



Guidance Newsletter

Bayonne High School

2011 - 2012



A Message From The Director, Mary F. Moloney

The Bayonne High School Guidance Department is looking forward to working with all of our students as well as their parents and guardians.

Ensuring that all seniors fulfill the requirements for graduation is of paramount importance. Counselors will meet with seniors to be sure they are focused and are setting realistic goals. Please discuss with your children their possible future plans such as two or four year colleges, trade and technical schools, the military or the world of work.

Each counselor will provide small group instruction on how to research careers and post secondary schools via reference material and the internet for all juniors. Keep in mind that all students must pass the Literacy and Math sections of the High School Proficiency Assessment in order to graduate. This test is taken in junior year.

As sophomores, students will participate in career planning exercises. Their interests and abilities will be matched up to possible career choices. They will do a career interest survey on the internet. It is never too early to begin career planning.

During students' freshman year they will have an initial interview with their counselor. This is an opportunity for the students and counselors to get to know each other. The counselor will discuss high school graduation requirements, the service learning requirements and the importance of getting involved in co-curricular activities.

Counselors are always available to both students and parents to discuss concerns, to arrange parent/teacher conferences, to deal with stress and to help to plan for future success. Do not hesitate to contact us.

Remember "Parents' Night at BHS"

**Plan to attend Parents' Night at
Bayonne High School
December 6, 2011 @ 6:00 PM**

(Faculty members will be available.)



IMPORTANT DATES:

Marking Period I

Sept. 7 to Nov. 15.....	45 days
Back to School Night.....	Sept. 21, 2011
College & Career Fair.....	Sept. 27, 2011
Progress Reports Distribution.....	Oct. 25, 2011
Report Card Distribution.....	Dec. 5, 2011

Marking Period II

Nov. 16 to Jan. 24.....	41 days
Parents' Night.....	Dec. 6, 2011
Financial Aid Workshop.....	Dec. 12, 2011
Progress Reports Distribution.....	Dec. 23, 2011
Report Card Distribution.....	Feb. 12, 2012

Marking Period III

Jan. 25 to March 29.....	45 days
Mid-Year Parent Conference.....	Feb. 9, 2012
Progress Reports Distribution.....	Mar. 6, 2012
Report Card Distribution.....	April 18, 2012

Marking Period IV

March 30 to June 15.....	48 days
National Honor Society Induction.....	TBA
Progress Reports Distribution.....	May 17, 2012
Senior Awards Ceremony.....	TBA
Report Card Distribution.....	June 30, 2012

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS:

Listen to any one of the following radio stations starting at 5:00 AM:

**WOR, WMCA, WINS, WCBS & WADO (Spanish)
or watch on TV
News Channel 4-WNYW or Channel 12-NJN**

"HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS"

Each teacher at BHS has their own Web Page where they post Homework Assignments.

Students and Parents can access homework assignments by going to the website @ www.bboed.org



- Click Bayonne High School - on the left side of the page you will see options.
- Click on BHS Faculty - at the bottom of this page you will see the list of Teacher's website addresses.
- Click on the Teacher you need to open their web page & calendar to find homework assignments.

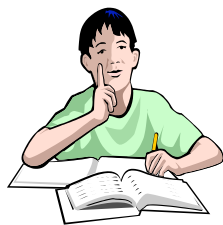
There's more than just checking the Written Assignment...

Written homework is only Step 1, and it's often the easiest part. Step 2, more importantly involves studying the material until he/she understands it.

So when is homework finished? When your teen has completed the written homework and has reviewed the information until he/she knows it.

Helpful Study Skills....

1. Learn to take notes.
2. Go for extra help.
3. Do all homework every night. Do it because it helps you.
4. Do your studying ahead of time, not at the last minute.
5. Don't procrastinate.
6. Create an environment where you can regularly work and study.
7. Try to understand material, not just memorize.
8. Ask questions of everyone. Don't be afraid of feeling silly.
9. If you don't do well on something, go back and relearn it.
10. Find out how you learn best - seeing, listening or doing!
11. Don't try to do it all the night before.
12. Take study skills class.



Remember there are consequences - positive and negative from grades you earn.

B.H.S. ATTENDANCE POLICY

Regular attendance is mandatory and very important:

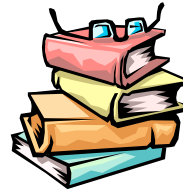
- School Begins: 8:39 AM
- Dismissal: 2:40 PM

A student who is absent more than 12 days may be denied Course Credits.

