

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School
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WELCOME to Bay Path Class of 2024!

I'd like to welcome you and your student to Bay Path! My name is Bryan Richards and I am your child's new guidance counselor. At Bay Path, a student's guidance counselor remains with them for all four years of high school. This is a great feature which allows us to work together to best help your child as years move forward.

Bay Path offers **many wonderful opportunities** in academic achievement and career training. Your child's success depends on many factors i.e. studying, homework, attendance, effort, classroom participation, attitude, and for us to work cooperatively together. Please **help us** by monitoring their study habits, homework completion and attendance. All are **extremely** important when achieving success here at Bay Path! **Bay Path** students spend **half the time** in their academic classes compared to your local high school since we have the vocational experience. As a result, homework becomes an extension of our classroom therefore very important.

The first few weeks will be a big change for your child. **Encourage** them to be patient and put **their best foot forward every day**. Offer them support while they adjust to the many differences between our school and their previous school. **A strong start will make all the difference** in their continued success here at Bay Path!

Our school website is www.baypath.net which offers you plenty of information on our school as well as, all teacher names and contact information including emails.

I am looking forward to working with you and your child. Feel free to contact me with any questions/concerns that may arise throughout the year. 😊

STUDENT + PARENT + SCHOOL = SUCCESS!

TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR HOMEWORK SO IT DOESN'T CONTROL YOU!

Although very few students love homework, it does serve a purpose and is required for most all classes in high school. Homework helps you:

- **Reinforcing what was learned during the day**
- **Build study habits that are essential in high school**
- **Prepare you for the next day classes**
- **Feel a sense of progress and understanding**

Here are some tips to help you deal with homework more effectively:

- **Set the mood** - by creating a study area with everything you need ready ahead of time. Choose a quiet place at home or the library.
- **Know Where to Begin** – Make a list of everything you need to do, and note all deadlines. Two great tools to help organize your homework responsibilities are an *agenda book* and a *homework folder*. Use the agenda book to record all your homework on a daily basis and the a homework folder to store all your homework assignments – use the left pocket for the homework that *needs to be completed* and the right pocket for the *completed homework* so you can easily find it for turning in to your teacher.
- **Study at the Same Time Every Day** – This builds a “healthy habit” or routine for you so homework is less dreadful. If you don’t have homework, use this time to study notes and review class activities.
- **Keep Things in Perspective** – Rank your homework according to importance and deadlines so you are not rushing or cramming.
- **Get More Involved** – Keep your mind from wandering by taking notes, underlining sections, taking part in discussions, highlighting topics, etc.
- **Organize Information** – People understand subjects in different ways. Some people like to draw pictures or make charts to help understanding, other like to read aloud or make outlines of important information. Pick the ways that work best for you.
- **Take Advantage of Any Free Time** – If you have some down time in class or a long bus ride, - use this time to review notes, read, study, etc.
- **Study with a Friend** – Get together with fellow classmates to study together, quiz each other, compare notes and help understanding.
- **Communicate** – If you have questions about your homework, talk to your teacher to clarify requirements – before class, after class, in the morning and after school are great times to talk to your teacher one on one.
- **Celebrate Your Achievements!** Reward yourself for keeping to your study habits, meeting deadlines and making progress!

Dear Students and Families,

We are pleased to introduce our **NAVIANCE STUDENT** program for every BAY PATH student!

Naviance Student is a comprehensive website and mobile-friendly app for students that you can use to help in making decisions about colleges and careers. It is linked with Bay Path Guidance Counselors to track and analyze data about college and career plans and provides up-to-date information that's specific to our school. **Naviance Student** allows you to:

- **Get involved in the planning and advising process-** Build a resume, complete on-line surveys, and manage **timelines and deadlines for making decisions about colleges and careers.**
- **Explore Careers-** Get helpful information about particular careers such as job descriptions, necessary skills, what tasks are performed and typical wages earned to name a few.
- **Research Colleges-** Compare GPA, standardized test scores, and other statistics to actual historical data from our school for students who have applied and been admitted in the past.

Naviance Student lets us share information with you about up-coming meetings and events, local scholarship opportunities, and other Web resources for college and career information. You can also use the site to send us an email message to communicate with your guidance counselor.

As the year moves forward, **I will be meeting with all ninth graders to introduce Naviance Student and provide them with the website and their own log in information.** Each student will create their own account to begin taking advantage of career and college interactive activities and search information. Their account will be used throughout their years at Bay Path especially junior and senior year!