



Sophomore Newsletter

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HIGH SCHOOL
GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

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Welcome to Your Sophomore Year, Class of 2015

Dear Parents and the Class of 2015:

On behalf of the Guidance Department, I would like to welcome you back to school! I hope this year turns out to be not only a productive one, but one that creates a lifetime of memories. You will continue to receive bulletins such as this that will serve to highlight important topics and events that we feel is worthy of your attention. In addition, I encourage you to stay up to date with our website which will be regularly updated as well.

Now that you have completed your "transition" year in high school, it is important to reflect on what you learned as a freshman. What helped you achieve success? What strategies helped you in and out of the classroom? Of course, if there were regrets, now is the time to modify your behavior based on what you have learned about yourself.

If you have not already done so, sophomore year is the time to seriously consider what you want your future to look like. Your Guidance Counselors are here to help you in that process. Please review the 10th Grade Timeline on the back of this newsletter. We've also included information about the upcoming PSAT. If you are confused about whether or not to take the PSAT, I encourage you to speak with your Guidance Counselor. I hope this will provide some helpful reminders to stay focused on your future.

I look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

Laurie B. Lynn

Director of Guidance

If you haven't already done so, sign up for the Parent Portal! The Portal connects parents / guardians to student data online, anytime! For more information, go to www.pobschools.org/Page/381.

PSAT/NMSQT TEST INFORMATION

What is the PSAT/NMSQT?

The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT / National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) is a practice version of the SAT's usually taken by Juniors. It is a two-hour and twenty-minute test that measures verbal reasoning, critical thinking, math problem solving and writing skills. It will be administered at our school on Saturday, October 20, 2012. Students should arrive at 7:30 a.m., the test will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at approximately 12:00 p.m.

When considering whether to take the PSAT as a Sophomore, remember:

1. The purpose of taking the PSAT's in your sophomore year is to give yourself an extra practice test.
2. These sophomore scores do not count.
3. Go to www.collegeboard.org for practice questions.
4. If you have any questions, see your guidance counselor.

How to register for the PSAT/NMSQT:

1. Registration fee is \$24.00 — check or money order (no cash) made payable to "P-OB CSD."
2. PRINT student's name and current grade level on the front of the check.
3. Bring check to the Guidance office. No one will be permitted to sit for the exam without pre-payment.
4. Registration begins on September 10th.
5. All checks must be in **by October 12th, 2012!!**

PSAT scores are received in December and will be mailed home.

Tenth Grade Timeline / Important Dates to Remember



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SEPTEMBER 2012

- ◆ Fri., Sept. 21 **Club Fair** at 1:45 p.m. — get involved in extra curricular activities and clubs.
- ◆ Sun., Sept. 23 **College Fair Expo** 12:00-3:00 p.m. SUNY College at Old Westbury.
- ◆ Sun., Sept. 30 **College Fair** 11:00-3:00 p.m. at the Nassau Coliseum.
- ◆ Consider taking the PSAT — see info on the other side.

OCTOBER 2012

- ◆ Wed., Oct. 3 **Back to School Night** at 7:00 p.m. Parents will have the opportunity to meet their children's teachers and counselors.
- ◆ Fri., Oct. 5 **AP money due in Guidance** — more information will follow.
- ◆ Sat., Oct. 20 **PSAT**.
- ◆ Tues., Oct. 16 **Financial Aid Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. — Parents: concerned about paying for college? Learn from an expert how to be prepared.
- ◆ Thurs., Oct. 25 **Parent / Teacher Conferences A– K** (aft / eve)
- ◆ Tues., Oct. 30 **Parent / Teacher Conferences L–Z** (aft / eve).

NOVEMBER 2012

- ◆ Thurs., Nov. 1 **10th Grade Night Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. — Important information about college planning.
- ◆ First quarter report cards are mailed home.

DECEMBER 2012

- ◆ Second quarter progress reports mailed home.
- ◆ Results of PSAT's are mailed home.

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