A note from the parent to the homeroom teacher is necessary for a student to be admitted to school after an absence.

A Doctor's note is required for re-admission to school after 5 consecutive days absent.

"TUTORIAL CLASSES"



Zero Period Tutorials are available in all major academic subjects. See your teacher or guidance for details.

"GUIDANCE Dept. NOTICES ARE POSTED IN ALL HOMEROOMS"

Guidance Department memos containing announcements of scholarships, company interviews, new post-secondary programs, and dates of Open Houses are posted in all homerooms.

Visitations: A monthly listing of dates for visits to Bayonne High School by representatives of various colleges, career schools, armed forces, and companies.

Students that are interested in participating in a should see their guidance counselor to get a pass for the visitation.

Promotion Requirements:

- Sophomore Homeroom 30 Credits
- Junior Homeroom 60 Credits
- Senior Homeroom (Must be eligible to Graduate in June of the following year.)

Athletic Eligibility:

- A student must accumulate 30 credits in the previous year in order to be eligible to play a fall or winter sport.
- A student must accumulate 15 credits by mid-year in order to be eligible to play a spring sport.



Extra-Curricular Activities

We recommend that you encourage participation in the many extra-curricular activities provided at Bayonne High School.

- ☺ To earn Activity Points towards an award at graduation.
- ☺ To earn the 15 activity points needed for membership into the Honor Society.
- ☺ For personal pleasure, perhaps to meet new friends.

See Mrs. Fiermonte, the Student Activities Coordinator, for a list of activities and further information.

The Activities Office is located in the Basement Level of the Main Building.

Mrs. Fiermonte is also a Math Teacher located in House 5 – Room # 324.

“GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS”

(125 Credits are Required for Graduation)

Mandatory Courses are:

- English 9, 10, 11, 12
- World History, US 1 & US 2
- Math – 3 years (incl. Algebra)
- Science – 3 years (incl. Biology/Lab)
- Physical Education – 9, 10, 11, 12, (incl. Health/Safety)
- Fine or Performing Arts – 5 credits
- Practical Arts/Technology – 5 credits
- World Language - 1 year
- 20 Hours of Service Learning
- Pass both sections of the HSPA



Note: The Freshman Class of 2010 – 2011 are also required to take Geometry & (2) Lab Sciences.

COIN 3 PROGRAM



Your child's guidance counselor will also assist your child in exploring careers and college planning with the COIN 3 Program. You can continue to use this program at home by accessing the internet using the following steps:

Go On-line @ www.coin3.com

- ✓ Log onto Coin: (Click Green-Go Button)
- ✓ Now Log onto Coin Career Library: (Click Blue-Go Button)
- ✓ Type the Site ID# **LNJ14307**
- ✓ Type the Login# **451576**

ANNUAL FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP:

Mon. - Dec. 12, 2011

@ 7:00 PM

BHS Auditorium

(30th Street Entrance)



Parents and Students of Grades 11 & 12 are Welcome. You will receive helpful information regarding the FAFSA.

(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

SAT

Register On-Line for the SAT & verify fees
@ www.collegeboard.com

TEST DATE:	Registration Deadline:	Test Site:
10/01/11	09/21/11	BHS
11/05/11	10/21/11	Marist
12/03/11	11/20/11	BHS
03/10/12	02/24/12	BHS & Marist
05/05/12	04/20/12	BHS
06/02/12	05/22/12	BHS

- BHS CEEB CODE#: 310060
- SAT Test Site# for BHS: 31124
- SAT Test Site# for Marist: 31127

ACT

Register On-Line for the ACT, verify fees
& more test sites @:
www.actstudent.org

TEST DATE:	Registration Deadline:	Test Site:
10/22/11	09/16/11	BHS
12/10/11	11/04/11	(See Other Test Sites)
02/11/12	01/13/12	BHS
04/14/12	03/09/12	(See Other Test Sites)
06/09/12	05/04/12	BHS

- BHS CEEB CODE#: 310060
- ACT Test Site# for BHS: 233010

“USEFUL WEBSITES”

For Guidance Department information we encourage our students, and parents/ guardians to utilize.... the Bayonne High School Website @ www.bhs.bboed.org (Click on Guidance)



Other Sources for College Information are:

- www.collegeboard.com
- www.fafsa.ed.gov
- www.collegeweeklive.com
- www.ed.gov/prog_info/SFA
- www.princetonreview.com
- www.kaplan.com
- www.fastweb.com
- www.petersons.com

“SERVICE LEARNING”

Successful Completion of 20 Hours Required for Graduation

Service Learning will engage students at Bayonne High School in community service that is integrated into their academic curriculum and accompanied by structured opportunities for personal reflection. Students will learn by doing, by working to improve our community in social service agencies, the hospital, senior citizen centers, community centers, environmental work sites, with service clubs and organizations, and veterans groups. Service activities can also take place within Bayonne High School or other schools. Activities could include a buddy system, after-school programs, or tutoring. Service will be calibrated to the students’ ages, developmental abilities, interests, experience, and to training and supervision available at relevant service-sites.

