

# BOLTON HIGH GUIDANCE NEWS

*Quarterly Newsletter*

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

Fall is the perfect time to volunteer in your community - remember you have community service hours required for graduation!

## PSATS

PSATs will be held on October 13th for all students in grades 9, 10, and 11.

## EARLY RELEASE DAYS

Please note that students district-wide will have early release days on October 8th & October 29th.

## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

We are excited to be back on campus for the 2021-2022 school year! We are looking forward to meeting with students both one-on-one and in the classroom to help them navigate the school year and to create plans for after graduation. Please contact Mrs. Destin  (adestine@boltonct.org) with any questions or concerns for grades 9-10 and Mr. Giansanti (tgiansanti@boltonct.org) for grades 11-12.



# FRESHMEN

Welcome to Bolton High School!

This semester, students will begin working on Naviance with their school counselor, Mrs. Destin  . Naviance is our platform to build an online portfolio in preparation for college and employment after graduation.

PSAT 8/9 will be administered to all freshmen on October 13th in preparation for the NMSQT which is used for scholarships later in the high school career.

As a reminder, you'll need 50 hours of community service as part of your graduation requirements and it's best to get started during your freshmen year. Stop by guidance for a form to track your hours and submit tracking forms to Mrs. Carvalho in the main office.



# SOPHOMORES

Welcome back! Mrs. Destin   will be visiting health classes this year to discuss personality inventories and what careers relate to the inventory results.

Sophomores will take the PSAT/NMSQT to prepare for the state-wide school day SAT during their junior year.

Be aware that you are required to have 50 community service hours as part of your graduation requirements and the earlier you get them done, the better! Additionally, be thinking about where you'd like to do your job shadow.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 10/8 - Early Release Day
- 10/11-10/12 - No Classes
- 10/13 - PSAT for Grades 9, 10, & 11 (Seniors will work on their Capstone projects)
- 10/19 - Grade 9 School Photos
- 10/20 - Grade 10 School Photos
- 10/21 - Grade 11 School Photos
- 10/29 - Early Release Day
- 11/2 - No Classes
- 11/3 - Last Day of First Quarter

## 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.*



# NACAC VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIR

The National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) will be hosting a series of virtual college fairs this fall, allowing students and their families to drop in on live Zoom sessions offered by hundreds of colleges across the country on the same day.

- Tuesday, Sept. 28th from 4-8 PM (Northeastern US Fair)
- Sunday, Oct. 3rd from 1-6 PM (Signature Fair)
- Thursday, Oct. 14th from 5-9 PM (Midwest US Fair)
- Sunday, Oct. 24th from 1-6 PM (Signature Fair)
- Tuesday, Nov. 2 from 4-8 PM (STEM & Arts Fair)
- Sunday, Nov. 14th from 1-6 PM (Signature Fair)

Visit the NACAC website for more information and to register for individual fair sessions.

## COLLEGE REP VISITS

College representatives from schools across New England will begin virtual visits for BHS students this fall. 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

Welcome back! Juniors will begin receiving emails regarding the opportunity to sign up to meet with Mr. Giansanti to continue conversations regarding post-secondary plans, whether they include college, entering the workforce, or joining the military. He will also be going into classes to discuss these options with students in the coming weeks.

Information regarding college representative visits will be posted in the Class of 2023 Google Classroom, and we urge students to also consider attending the virtual NACAC College Fair as they begin to explore college options.



# SENIORS

Graduation is ahead! Now is the time to make sure everything is on track for you to graduate, including your 25+ credits, your capstone project, and your 25 hours of community service.

Seniors will begin receiving emails in the coming weeks with opportunities to sign up to meet with Mr. Giansanti to continue post-secondary planning. We encourage students to regularly check their Class of 2022 Google Classroom for updates regarding scholarship opportunities, college rep visits, and other important information.