

**BELLPORT SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER
AUGUST 2017**

Welcome to what we hope will be a fabulous school year. This newsletter will be updated periodically as the year progresses, reinforcing counselor class visits and other mailings to your home that refer to important deadlines and pertinent information you will need in order to make good decisions as to where your education is taking you.

Counselors are assigned to students according to the following alphabetical designations:

Ms. Darlene Dowler	A-Corn
Ms. Kristen Glynn	Coro-Hou
Ms. Patricia McCallum	Hu-Mond
Ms. Sarah Frank	Mone-Sav
Ms. Jenna Restivo	Saw-Z (PASS Program)

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Upcoming College Entrance Exam-October 2017

Testing remains a key component in the college admissions process. The following refers the upcoming test dates for the SAT and ACT. Students register on line for these exams. The website for SAT registration is www.collegeboard.org. You should be aware that the College Board has partnered with Khan Academy to provide on-line test preparation. Go to www.khanacademy.org/sat. You can register for the ACT by going to www.ACTstudent.org. **The CEEB code for Bellport HS is 330390 .**

SAT I/II Test Date: Oct. 7, 2017 Registration Deadline – Sept. 8 Late Registration - Sept. 20

ACT Test Date: Oct. 28, 2017 Registration Deadline - Sept. 22

JUNIORS: The PSAT/NMSQT will be offered at Bellport High School on Wednesday, October 11, 2017. **ALL JUNIORS** are recommended to take the PSAT, no matter what your present plans are regarding education after graduation. There is no cost to the exam.

PARENT PORTAL

Please be reminded that student grades, progress reports, and attendance can be accessed online through the PARENT PORTAL. Go to the district's website www.southcountry.org to find directions and more information on this.

METHOD TEST PREP is a FREE online test preparation resource for SAT and ACT prep for all students provided by the South Country School District. Their website offers evaluation tests, lessons, quizzes, vocabulary builders, two full-length timed exams and much more. To access this resource, visit:

<https://www.app.methodtestprp.com/BellportHighSchool/signup/tkn67943293>

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NCAA

Student-athletes are encouraged to review athletic eligibility requirements with their counselors. Also, juniors and seniors should submit the NCAA eligibility form online to NCAA at www.eligibilitycenter.com/. SAT/ACT scores should be sent directly to the NCAA eligibility Center from the College Board. ALSO, use the tool provided by BHS call CoreCourseGPA.com where students can track their progress toward athletic eligibility. It is FREE. Do the following:

1. Go to CoreCourseGPA.com
2. Click "Free New Member Account"
3. Enters School ID: 330390, and School Code: 776511200

NAVIANCE

Naviance is a web-based service designed especially for students and parents that gives you comprehensive information to make good decisions by helping you research colleges and careers. Please contact your counselor if you need further information. The guidance office also uses Naviance to post visits by colleges to BHS, as well scholarships and enrichment programs. For seniors, it should be one of your best friends. For Juniors, it's prime time to make new friends.

Upcoming Dates and Events

September

9 ---ACT

28 --- College Information Workshop and Q&A

October

7--- SAT

11--- PSAT (Juniors Only)

28 --- ACT

28 --- All college applications with a November 15 deadline due in the guidance office.

OF NOTE: Need help with that application? Questions about anything and anything? Counselors are free from 2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. daily. Call us if you need another appointment time. Also, plan on attending the **College Information Workshop scheduled for September 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** in the auditorium of BHS.

BEST OF LUCK FOR THIS YEAR!!!