Service Learning also facilitates civic education for a civil society by providing students with hands-on experience in service organizations that help society “work”, and by enabling them to make a real contribution to society. Service Learning does these things while teaching real skills in “real world” settings, and with meaningful adult mentoring by service professionals who “coach” students in their service work. Service Learning can also enhance classroom learning, by making the material relevant and memorable. Service Learning provides students with an opportunity to identify community problems, potential resources for solving them, and ways to contribute, thus learning important lessons about active participation in society.

**To start your Service Learning hours
& have your paperwork approved
please see:**

The Service Learning Office, located in the main building - House #2, “After Dismissal” or call (201)858-5930.

- Students must complete 10 hours of Service Learning before they begin Sophomore year.
- The 20 hour service learning requirement must be completed by September of Senior year.
- Students who do not comply will not be eligible to participate in sports, activities, or clubs.

Student Teen Center

The Teen Center is open and all Bayonne students are welcomed to participate in the many activities planned. In order to join, a consent form must be signed and returned to the Student Center in Bayonne.

Below is a list of the various groups that will be conducted at the Student Center:

(BHS – House 6 - Rm# 124)

- ♥ Students whose parents are divorced or separated
- ♥ Teen Mothers
- ♥ Pregnant Teens
- ♥ Coping with loss
- ♥ Coping with emotions/ depression
- ♥ Anger Management
- ♥ Children of Substance Abusers
- ♥ Students who are socially isolated / low self esteem
- ♥ Substance Abuse Aftercare
- ♥ Resolving Family Conflict
- ♥ Relationship Issues



The Teen Center is located at the Bayonne YMCA on Avenue E and 21st Street and will offer counseling, tutoring, a drop-in room with games and activities, a drama group, sports activities and lots more!

“We are looking forward to seeing you there.”

ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

The Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Laws were amended in the State of New Jersey. The Bayonne School District has complied with all the Mandates. Bullying behavior can be physical or verbal. It can cause both physical and/or emotional harm to the target. Cyber-bullying has become a very serious issue with adolescents. All students have been asked to sign a contract stating that they will be good digital citizens. Parents should have serious discussions with their students about the proper use of media.

The HIB Policy can be found on the Bayonne Board of Education website @ www.bboed.org. Copies are also available in the principal’s office.

IF YOUR TEEN IS LEARNING, SO ARE YOU!

Before teens can express opinions, they need to learn how to develop them. They also have to learn how to express them clearly. They will need those skills throughout their lives. However, if your teen is learning, so are you.

You will learn what he/she really thinks about a problem. You will learn what he/she worries about and usually doesn’t tell you. You will learn more about his/her friends and his/her life. So give your teen the time to develop and express opinions. You will both learn something.

“WAYS TO WORK WITH YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR”

Students - can work with your school counselor to...

- talk about your hopes, fears and other feelings,
- get new ideas on how to handle your problems and make decisions,
- learn about careers for you,
- find ways to communicate with someone,
- deal with stress in your life,
- learn to feel good about yourself,
- make a plan for improving your grades,
- figure out the courses you need to take for graduation and college entrance,
- ask about opportunities and programs at school and in the community.

Parents - can work with your school counselor to...

- talk about your hopes and fears for your child,
- get new ideas for handling problems with your child,
- learn about programs that can help your child and your child’s teachers,
- learn about programs that can help your child and your family,
- deal with stress in your life,
- create a plan to help your child be successful in school,
- help your child make a plan for graduation and future success.

“Our Mission is to provide students with quality educational programs and a safe and supportive learning environment enabling them to maximize their potential and become healthy, happy, productive and fulfilled citizens.”

Guidance Department Counselors

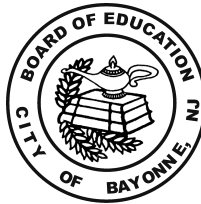
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