

BHS School Counseling Newsletter

March 2024

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March Events

- 7- Parent/Teacher Conference - Early Dismissal
- 14 to 17 - BHS Spring Musical: MAMMA MIA!
- 19- SAT School Day for all 11th graders
- 26 - Career Fair & Incoming 9th Grade Orientation
- 28 - PLC Day - Early Dismissal
- 29 - Good Friday - No School

What We've Been Up To.....

Course Registration Process - Throughout the month of **March**, School Counselors will be visiting 9th and 10th students in ILT to provide a comprehensive overview of the Course Registration process. Counselors have been meeting with 11th grade students 1:1 to review remaining graduation requirements and for the purposes of course planning for senior year.

To ensure you and your child are well-prepared for this process, we encourage you to refer to the [attached document](#) outlining the key aspects of the course registration process. Additionally, you can find more detailed information and valuable resources on the [BHS School Counseling Website](#)

Notable Changes to Program of Studies 2024-2025

- AP Spanish will now be offered as a UConn ECE (Early College Experience) course. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to potentially earn college credits and a language waiver. The specific course is **UConn SPAN 3178: Intermediate Spanish Composition**.
- Beginning with the 2024/2025 school year, **11th graders** must be enrolled in a **minimum of 6.5 credits**, with the ability to take up to 7 credits (all students must maintain a study hall). All **12th graders** must enroll in a **minimum of 5.5 credits**, although they can continue taking up to 8 credits.

- New math course: **College Algebra**.
 - Description from the Program of Studies:
 - This course offers the development of numerical, algebraic, and graphical problem-solving techniques to be used in calculus. Techniques are developed to solve equations involving polynomial, radical and rational functions. Polynomial, inverse, rational, exponential, and logarithmic functions are studied, and their applications are explored both algebraically and graphically. Whenever possible, learning of mathematical concepts is embedded in contextualized situations relevant to STEM topics. The use of a graphing calculator is required. Students who take this class are eligible to earn credit for MATH 1600 through Connecticut State Community College. Prerequisite: Algebra II

SAT School Day - March 19

Want more information on the upcoming SAT School Day?

Please click on the button below for our SAT School Day Newsletter.

SAT School Day Newsletter

SAT Score Calculator

SAT Score Calculator-helpful article that explains the formatting and scoring.

Mystic Aquarium Opportunities: Animal Training and Husbandry Workshop

Animal Training and Husbandry Workshop at Mystic Aquarium

Saturday - March 30th 9:30AM-3:00PM

Students in grades 9-12 (ages 14-17)



Are you a high school student who wonders how our staff cares for the diverse species that call Mystic Aquarium home or wanted to pursue a career as an animal trainer? In addition to African penguin and California sea lion training sessions and behind the scenes tours, participants will have the choice to work alongside beluga whale, Steller sea lion or our Fish, Invertebrate, and Reptile staff. A networking lunch with members of the animal care team is included with registration. Visit the [website](#) to register!

Youth Conservation Corps (Community Service!): Join an amazing group of high school students who work together to explore and conserve local and threatened environments. The group regularly

participates in beach clean-ups, amphibian monitoring, hosts workshops and summits, and develops conservation-based activities for fellow students and the public. Email mmateleska@mysticaquarium.org for more information.

COLLEGE AND CAREER CORNER

REMINDER TO SENIORS!

Class of 2024: Please remember to update your Naviance account as you receive your admissions decision!



ECE Students!

ECE Students: UCONN has updated their [credit transfer database](#).

This is the best way to see if your dual enrollment credits will be accepted at the college you choose to attend.

Newtown High School College & Career Center

College Fair

March 21, 2024 6-7:30 pm
NHS Gymnasium



*College representatives from 80 colleges
*Technology & Trade Schools
*Military reps



The College Tour

Did you know you can learn more about colleges right from home? [The College Tour](#) is a series on Amazon that features a variety of colleges in the US. There are over 150 colleges profiled, and there are episodes in Spanish as well. The series now includes Dorm Tours to allow students to see where they may end up living for four years. Check it out today!



Financial Aid Workshops

SoFi is offering webinars on topics such as scholarships, appealing financial aid, and more! This empowering series covers the information and insights needed to help navigate college financing. Below are the topics, dates and times of these webinars:

- What Merit Scholarships Are and How to Find Them, Wednesday, March 06, 2024 at 5pm PT / 8pm ET
- Evaluating College Acceptances and Appealing Financial Aid and Merit Scholarships, Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 5pm PT / 8pm ET
- Financing Your Student's Education, Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 5pm PT / 8pm ET

Visit the [website](#) to register!

Save the Date! College Open Houses 23-24

- [CT and NYS College Open Houses](#)
- [NJ Open Houses](#)
- [OPEN HOUSES - DE, DC, MD, & VA](#)

Can't make it to an Open House or tour? Create an account at [Campus Reel](#) to learn more about schools from the student perspective.

Bowdoin College - The College Search Process: Finding Your Fit

Bowdoin College is hosting a special webinar for juniors entitled For Students—The College Search Process: Finding Your Fit. In this special student session on March 13, we'll help students understand the many ways to research colleges and universities. How can they really find the information they value most? From emails and social media to campus visits and interviews, there are many ways to research colleges and universities. Join two Bowdoin admissions officers for a presentation and discussion on how best to connect with admissions offices. Walk away with tips to understand and research your "non-negotiables"—those features that a great college should have to be considered home for you. Visit [the website](#) to register!

