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September 13, 2016

Dear Seniors and Senior Parents:

Welcome to the beginning of a very exciting school year! Senior year is very busy for students and parents. There are SAT and ACT exams to be taken, applications to be completed, scholarships to research and college visits to make. The hustle and bustle can seem overwhelming. We, in the Counseling Department, want you to know that our goal is to assist you in this college process. The counselors have already begun meeting with their seniors individually to discuss the college process. Students should keep in close contact with their counselors during this busy time, and parents should feel free to call with their questions.

Seniors should frequent the Counseling Office and take special notice of the postings for **Open Houses** at various colleges that line the hallway. There are bulletin boards in the principal's hallway that are dedicated to **SENIORS**. Posted on the bulletin boards will be the dates and times of visitations from **COLLEGE ADMISSIONS STAFF** and **SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday September 21st is Senior Planning Night at 7:00 PM in the JSHS Library.
Thursday October 6th is Financial Aid Night at 7:00 PM in the JSHS Library.

Enclosed you will find a copy of your child's transcript, as well as some important information pertaining to senior year and the application process. Please review the transcript carefully. If there are any errors or omissions, please notify your child's counselor by Thursday, September 22nd. Please keep this copy as your unofficial transcript.

Babylon High School computes weighted averages that reflect the degree of challenge of a student's program. It is recommended that students select the most rigorous and demanding courses available to them. The levels of classification are AP, College Level, Honors/Accelerated, Advanced and Regents. Courses are weighted as follows: Advanced Placement and College Level 1.10, Honors/Accelerated 1.05, and Advanced 1.025. Babylon Junior-Senior High School does not rank students.

The Class of 2017 is a terrific group of teenagers and we are looking forward to a very positive senior year for all of them. Please feel free to call your child's counselor for assistance at any time during the school year. The Counseling Office can be reached by dialing 893-7942.

Sincerely,

Dennis Murphy
Districtwide Director of Guidance
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Sign up for important updates from Mr. D. Murphy.

Get information for **Babylon Junior Senior High School** right on your phone—not on handouts.

Pick a way to receive messages for **Babylon 2017**:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/bab2017

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @bab2017 to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @bab2017 to (516) 336-8621.



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/bab2017 on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

Application Process at Babylon High School

Before you know it, the time will be here for you to apply to college. We recommend that college applications be submitted by Thanksgiving break. In order to process applications in a complete and timely fashion, the following paperwork needs to be completed and submitted to your counselor. All forms and templates can be found in the Counseling Center and online at the Counseling Center website.

STUDENT BRAG SHEET and PARENT BRAG SHEET: The Brag Sheets give counselors more information about you and allows them to write a more detailed letter of recommendation. The brag sheets must be returned to the counselor before a letter of recommendation will be written.

ACTIVITY SHEET: Colleges are interested in what you have accomplished in addition to what they see on your transcript. An activity resumé is an excellent way to communicate this information in a clear and concise manner. A typed activity sheet needs to be submitted to your counselor before applications can be sent out.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: In addition to a counselor recommendation, you will need to choose academic teachers to write letters of recommendation. Choose wisely and give them plenty of time to prepare. A copy of the Teacher Recommendation form is enclosed and additional forms can be found in the Counseling Center.

APPLICATION RECEIPT: For every school that a student applies to, an Application Receipt must be completed, signed by the student and parent, and returned to their counselor. An Application Receipt form is enclosed.

SAT and ACT SCORES: Contact the CollegeBoard at www.collegeboard.org and/or ACT Testing Company at www.actstudent.org to send official score reports to every school that a student applies to.

