

• 8th to 9th
Grade:



Transitioning to
the High School!

BHS Guidance Department



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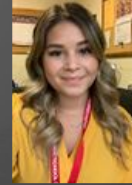
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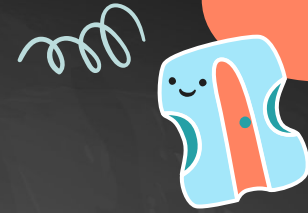


Ms. Negron
Sao-Z



Ms. Merry
College & Career TA

Who is on my BHS team?



Assistant Principals

Dan Fauvell
Room 106

Heather Giacomini
Room 124

Aimee Iulucci
Room 150A

Bernie Soete
Room 251

School Counselors

Guidance Office

A-Co: Brittany Ensalata

Cr-G: Kate Burke

H-Mi: Patricia McCallum

Mo-San: April Orenstein

Sao-Z: Jessica Negron

College & Career TA
Stephanie Merry

Social Workers

Room 100

A-Ge: Kathryn Henglein

Gh-Pi: Crista Pervelis

Pl-Ta: Junior Turcios
(Bilingual)

Te-Z: Gail Freeman-Scallan

Districtwide: Ann Haddad

Psychologists

A-McCa: Brian Dalpiaz
Room 103

McCl-Z: Nicole Murn
Room 123





Tonight's Agenda

- Setting your child up for high school success
- Typical 9th grade schedule
- Graduation requirements
- Guidance Events and Resources
- High school scheduling - starting soon!



Attendance Matters!

What is considered chronic absence?

Missing 10% of school, or about 18 days in the school year
(2 days per month)

Research shows that chronic absences negatively affect a student's academic performance.

Missing...

2 days per month

3 days per month

4 days per month

Equals

20 days per year

30 days per year

40 days per year

School Career

2 years of missed school

over 2.5 years of missed school

over 3 years of missed school



Students with significant absences will not meet the criteria to go to BOCES, attend Summer School, etc.

When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.



Grades Matter!

- Your student's academic record starts in 8th grade.
- Their final grade in their world language class (Spanish, Italian, French) will be on their high school transcript.
- If they are taking algebra and/or living environment, those final grades will also be on their transcript.
- These final grades will be apart of their cumulative grade point average. (GPA)
- Their GPA impacts their opportunities during and after high school.



Your Support Matters!

- Encouraging good habits as an 8th grader.
- Using the parent portal regularly to check your child's grades.
- Communicating with the attendance office when your child is going to be out.
- Communicating any concerns with your child's teacher.
- Communicating needs with your child's support staff (counselor, social worker, psychologist)
- Attending school events (Back to School Night, Parent Teacher Conferences, Guidance Night Events)
- Visiting the district website and guidance pages for helpful information.
- Joining the Guidance Remind app

Clubs & Activities

Honor Societies:

National Senior Honor Society
Math Honor Society
Science Honor Society
Tri-M Honor Society
French Honor Society
Italian Honor Society
Spanish Honor Society
Center of Excellence

Music

Chamber Strings
Clarinet Choir
Flute Choir
Jazz Band
Percussion Ensemble

Clubs

Key Club
Latino Dance Club
Math Team
Multicultural Student Association
Outdoor Club
Robotics
Rotary Club
Step Squad/Hip Hop Club
Students for Environmental Quality
Welcome Club
A World of Difference
Chess Club
Culinary Club
Esports Club
Future Teachers of America
Gay Straight Alliance Club
Fathom Literary/Arts Journal
The Log (Yearbook)
Athletes Helping Others
Intramurals
Weight Training

Athletics

TEAMS

Cross Country

Soccer J.V., V.

Football J.V., V.

Tennis J.V., V.

Golf J.V., V.

Volleyball J.V., V.

Cheerleading J.V., V.

Dance Club / Clipperettes

Wrestling J.V., V.

Bowling V.

Track V.

Basketball J.V., V.

Lacrosse J.V., V.

Softball J.V., V.

Baseball J.V., V.

Track V.

Tennis J.V., V.

Golf V.

