



# COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS UPDATE

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# COLLEGE & CAREER SERVICES FOR SENIORS

- Introductory CCR phone call to every student/family in August/September
- CCR visit to senior English classes and CTE classes to introduce team and services
- Individual Planning Meetings with seniors.
  - Online calendar for each college & career counselor to make it easy for students to schedule appointments
  - Topics included: college list making, financial aid, career planning, interview prep, sending documents, etc.
- Each CCR Team Member used Talking Points and Google Voice to reach out to students/families regularly via text.
- Weekly College & Career Email Updates sent to students and families with a weekly calendar of events, reminders of deadlines, video instructions, and other resources.
- Weekly Wednesday Workshops on Zoom every week from September to December
- Virtual College Rep Visits (2-3 each week from September to December)
- Two evening workshops - Post HS Planning Night and Financial Aid Night (interpreters and recording provided)



98%



Of Seniors have had some contact with a college/career counselor

243

Students have had at least one meaningful individual meeting with a college/career counselor








181

Students who have had multiple meaningful individual meetings with a college/career counselor





# FAFSA UPDATE

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- ✘ 150 FAFSAs submitted out of 265 total students – 57%. At this time last year, about 50% of the class had submitted a FAFSA.
  - ✘ At least 50 other students have no plans to complete FAFSA because of status or postsecondary plans
  - ✘ Next focus group for our team is those attending two-year college.
  - ✘ Meeting individually with students to compare/analyze financial aid packages and complete verification.
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# COLLEGE & CAREER GOOD NEWS!



19 Students accepted to Tufts  
Acceptances to MIT, Yale, Cornell, Boston Conservatory, BU, Northeastern, Pepperdine, Skidmore, Trinity College (Dublin), Berklee College of Music, Vassar College, Temple University



2 Posse Scholarships  
Full scholarship to UConn  
Chancellor's Scholarship to UMass Boston





# LOOKING AHEAD TO CLASS OF 2022

- ✕ Monthly evening workshop series
- ✕ Weekly Wednesday Workshop
- ✕ Individual and Group Meetings
- ✕ Google Classroom Posts
- ✕ Regular Email Updates
- ✕ Weekly Office Hours
- ✕ Essay Workshops
- ✕ Looking forward to working with students as often as possible in person this summer and fall!
  - While keeping many of the great practices we developed this year (texting students, introductory phone calls, recording evening meetings for accessibility, etc.



# SAT UPDATES 2021

- National SAT News:
  - College Board has eliminated SAT Subject Tests and the SAT essay
  - More than half of colleges/universities in US have eliminated testing requirements for the Class of 2022.
- SHS SAT Plan:
  - Held a practice SAT exam via Zoom and had personal meetings with each student to review their score and plan.
  - Offered an in-person School Day SAT in March only for SHS students
  - Will offer the national Saturday exams in May and June (with reduced capacity)
  - Offered Lentz & Lentz SAT Prep course for a significantly reduced cost to SHS students (and waived fee for students who needed it)
  - Offered Let's Get Ready SAT Prep
  - Held two SAT registration workshops for juniors to assist with sign up
  - Advising students to still take the SAT in many cases, so that they have it as an option if they want/need to use it for college admissions.



# AP EXAMS 2021

- College Board Plan:

- Three administration options with a variety of in-person and digital options. All exams have an online option except for language exams.
- No fees for cancelled or missed exams
- Some flexibility to change students between in-person and online until close to the exam date. Make-up dates offered for all administrations.

- SHS Plan:

- Based on MCAS schedule, space available, best format/date for different subjects, and safety measures, the SHS team chose a priority date/format for each exam.
- If the priority date for a subject is in-person, families have the option to take the exam online if they prefer.
- If the priority date for a subject is online, students will take it at home. If they want/need space at SHS, we will provide it for them to take the online exam.
- Approximately 350 students signed up for 650 exams.

# BEYOND THE CLASSROOM LEARNING

- ✘ Added a BCL Coordinator - Emily Singer
- ✘ Strengthening partnership with Cambridge College for Early College opportunities
- ✘ Increasing BHCC dual enrollment and creating clear policy focused on equity
- ✘ Establishing internship program for juniors and seniors - in and out of school



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