

BOLTON HIGH GUIDANCE NEWS

Quarterly Newsletter

April 2023



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The last day of school will be Thursday, June 15th. Keep an eye out for our June newsletter!

COMMUNITY SERVICE & JOB SHADOW

As a reminder, all BHS students need to complete community service and a job shadow to graduate.

CLASS OF 2023 GRADUATION

Graduation will be held on Friday, June 9th - keep an eye on Parent Square for more details!



WE ARE IN THE HOME STRETCH!

With the conclusion of quarter 3, the end of the school year is in sight! As the year draws to a close, students should be working hard to keep their grades up. We encourage parents and students to continue checking PowerSchool and Google Classroom to stay on top of assignments. Additionally, Parent Square is a great resource to help students and parents stay connected regarding activities, announcements, and other information. Both Mr. Giansanti and Mrs. Destine are working closely with students this semester to create schedules for students to help them stay on track for graduation.

FRESHMEN

Students have put in their requests for their 2023-2024 school year courses. In May and June, Mrs. Destine will meet with each student individually to review graduation requirement progress and ensure that their new schedule keeps them on track to graduate. Students should continue working on their community service hours and be thinking about their job shadow experience. We encourage students to continue to work hard for their final quarter and finish the year strong. Students should start preparing for their final exams and their sophomore year.



SOPHOMORES

Students should have completed their personality inventory in their health classes. We encourage students to share the results of their inventory with their families through Naviance. To begin the transition from underclassmen to upperclassmen, students will begin meeting with Mr. Giansanti to finalize their courses for the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Giansanti will be their counselor for the remainder of their time at Bolton High. We encourage sophomores to focus on their community service hours and start their job shadow experience to fulfill the requirements for graduation. Students should reach out to Mr. Giansanti to discuss options for their job shadow if they have any questions.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 5/1 - AP Exams Begin
- 5/1 - College Decision Day
- 5/5 - Quarter 4 Midpoint; Early Release Day
- 5/26 - Prom
- 5/29 - Memorial Day, No School
- 5/30 - Senior Outing
- 6/2 & 6/5 - Senior Exam Days
- 6/9 - Graduation
- 6/9-6/14 - Underclassmen Exams
- 6/15 - Make Up Exams & Last Day of School

You can find the revised Bolton Public Schools 2022-2023 Calendar [here!](#)



POWERSCHOOL

Having trouble logging into PowerSchool? Call the guidance office (860) 649-3353 or email Ms. Redner (mredner@boltonct.org) for help resetting your password and/or troubleshooting other login issues.

Please note that PowerSchool is a great resource when it comes to tracking your students' grades and attendance.

ECE & AP COURSE INFORMATION

AP Courses will have summer work, so students should be connecting with their teachers to ensure they have all of the assignments and materials needed before summer break. Students who need a Chromebook over the summer for AP courses should see Ms. Redner in the guidance office as soon as possible.

ECE registration opens August 28th and closes October 6th. Students taking any ECE course - even if offered in Spring 2024 - need to sign up by October 6th.

Mr. Giansanti will be working with AP and ECE students to choose the best courses for students' academic needs.

WORKING PAPERS

Many students are pursuing part time jobs at small businesses or with larger corporate chains of stores and restaurants. All minors must have proper documentation. Upon receiving a promise of employment from their prospective employer, students can request working papers from Ms. Redner in the Guidance Office. For more information regarding working papers, please visit the [Connecticut Department of Labor's website](#).

JUNIORS

As part of the Connecticut State Assessment, Juniors took their SAT in school on March 22nd and will be taking their NGSS assessment on Wednesday, April 19th. SAT scores are available through the College Board website. The Guidance Office offered a College Planning Night consisting of a college representative panel in March - resources from the presentation can be found on our website. Classroom lessons have been conducted regarding post-secondary planning, and Mr. Giansanti has discussed the upcoming scheduling that will be occurring. Mr. Giansanti has begun meeting with students to finalize their schedules before the summer break. Parents may contact the guidance office if they would like to meet regarding scheduling and post-secondary planning. Juniors should reference the [Junior Newsletter](#) and [College Application Guide](#) as they prepare for their senior year and post-secondary education.



SENIORS

Congratulations, Class of 2023! Your hard work and dedication have paid off. May 1st marks the nationwide College Decision Day for high school seniors - please be sure to complete the post-secondary survey that has been posted in Student Square. We need this information to send transcripts and other information to schools, programs, and employers. It also allows us to post your stars on the Class of 2023 bulletin board! Seniors should also keep an eye on Parent Square for updates regarding graduation, as well as be mindful that they are required to complete 25 hours of community service and a job shadow experience in order to graduate. If you need a total of your community service hours, please contact Mrs. Carvalho in the main office. Additionally, remember to apply for the [Bolton Scholarship Fund](#) by May 9th!