SEASON

Fall (B/G)

Fall (B/G)

Fall

Fall (Girls)

Fall (Boys)

Fall (Girls)

Fall, Winter

F/W/S

Winter

Winter (B/G)

Winter (B/G)

Winter (B/G)

Spring (B/G)

Spring (G)

Spring (B)

Spring (B/G)

Spring (B)

Spring (G)

Student & Parent Portals

-  Schedule
-  Transcript
-  Progress Reports & Report Cards
-  Period by Period Attendance
-  Grade Book - teachers update grades every 2 weeks
-  Course requests for the next school year

Students who need
their portal passwords
reset can come to
Guidance or their AP' s
office



Parent/guardians who need their
portal passwords reset must
contact 631-730-1511 or
parentportal@southcountry.org

Typical 9th Grade Schedule

- 1 English
- 2 Social Studies
- 3 Math
- 4 Science
- 5 Science Lab/ P.E.
- 6 World Language
- 7 Lunch
- 8 Music or Art
- 9 Health

Pre AP Humanities: What To Expect

Pre AP English 9

- Pre AP English 9 is a ***stepping stone*** into future AP courses. Therefore, it is rigorous, and focuses on the reading, writing, and language skills that will have immediate relevance for students that will be essential in future AP courses, high school and life.
- In Pre AP English 1 specifically, texts take center stage. These texts are chosen to inspire and prepare all students for close, critical reading and analytical writing. Pre AP English 1 trains the reader to observe the **small details** in a text to arrive at a deeper understanding of the whole. It also trains the writer to focus on ***crafting complex sentences***, building this foundational skill to eventually develop a more sophisticated, longer-form analyses.

Pre AP World History

- Pre AP World History is a college level social studies class open to 9th grade students. It examines major themes in world history from prehistory and continuing to the middle 15th century.
- In Pre AP World History, focus is placed on building students' essential skills and confidence to help prepare for AP World History: Modern. Students learn Cornell style note-taking, time management and self-pacing and self-study techniques. Pre Ap World History is a student-centered course - student-led discussions/debates, group work in class for analyzing topics/themes and project-based learning.

Graduation Requirements

Regents Diploma	
English	4 Credits
Social Studies	4 Credits
Math	3 Credits
Science	3 Credits
World Language	1 Credit
Art or Music	1 Credit
Physical Education	2 Credits
Health	0.5 Credit
Electives/ Sequence	3.5 Credits
Total Credits Required	22 Credits

Advanced Regents Diploma	
English	4 Credits
Social Studies	4 Credits
Math	3 Credits
Science	3 Credits
World Language	3 Credits
Art or Music	1 Credit
Physical Education	2 Credits
Health	0.5 Credit
Electives/ Sequence	1.5 Credits
Total Credits Required	22 Credits

Graduation Requirements: Required Exams

Regents Diploma (5 Exams)

English	1 Exam
Social Studies (Global or U.S)	1 Exam
Math (Algebra, Geometry, Algebra 2)	1 Exam
Science	1 Exam
+	
Additional exam from either social studies, math , science, LOTE, or the CDOS Credential	1 Exam or approved pathway

Advanced Regents Diploma (9 Exams)

English	1 Exam
Social Studies (Global and U.S.)	2 Exams
Math (Algebra, Geometry, Algebra 2)	3 Exams
Science (Life & Physical Science)	2 Exams
+	
LOTE Checkpoint B/ FLACS (French, Spanish, or Italian)	1 Exam

Honors Designation - Average score of 90+ on all Regents exams required for the diploma

Mastery and Graduation with Distinction in Math - Individual score of 85+ on 3 Regents exams in math

Master and Graduation with Distinction in Science - Individual score of 85+ on 3 Regents exams in science

Where should I look for information from the Guidance department?



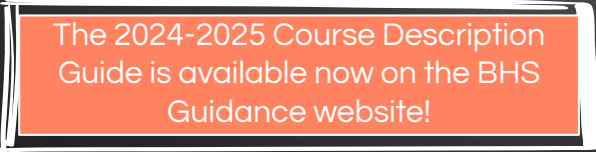
Bellport High
School
Guidance
Website



Class of 2028
Google
Classroom



Guidance
Remind



The 2024-2025 Course Description
Guide is available now on the BHS
Guidance website!

College & Career Activities

9th Grade

Fall Welcome Week &
Career Activity

11th Grade

Spring Junior Planning
Workshops & *Individual* Junior
Planning Conferences

Fall College Fair
Spring College &
Career Fair



10th Grade

Spring Career Activity

12th Grade

Fall Senior Planning Workshops &
Individual Senior Planning
Conferences

What to Expect Next ...



- Students have until before February break to make initial changes to their course selections
- In the spring course selections will be available on the student and parent portals
- All issues related to the course selections should be directed to the **current counselor** at the middle school
- Please be aware that elective choices are not guaranteed and a backup selection should be made. Students are expected to make their course selections carefully and remain committed to these choices.
- Students will be unable to change their elective course selections at any time during the 2024-2025 school year.
- Students and their families will be invited to attend Freshman Orientation at the high school in late August.



≡ Questions? ≡

