

August 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian,

A **mandatory** parent meeting for all students enrolled in our Fall 2010 Driver Education Program at Bellport High School has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the East Commons of Bellport High School. This meeting will provide necessary information regarding driving regulations, program requirements and attendance issues. Mr. Brown, our lecture teacher will be present to assist with any questions or concerns.

Attached you will find the application for the program which must be filled out, returned with a check or money order payable to Bellport High School in the amount of \$410.00 by Monday, September 20, 2010. A copy of your child's permit or license must also be attached.

Sincerely,

Alicia Ulberg
Assistant Principal

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Attachment

BELLPORT HIGH SCHOOL DRIVER EDUCATION
FALL 2010 SESSION

REGISTRATION FORMS AND PAYMENT ARE DUE IN ROOM 100
NO LATER THAN MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2010

PROGRAM BEGINS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2010

ABOUT THE COURSE

Bellport High School is offering a Driver Education course that will enable students to upgrade their Junior License to a Senior License and receive a reduction on car insurance. Students who have a passing grade at the end of the 48-hour program consisting of in-car driving and classroom instruction, will receive a MV285 Certificate (formerly known as the blue card) and completion letter for their insurance company. Students who complete the course and pass the Department of Motor Vehicle Road Test will be able to obtain a Senior License at the age of 17.

ELIGIBILITY

Students must be 16 by September 27, 2010 and hold a Learner's Permit or Junior License. Admission will be by birthdate.

COST

Please make your check payable to Bellport High School in the amount of **\$410**.

REFUND POLICY

Your check will be returned if you are not scheduled for the fall semester. There will be no refunds once you are scheduled and fail to complete the course.

ABSENCES

The course runs for 16 weeks. Students must attend all sessions. If a student is absent and does not make up these sessions he/she will fail the course. It is up to the student to arrange make ups with the instructor and obtain a written note from the instructor stating that a make-up session was completed.

REGISTRATION

Complete the attached registration form. Check off first, second, and third preference. Seniors will be given preference according to birthdate. Saturday driving sessions and the 5:30 P.M. lecture class will be reserved for athletes. Include a check made payable to Bellport High School in the amount **\$410**. Attach a clear copy of permit or junior license to the registration form. Your parent or guardian **must** sign the application.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please call 730-1621. Thank you.

BELLPORT HIGH SCHOOL DRIVER EDUCATION
IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS
PLEASE READ AND SIGN BELOW

The following rules and regulations will govern the Bellport High School Driver Education Program. **Please read.** Parent/Guardian and student must sign below.

The semester is comprised of 48 hours of instruction. The New York State Education Department Guidelines for Driver and Traffic Safety Education require 24 hours of classroom (lecture) and 24 hours of in-car instruction. Students will complete all of the scheduled sessions. There will be a make-up session for absences due to emergencies. A list of the scheduled class sessions is attached.

LIMITATIONS OF A JUNIOR LICENSE

A student who passes a road test, completes the Driver Education Program, and who is still 16 years of age, is still limited by a Junior License and the following restrictions apply in Nassau and Suffolk County:

1. The student may drive a vehicle appropriate to his/her license directly to or from a state approved cooperative work-study program from 5:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Carry form MV-287A with your license.
2. The student may drive directly to and from an approved program for credit at a post secondary institution, college or university. Carry form MV-287A with your license.
3. The student may drive directly to or from a state approved registered evening high school. Carry form MV-287A with your license.
4. Between 5 AM and 9 PM the student may drive unaccompanied directly to or from work. Carry form 58A with license.

Please note: An interpretation of the above guidelines basically prohibits students from driving to and from high school without a parent, until regular operator's privileges are obtained at age 17 and the student has completed Driver Education successfully and been given a certificate of completion, MV285.

A student who has only a PERMIT and is enrolled in a driver education course, may drive a vehicle ONLY when accompanied by a licensed parent or professional driving instructor between 5 a.m. and 9 p.m.

We have read, understand and accept the guidelines, responsibilities and obligations as outlined above.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Signature

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM, SIGNED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN AND STUDENT, ALONG WITH
REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT**

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Monday 3:00-4:30 P.M. _____ Sept. 27 Oct. 4,12 (Tuesday) 18, 25,
Nov. 1,8,15,22,29 Dec. 6,13,20, Jan. 3,10,18 (Tuesday), 24

OR

Wednesday 5:30-7:00 P.M. _____ Sept. 29, Oct. 6,13,20,27, Nov. 3,10,17
Dec. 1,8,15, 22, Jan. 5,12,19, 26, Feb. 2

DRIVING: Seniors will be given preference according to birthdate. Please indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice, **one of which has to be 4:00 P.M.**

Tuesday: 2:30 p.m. _____ Sept. 28, Oct. 5,12,19,26, Nov. *2,9,16, 23, 30
4:00 p.m. _____ Dec. 7,14,21, Jan. 4,11,18 *Nov. 2 Election Day-Driver
Education in session

Thursday: 2:30 p.m. _____ Sept. 30, Oct. 7,14, 21,28, Nov. 4,18,
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Friday: 2:30 p.m. _____ Oct. 1,8,15,22, 29, Nov. 5,12,19,
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Saturday: 7:30 a.m. _____ Oct. 2,9,16,23, 30, Nov. 6,13,20
9:00 a.m. _____ Dec. 4,11,18, Jan. 8,15,22,29, Feb. 5
10:30 a.m. _____
12:00 p.m. _____

NO ABSENCES PERMITTED!!!!

Complete this application and return it to Mrs. Nagle in the main office with a copy of your permit or junior license and a check in the amount of \$410 made payable Bellport High School.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ **PRESENT AGE** _____ **GRADE** _____

HOME TELEPHONE # _____ **PARENT'S WORK #** _____

PERMIT OR LICENSE # _____ **DATE ISSUED** _____

PARENT CONSENT: I hereby certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the above student and I hereby grant permission for him/her to enroll in the Bellport Senior High School Driver and Traffic Safety Education Program.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

KEEP THIS FOR YOUR RECORDS

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PLEASE NOTE:

It is the responsibility of the student to make up driving time. Students should inquire at the usual place of pick up with each instructor to see if there is room in a car. Upon completion of make up, student should obtain a note of attendance from the instructor to present to their scheduled instructor and the school.