



ORRHS Guidance Newsletter

Current Guidance Happenings

Grade 10 Math MCAS, May 20th and 21st

All students in grade 10 will take the Math MCAS on Tuesday (May 20th) and Wednesday (May 21st). Families and students have been notified of their location last week and will receive a reminder on Monday. Students must test with their charged school issued device.

Volunteering Opportunity - Bike MS: June 28th



Looking for volunteer opportunities? Make a difference and sign up to help out at Bike MS: Cape Cod Getaway (at Mass Maritime Academy in Buzzards Bay) on Saturday, June 28th.

They are looking for a variety of volunteers at the finish line throughout the afternoon/evening!

Ready to get involved? Contact the Volunteer Engagement Specialist, Alex Shores, with questions: alex.shores@nmss.org

2025 FUTURE LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP - FOR THE CLASS OF 2026



Application Opens JULY 1, 2025

Application Deadline: OCTOBER 9, 2025

Apply at www.baystategames.org/future-leaders-scholarship

The Future Leaders Scholarship aims to identify students who will be tomorrow's leaders. Baystate Games is proud to award these scholarships of a minimum of \$1,000 in 2025 to SIX deserving Bay State Games student athletes. Over the past 30 years, nearly 400,000 has been distributed to students who wish to continue their education.

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- A member of the class of 2026 a resident of Massachusetts and/or student at a secondary school in Massachusetts
- Past participation in the Bay State winter or summer games or high school ambassador program is not required but recommended

Required materials:

- Completed application form.
- Two letters of recommendation (emailed to scholarships@baystategames.org)
- Official school transcript through junior year (emailed to scholarships@baystategames.org)

Extended Scholarship

The Mattapoisett Land Trust is extending its deadline for applications for the Blanche B. Perry Scholarship to **May 19, 2025**. The scholarship is available to a Mattapoisett resident graduating from ORRHS, Bishop Stang, Tabor Academy, or Old Colony and pursuing education in the sciences and/or environmental studies or a related field. Application forms are available at the Mattapoisett Land Trust website:

<https://mattlandtrust.org/education/grants-and-scholarships/>. Interested students should see their guidance counselor ASAP to apply.

Local Scholarship Award Letters

Local scholarship award letters are due to the guidance office by **Monday, May 19th**. Please submit a copy or email your award notification(s) to your guidance counselor by the deadline if you would like to be recognized on the scholarship recipients list. (This list is for local scholarship awards only, not college/university scholarship awards.)

New Scholarship - Massachusetts Association of Campground Owners Higher Education Scholarship



A qualified candidate for this one-time \$1,000 award is a Massachusetts resident, a Massachusetts high school graduate or student and will have a concentration in but not limited to: Outdoor Recreation/Sports, Hospitality, Environmental Preservation/Engineering.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE MAY 20, 2025. See your counselor ASAP if you want to apply.

Applicants must include this [application](#), a typed essay, and two letters of recommendation for consideration. Mail To: MACO, PO Box 308, Monson, MA 01057 or Email: info@campmass.com. Winner will be notified no later than June 1, 2025

SAT Registration Information


[Sign up for SAT's here](#)

- Register by May 22nd for the June 7th test

Save the dates for 2025-2026:

- August 23rd, 2025
- September 13, 2025
- October 4th, 2025
- November 8, 2025
- December 6, 2025
- March 14, 2026
- May 2, 2026
- June 6, 2026

Career of the Week

| CAREER OF THE WEEK | | SOFTWARE DEVELOPERS |
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| | |  https://www.bls.gov/ooh/ |
| WHAT DO THEY DO? | HOW TO BECOME ONE | JOB OUTLOOK & SALARY |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ANALYZE USERS' NEEDS AND THEN DESIGN AND DEVELOP SOFTWARE TO MEET THOSE NEEDS• RECOMMEND SOFTWARE UPGRADES FOR CUSTOMERS' EXISTING PROGRAMS AND SYSTEMS• DESIGN EACH PIECE OF AN APPLICATION OR SYSTEM AND PLAN HOW THE PIECES WILL WORK TOGETHER• CREATE A VARIETY OF MODELS AND DIAGRAMS SHOWING PROGRAMMERS THE SOFTWARE CODE NEEDED FOR AN APPLICATION• ENSURE THAT A PROGRAM CONTINUES TO FUNCTION NORMALLY THROUGH SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND TESTING• DOCUMENT EVERY ASPECT OF AN APPLICATION OR SYSTEM AS A REFERENCE FOR FUTURE MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADES | <p>SOFTWARE DEVELOPERS, QUALITY ASSURANCE ANALYSTS, AND TESTERS TYPICALLY NEED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN COMPUTER AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OR A RELATED FIELD, SUCH AS ENGINEERING OR MATHEMATICS. COMPUTER AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEGREE PROGRAMS COVER A BROAD RANGE OF TOPICS. STUDENTS MAY GAIN EXPERIENCE IN SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT BY COMPLETING AN INTERNSHIP, SUCH AS AT A SOFTWARE COMPANY, WHILE IN COLLEGE. FOR SOME SOFTWARE DEVELOPER POSITIONS, EMPLOYERS MAY PREFER THAT APPLICANTS HAVE A MASTER'S DEGREE.</p> | <p>PROJECTED JOB GROWTH 18% BETWEEN 2023-2033</p> <p>MEDIAN SALARY: \$133,080</p> |

SEL Tip of the Week

Managing End-of-Year Stress

As the school year wraps up, it's normal to feel overwhelmed by finals, projects, and big decisions. One powerful way to manage this stress is by focusing on what you can control.

Try this:

1. Make a list of everything that's stressing you out.
2. Circle the things you can take action on (like studying for an exam or asking for help).
3. Let go of what's outside your control (like how others are performing or what's already done).

Take breaks, breathe, and reach out for support when you need it. You've made it this far in the school year—finish strong!