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## ***JUNIOR YEAR IS HERE FOR THE CLASS OF 2022!!***

I'd like to welcome everyone back for junior year! WOW! It's really time to **get serious** about your future! It is important to be actively thinking and taking steps to prepare yourself for what is coming...

### ***ADULTHOOD!***

It's time to commit to do **your best** with class work, homework and studying. Don't forget all your teachers stay after **one night a week, shop and academic week**, to help you when you are struggling or need to complete missing work.

Remember, success at school depends on you! **Studying, completing homework and class assignments, having a positive attitude with good effort, daily attendance and working cooperatively with others are all needed to be successful at Bay Path.**

**Junior year is the time to get prepared!** If you are planning to go to **college**, consider taking the PSAT (\$18), scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup> with signups in September -- limited seating!!! Start researching and visiting colleges! Choosing our colleges **BEFORE** senior year begins is the best option so you can meet deadlines for colleges. Financial Aid and most scholarships are not available until senior year. If you are planning to enter the **work force**, get started researching companies, obtaining references plus begin preparing your **resume and portfolio** so it looks its best!

**Bay Path's Website** as well as your **NAVIANCE account** offers helpful information for you now and throughout the school year.

***[www.baypath.net](http://www.baypath.net)***

***<http://student.naviance.com/bayprv>***

**I'm looking forward to another great year! ☺**

## Are you getting ready for college?

Below are some important tips that can give you an early start in your college preparation –  
It is never too early to begin!

### OVER THE SUMMER:

\*\*\*USE YOUR NAVIANCE ACCOUNT to research your area of interest to see what colleges offer it - <http://student.naviance.com/bayprv> is great for college or career research.

- **Start to visit college campuses** to compare them – 4 years is a long time if you are unhappy on the campus. Look at 2 year college options too.
- **Compare prices** of 4 year schools, 2 year community colleges and technical colleges to best fit your financial situation – college is expensive - scholarships and financial aid is limited but available WITH YOUR EFFORT – **No money will be handed to you** – you must do your research, apply and meet deadlines. The Financial piece **begins in senior** year but researching now pays off!
- **Get involved.** Part-time employment, extracurricular activities, community service and volunteer work can increase your financial aid and scholarship opportunities that you may be eligible for.
- **Review your “College Planning Handbook”** that you received from me during the year. GREAT stuff to get you ready!

### DURING YOUR JUNIOR YEAR:

- **Take the PSAT on October 14<sup>th</sup> at Bay Path** – signups will be announced shortly after school begins. The PSAT is a practice SAT which is required for most 4 year colleges.
- **Sign up for a College Board Account, [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org), to receive daily SAT practice questions and a full SAT practice test.**
- **Plan, Practice and REGISTER to take the SAT** in May or June and again in the fall of your senior year. Sign ups for the SAT are online beginning in January.
- **Keep your grades up!** Junior year is the last full year of grades a college looks at when entrance is being considered!
- Begin researching **scholarship opportunities** - most scholarships are not available until **your senior year** but researching now will prepare you for what is coming – pay close attention to the financial information at the colleges you are focusing on – most money will come from them! They are posted on our school website!
- Continue to **visit and research** colleges you are interested in narrowing your choices to three or four schools.