Senior Year College Calendar

Babylon Junior – Senior High School CEEB Code 330-285

SEPTEMBER

- Attend senior interview with your counselor.
- Return student brag sheet and parent brag sheet to your counselor.
- Request letters of recommendation from teachers.
- Submit your typed activity sheet to your counselor.
- Start thinking of ideas for your college essay.
- Be aware of the college testing schedule (SAT, SAT Subject Test, ACT).
- Notify your counselor if you plan to apply EARLY ACTION or EARLY DECISION.
- Log on to www.collegeboard.com to conduct college searches and obtain resources.
- Continue to visit colleges and narrow down the list of colleges to which you will be applying. Make sure that you have a range of safety, target, and reach schools.
- Check college admissions criteria to see if you need SAT Subject tests.
- Request applications from colleges or download them from college websites.
- SUNY and Suffolk Community College applications can be found online at www.suny.edu/applysuny and www.sunysuffolk.edu/admissions/application.
- If applicable, begin filling out the Common Application. This can be found at www.commonapp.org.
- If you are a prospective Division I or Division II athlete, register online at www.eligibilitycenter.org.
- Start scholarship searches via the internet. Register at www.FASTWEB.com.
- Work hard this year and take challenging courses – senior grades count.

OCTOBER

- Finish working on your college essay.
- Pay attention to the college testing calendar (SAT, SAT Subject Tests, ACT).
- Attend college fairs and sign up to meet with college representatives that visit BHS.
- Be aware of college application deadlines especially Early Action and Early Decision.
- Submit college applications to the Counseling Center 10 school days prior to the deadline.
- Register for CSS Profile if required - available at www.collegeboard.com.
- Release your test scores (AP, SAT, ACT) to each college if required.

NOVEMBER

- For schools with rolling admissions, it is to your advantage to apply early.
- If you haven't done so already, turn in your brag sheets and typed activity sheet to your counselor.
- Pay attention to application deadlines.
- Finish writing admissions essays; have them proofread by a parent or teacher.
- Be sure to research whether the college has a separate application for scholarships or honors programs.
- Submit completed applications to colleges.
- Arrange for campus visits and interviews if recommended.
- Release your test scores (AP, SAT, ACT) to each college if required.

DECEMBER

- December 1 – deadline for college applications to be submitted to Counseling Center in order to be processed by holiday break.
- Begin to gather financial information that will be useful in completing FAFSA form.
- Check with colleges for financial aid deadlines.
- Visit Counseling Center regularly to review and pick up scholarship applications.

JANUARY

- File FAFSA and other required financial aid forms. FAFSA applications are available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Submit mid year report forms to the Counseling Center.
- Continue to submit college and scholarship applications.
- Don't give in to "senioritis" – your college admission is contingent upon your final grades.

FEBRUARY/MARCH

- Check with schools to make sure they have all required application materials.
- Ensure that your financial aid applications are completed and submitted.
- Visit college campus prior to making your final choice. Consider scheduling an overnight visit if you are undecided.

APRIL

- Congratulations! You are almost finished. By now you should have most of your decision letters.
- If you have been wait listed, contact the admissions office to show interest and send any additional documents.
- Notify your counselor of your college acceptances, wait listings, denials and scholarship offerings.

MAY

- Finalize college choice and inform counselor.
- Send in tuition and housing deposit before May 1st.

BABYLON JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
APPLICATION RECEIPT

(Student Name)

(School Counselor Name)

**** This form must be submitted to Counselor BY THE STUDENT with any applicable application paperwork 15 business days prior to college deadline****

Name of College/University: _____

Full Mailing Address: _____

Type of Application:

Early Decision Early Action Rolling Admissions Regular Decision Single Choice EA

App. Deadline: _____ College App. Online Common App. Online SUNY App. Online

CUNY App. Online Send EDU Other _____

Check list: Must be completed prior to submitting application receipt to Counseling Center:

_____ Application submitted electronically

_____ Completed Activity Sheet submitted to Counselor

_____ Official SAT/ACT score reports have been sent to each college
• from student's Collegeboard AND/OR actstudent.org account

_____ "Assigned" Teacher(s) to each individual school on the common application

_____ If school is not on Common App: Recommending Teacher(s) given stamped/addressed envelope
• BHS is to be used as the return address

_____ If school requires a Counselor form: Print and bring to your Counselor

_____ If planning on playing Division I or II sport: registered with the NCAA

_____ If anything else is required by the college please list here:

(Student Signature)

(Date)

(Parent Signature)

(Date)

