupcakes for underserved children (see [www.cake4kids.org](http://www.cake4kids.org))
- Volunteer at the Bolton Senior Center via UR Community Cares ([www.urcommunitycares.org](http://www.urcommunitycares.org))

## COLLEGE REP VISITS

College representatives from schools across New England will continue virtual visits for BHS students over the next several weeks. Dates and links to these visits (all scheduled during Connections) are available on the Google Classroom for the Class of 2022 and Class of 2023.

## JUNIORS

Mr. Giansanti has met with a number of juniors as they continue preparing for graduation and will continue meeting with juniors throughout the year to prepare for their senior year and post-secondary plans. We will be sending out a link to a special [Junior Newsletter](#) which will have resources for students regarding this preparation. This newsletter will also be available on our new website.

Naviance is a great tool to help you as you begin to research schools, careers, and educational pathways.



## SENIORS

Keep in mind that college application deadlines are quickly approaching! Students will need to double-check deadlines for each school they are applying to in order to ensure they get all required materials in on time.

If your senior has not met with Mr. Giansanti and is planning on attending a four-year school, please have them reach out to Ms. Redner to schedule a time to meet. Seniors should be working to complete their Common Application, requesting letters of recommendation from their teachers, and writing their college essays as they prepare for applications.

Monday, November 15th is Connecticut's Application Fee Free Day - seniors can submit their applications to UConn, Central, Southern, Eastern, and Western State Universities for free. This will save you \$50-80 in application fees per school!

As a reminder, FAFSA has opened for the 2022-2023 school year. Many scholarships require you to have applied for FAFSA to be eligible. We have compiled a FAFSA resource packet which is available [here](#) to help guide you through the process.