

BOLTON HIGH GUIDANCE NEWS

Quarterly Newsletter

November 2022



COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

Remember to submit your service forms as you complete service hours throughout the year! You can find service ideas in our previous newsletters [here](#).

END OF SEMESTER APPROACHES!

The BHS fall semester is scheduled to conclude on January 20, 2023.

EARLY RELEASE DAYS

Please note that students district-wide will have early release days on November 23rd, December 2nd and 23rd, as well as January 13th.



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. If you are interested in participating in winter sports, remember to [sign up now](#)!

FRESHMEN

The Class of 2026 is off to a great start at BHS this year! We encourage students to get involved with the clubs and sports offered here at Bolton. Clubs are up and running and winter sports are just around the corner. 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 and return the completed forms to Mrs. Carvalho in the Main Office.

This quarter, Mrs. Destin   will be going into the 9th-grade classrooms to review graduation requirements and expectations for freshman year. She will also work with students on completing their Career Cluster Finder to begin researching careers that relate to things that they are interested in.

Additionally, PSAT 8/9 scores will be available in December and can be accessed via [Collegeboard](#).



SOPHOMORES

As students begin to wrap up their first semester, it's important to stay on top of first-semester grades. After the first semester, your half-year courses will be finalized and the grades stored, so work hard! Students have a number of resources available to them, including Homework Club after school each day from 2:30-4:00 PM in the library. If students need a tutor or extra support, please contact Mrs. Destin  .

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IMPORTANT DATES

- 11/2 - First day of Quarter 2
- 11/8 - (Election Day) No School
- 11/23 - Half Day
- 11/24-25 - Thanksgiving Holiday
- 12/2 - Early Release; Afternoon Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 12/8 - Midpoint of Quarter 2
- 12/23 - Early Release
- 12/26-1/2 - Holiday Recess
- 1/13 - Early Release
- 1/16 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)
- 1/17-20 - Exams*
- 1/20 - Last Day of Semester 1*

*subject to change based on winter weather and delays

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](#).

CONNECTICUT FREE APPLICATION DAY

On November 15th, application fees for the University of Connecticut and Southern Connecticut State University will be waived by those schools. Interested students should double check their Common App and Naviance accounts to ensure they have all the documents they need to submit to prepare beforehand.

JUNIORS

Fall and winter is a great time for Juniors to continue researching various post-secondary options. Students were able to meet many College, Military, and Technical School representatives during our College Fair in October.

Mr. Giansanti will continue meeting with students and families to discuss post-secondary planning. We have created a [Junior Newsletter](#) to help guide students and their families as they prepare to apply to colleges. Please [contact the counseling department](#) if you would like to schedule a time to meet or have any questions.



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. In order to ensure that all transcripts and application materials are sent in a timely manner, please have your student come to the school counseling department to complete a ["Green Sheet."](#)

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