Digital SAT Practice and Prep with Revolution Prep

Saturday, April 13, 2024 | 9:00 AM ET – Noon ET | Online by Revolution Prep

Students will learn how to navigate the new digital testing format and practice using the exact tools available to them on the real test, such as the graphing calculator, digital annotations, answer elimination, and much more!

Step 1: Register here: www.revolutionprep.com/partners/3309

Step 2: Schedule a free 30-minute score report review with a Revolution Prep testing expert to help you interpret the results and develop a customized plan to prepare. Please schedule this appointment for the few days after the exam. You can pre-schedule this Score Report Review here: www.revolutionprep.com/rich-saperstein

Step 3: Attend the mock exam and instantly receive our best-in-class score report, illustrating three high-impact areas to focus on for each section of the test.

Questions? If you have questions or want to learn more about Revolution Prep, you can reach out to Rich Saperstein at (201) 241-2031 or by email at rich.saperstein@revolutionprep.com

Are you a student sustainability champion?



Student Climate & Conservation Congress (Sc3)
June 30-July 6, 2024

Exceptional student environmental leadership training for rising 9th-12th grade students since 2008.



Driven to be a change-maker? Become a U.S. Green Schools Fellow!

The Student Climate & Conservation Congress (Sc3) returns to NCTC, the Nation's Premier Training Facility for Environmental Leadership!

If you are driven to create positive change in the world, Sc3 is excited to again invite rising 9-12 grade students to become a 'U.S. Green Schools Fellow' at America's most prestigious student leadership program for aspiring change-makers.

Training extraordinary youth leaders since 2008, Sc3 is a week-long leadership program convened annually at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Conservation Training Center (NCTC), the nation's heart of environmental and climate leadership, located in Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

Explore the environmental, social, and economic interconnections that impact climate change, environmental justice, and natural resource conservation, and the challenges and opportunities we face in an ever-changing world.

www.greenschoolsalliance.org

June 30-July 6, 2024

Learn More and Apply at:
www.greenschoolsalliance.org/students-sc3



**Also accepting applications from School Sustainability faculty interested in becoming Sc3 Faculty Fellows.*





SUMMER PROGRAMS

[Check Out This Great Listing of Summer Programs](#)

Summer Programs

[Here](#) is a full list of summer programs throughout the country. There are a variety of options, and many offer the option to earn college credit. Many camps are geared for students from grades 9-12. Check them out today!

Social Emotional Resources

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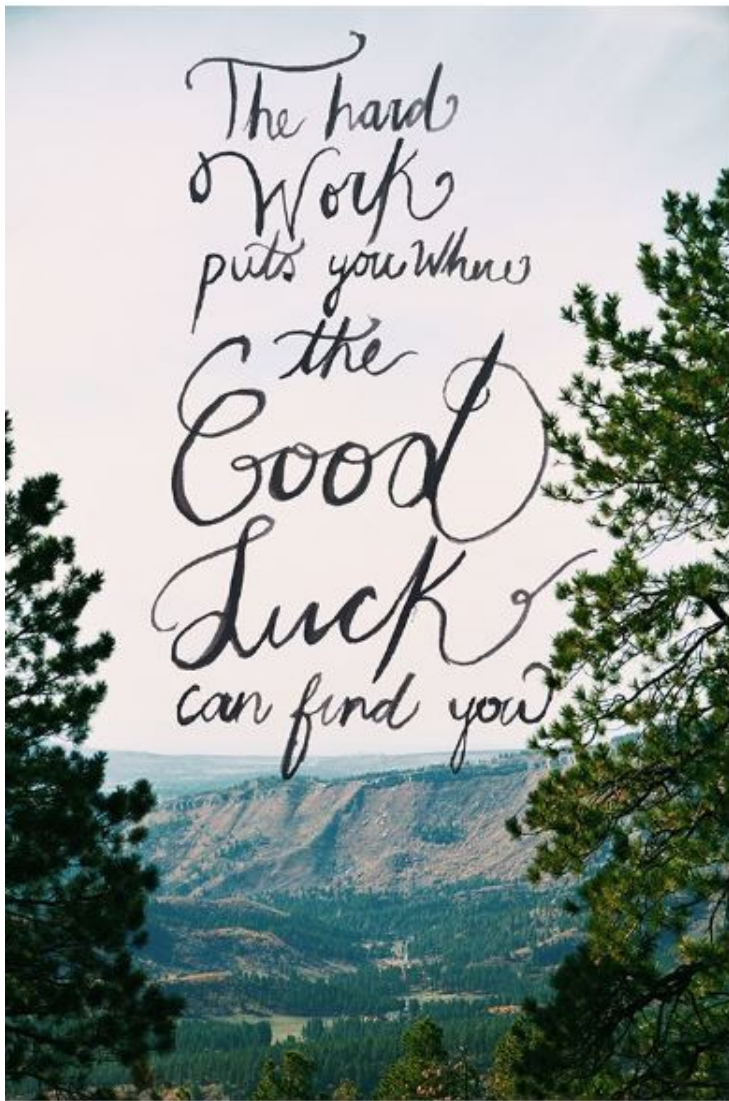
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