



Guidance Department

“Promoting College and Career Readiness”



Presented by

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To support the District's goal of improving Guidance Services for our students, there have been exciting changes to the Guidance Department at Bellport Middle School and Bellport High School for the 2011-2012 school year.

The following are a few highlights of these changes.

Guidance Department Highlights for 2011-2012 School Year

Increased Number of Guidance Counselors at Bellport High School

Guidance Counselor	General Education Student	Special Education and 504 Student
Mrs. Dowler	Last names A-Go	
Mrs. DeNapoli	Last names Gr-O	
Ms. Fischer	Last names P-St	
Ms. Nevala	Last names Su-Tr	Grades 10-12
Ms. Malaney	Last names Tu-We	Grades 8-9
Mrs. McCallum	Last names Wi-Z	

Guidance Department Highlights for 2011-2012 School Year

Specialized Roles for New Guidance Counselors:

- * Ms. Fischer will be facilitating our School-to-Career Initiative
- * Ms. Nevala will be focusing on increasing the college-going culture for students with special needs
- * Ms. Malaney will be focusing on supporting students with special needs as they transition from middle school to high school



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Departmental Coordination of Guidance Programs Grades 6 through 12

- * A Guidance Chairperson for grades 6 through 12 has been added to the Department for the 2011-2012 school year
- * Mrs. McCallum will be coordinating and overseeing the implementation of new Guidance programs and services for our students
- * Various informational events will be offered in the evenings so that both students and parents may participate
- * The Department will begin offering excellent online resources for students for the first time

Guidance Department Goals

The Guidance Department has 2 goals:

- *To support academic achievement and...
- *To promote college and career readiness



Specific Objectives:

- ✓ Increase the overall graduation rate by keeping students in school and opening up their academic world to the possibilities of “college”;
- ✓ Increase the percentage of those “college-bound”;
- ✓ Increase Advanced Placement and Regents statistics, and
- ✓ Involve all students in the post-high school planning process.

Guidance Department Goals

The Guidance Department is implementing new programs and services this year with a focus on reaching these goals and objectives.



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Goal of Supporting Academic Achievement

Course Offerings Audit:

During the summer of 2011, an audit of all courses was conducted with the assistance of Dr. Anthony DeLuca, guidance mentor from the HH Hills CSD. This review helped us explore which high school courses top colleges really look for on a transcript, which courses we lack, which courses we currently run which should have NCAA “approval”, etc.

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NCAA approvals have been/will be requested for the following:

- Honors Living Environment (grade 8): **approved!!!**
- “Honors” Scientific Research in the High School - in process
- 21st Century Journalism & News Literacy I (1/2 yr) - in process
- 21st Century Journalism & News Literacy II (1/2 yr)- in process
- Algebraic Principals of Mathematics - in process
- Regents Algebra II/Trigonometry Extended - in process

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- * **Revised Course Selection Timeline:** During the summer of 2011, the team explored such a schedule used in many other districts which allows for the careful discussions with families leading to courses selected for study beginning **much earlier:**

New Timeline:

- November/December: Create the revised “Course Offerings” Booklet
- Early January through Mid-February: Begin to schedule students for 2012/2013 (start with the 2012/2013 incoming 11th and 12th graders)
- Late February: All counselors hold junior conferences with parents and students re: college planning
- Late February through Mid-April: Master scheduling occurs as guidance dept. assists the building administration with the master schedule creation
- Mid-April through June: Guidance counselors work on scheduling conflicts
- Third Week of July: Upcoming year’s schedules are mailed to the households
- August: Students can address schedule switches with guidance counselors prior to the opening of the school year

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- * Update of the “School Profile”: The “School Profile” is generated by the school district and accompanies the college applications to the college admission offices.

Mentor High School Profile 2007

Superintendent
Dr. Josephine Hayes
Principal
Arnold, SOPCA
Director of Operations
Jim Diamond
School Principals
Cathy Miller, Dist 10
Lee Frank, Dist 11
Dr. Cynthia Kusan, Dist 12


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Community
Historical, industrial, light industry, 20 miles east of Cleveland, population of Mentor, located on the Lake, with a portion of Concord Township and Kirtland Hills, with a population approximately 15,000.

Schools
Three-year comprehensive high school with students enrolled by the South Central Association of Colleges and Schools and by the Ohio Board of Education. District also includes 1 junior high school (7-8) and 10 elementary schools (K-6).

Faculty
Mentor High School has 175 certified staff members, 118 full-time teachers (degree and 2 hold Doctorate Degrees).

<p>NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CLASS OF 2007</p> <p>Finalists 4 Semifinalists 4 Commended to clients 5</p>	<p>ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAMS</p> <p>American Government U.S. History Calculus (AB/BC) Biology Chemistry English Microeconomics French Macroeconomics Spanish European History Physics German Fine Art Statistics</p>	<p>POST-HIGH-SCHOOL PLANS* CLASS OF 2007</p> <p>GRADUATED 2007 447 Four-Year College 459 52% Two-Year College 218 26% Technical Schools 34 4% Military 25 3% Employment 42 5% Undeclared 34 4%</p>
<p>AMERICAN COLLEGE TEST RESULTS CLASS OF 2007</p> <p>Average</p> <p>MSB State Nat. English 22.2 21.6 21.7 Math 22.0 21.3 21.0 Reading 21.2 20.0 21.0 Science 23.3 21.6 21.0 Composite 23.0 21.8 21.2</p>		<p>COLLEGE BOARD TEST RESULTS CLASS OF 2007</p> <p>TSR1001 TSR8</p> <p>Math 459 543 490 Writing 459 525 480 Writing 443 459 550 Mean Critical Reading 522 Mean Math 520 Mean Writing 480</p>

*Based Upon the Day School Plan

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- * Castle Learning - Online Regents review
- * Method Test Prep - Online SAT and ACT prep courses
- * Credit Recovery Program - Proposed after-school program to offer an opportunity for at-risk learners to recover course credits for failed courses for which students already attained the required seat time. The goal of credit recovery is to improve attendance rates, prevent student dropout, and increase the chances for a student to graduate from high school.
- * Exploration of an in-house evening GED program for 2012/2013

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- * College Information Nights
- * Mini-College Fairs
- * College Representative Visits to BHS
- * Financial Aid Night
- * On-Site Admissions Days - College admissions opportunities at BHS
- * School-to-Career Initiative - Career awareness programs, internship opportunities for seniors
- * Important Guidance dates on District calendar
- * Naviance - Web-based college and career research and planning tool assists students in navigating the college admissions process. Students can also search for scholarships, explore careers, take interest inventories, and investigate their learning style.

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* Informative web site: southcountryguidance.weebly.com

A Letter from the Guidance Chairperson:

Dear Students and Parents of the South Country Central School District,



Welcome back! I hope that you and your families had a happy and healthy summer. I am happy to announce that we have made some significant changes to our Guidance Department for the 2011-2012 school year. These changes were made with the goals of supporting academic achievement and improving college and career readiness among our students. We believe our students have phenomenal potential and the Guidance Department is here to support students in reaching their academic and career goals.

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Guidance Information Nights at Bellport High School

- * Tuesday, October 4th - Guidance Fall College Information Night
- * Tuesday, October 11th - Guidance Fall College Fair
- * Tuesday, December 6th - Guidance Financial Aid Night
- * Thursday, March 1st - Guidance Spring College Information Night
- * Tuesday, March 13th - Guidance Spring College Fair



We are looking forward to working with you to support each student in reaching his/her highest academic potential.

Please call on us if we may be of assistance.

Thank you!

Please visit us at southcountryguidance.weebly.com
for our contact information.