

BOLTON HIGH GUIDANCE NEWS

Quarterly Newsletter

September 2022



COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

Fall is a great time to get your community service hours in!

All BHS graduates are required to complete 50 hours of community service.

PSATS

PSATs will be held on October 12th for all freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. Keep an eye out for more information!

EARLY RELEASE DAYS

Please note that students district-wide will have early release days on Sept. 16th, and Oct. 7th & 28th.



WELCOME BACK, BULLDOGS!

We are excited for the school year ahead and are looking forward to working with students both one-on-one and in the classroom to help them navigate the school year and to create plans for 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.

PS - you can find the 2022-2023 calendar [here](#)!

FRESHMEN

Welcome to Bolton High!

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.

The PSAT 8/9 will be administered to all freshmen on October 12th 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 freshman year. Stop by the Guidance Office for a form to track your hours and submit any 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 Experience.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 9/13 - Grade 9 School Photos
- 9/14 - Grade 10 School Photos
- 9/15 - Grade 11 School Photos
- 9/15 - BHS Open House
- 9/16 - Early Release Day
- 10/7 - Early Release Day
- 10/10 & 10/11 - No School
- 10/12 - PSAT Day for Grades 9-11
- 10/28 - Early Release Day
- 11/1 - Last Day of Quarter 1

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.

MEET OUR GUIDANCE INTERN!

Julie Ercolani is our new intern who is joining the counseling department for the 2022-2023 school year. She is a graduate student from the University of St. Joseph in West Hartford (where both Mrs. Destin  and Mr. Giansanti attended!). Ms. E is excited to be a helping hand to students' success by supporting them academically, socially, and emotionally. She is thrilled to learn and work with the students on their college and career planning, and is looking forward to meeting everyone and being a part of their high school journey!



COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR

Bolton High will be hosting a College & Career Fair on October 6th in a returning partnership with RHAM and Bacon Academy. Students will be able to meet with representatives from various universities and programs during school hours, as well as several military branches.

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. Parents are invited to participate in these meetings either in person or via Google Meet. Mr. Giansanti will also be going into classes to discuss these options with students in the coming weeks.

We encourage Juniors to attend our College & Career Fair in October as they begin thinking about what schools and programs they would like to apply to next fall. Additionally, the Junior Newsletter is a great resource for our students as they prepare for their senior year and beyond - it contains timelines, helpful information, and dates for the SAT and ACT exams held outside of the school day.



SENIORS

Graduation is ahead! Continue to make sure everything is on track to graduate, including your 25+ credits, your capstone project, your Job Shadow Experience, and 50 hours of community service.

Mr. Giansanti has been meeting with seniors to continue post-secondary planning. Parents are invited to participate in these meetings either in person or via Google Meet. We encourage students to regularly check their Class of 2023 Google Classroom for updates regarding scholarship opportunities, college visits, and other important information.