Date received by Counselor: _____

Date transcript mailed/uploaded: _____

Date Counselor letter mailed/uploaded: _____

Date School Profile mailed/uploaded: _____

Date logged into Naviance: _____

If Application is NOT Completed Electronically

College Envelope Procedure

(To be done for each school)

Babylon High School
Counseling Center
50 Railroad Avenue
Babylon, NY 11702

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ABC University
Undergraduate Admissions
New York, NY 11010

9 X 12 - Self Sealing Envelope



Include with this envelope:

- Babylon's Application Receipt Form
- Other supporting materials not uploaded to application, i.e., Activity Sheet

Teacher Recommendation Letters

Each recommending teacher should be given a folder that contains smaller business-sized stamped envelopes for each applied college.

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Babylon, NY 11702

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TEACHER RECOMMENDATION QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR TEACHERS ONLY

Please fill out the information below for each teacher you are requesting a letter from. Your responses will be different for each class and teacher.

Student Name _____

Teacher Name _____

Names of course(s) with this teacher: _____

School year that courses were completed _____

If you are applying to college, what is your intended major? _____

If you are applying for a job, what position are you applying for? _____

Please sign below to indicate that you have voluntarily waived your right to review this recommendation.

Student Signature: _____ **Date** _____

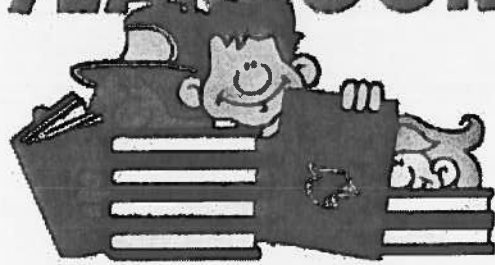
What was your favorite or most meaningful assignment or project you completed for this teacher?

What personal contributions did you make to this class? How did your presence make a difference in this class?

Class of 2017

It's Time to Order Your.....
YEARBOOK!

Senior Yearbook Information Packet



The production of the 2017 yearbook has begun. In order to make it the best book possible, we will need the help of **all** of our seniors and parents. Please consider all the information listed below:

I. Purchasing the book

Books can be ordered by either method:

a. Online: Visit www.PictavoCommunity.com

This site allows you to personalize your book, upload photos, create an ad and purchase the book. This site will open later this month and remain open until the December break.

Or

b. Cash/Check

Submitting a check made out to BHS in the amount of \$140 delivered to Mr. Kenney.

Please note this method will not allow you to personalize the book you're your name on the cover.

II. Senior Portrait:

If your child has not yet taken your senior portrait, please contact Irvin Simon at (516) 437-4700 to schedule an appointment ASAP. If they have, proofs should be arriving soon for your review.

III. Pictures, Pictures, Pictures

Please begin collecting pictures, both recent and old, of your child and their friends to share with us. These pictures should be submitted directly to Mr. Kenney.

Pictures should be from the following categories:

1. **Baby Pictures – Less than 1 year old**
2. **Young Seniors – Childhood years growing up with friends**
3. **Junior Deb**
4. **Sports Photos**
5. **Beach Photos**
6. **Senior Candid** – Anything from this past summer on

- Senior candid will be accepted up until January, but all other photos are due no later than **Friday October 21**.
- Pictures can be submitted on a disk, through email or as printed photos.
- **Photos from your cell phone cannot be used in the yearbook due to their low resolution unless they are printed first!!!!**

IV. Yearbook Ads

Parent ads are an essential component of our yearbook. They not only congratulate our seniors on a job well done and wish them well in the future, but also they serve as a necessary resource in order to help fund the book.

You can now create and design your child's yearbook ad directly through www.PictavoCommunity.com website. This allows you to use multiple photos with your text, in addition to available clip art. You can now put your personal touches on each ad.

If you would like to produce an ad for the book and need some help, please contact Mr. Kenney (jkenney@babylonufsd.org).

Ad Prices

<i>Full Page</i>	\$400
<i>Half Page</i>	\$250
<i>Quarter Page</i>	\$135
<i>1/8 Page (business card)</i> ..	\$75

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September 2016

DIPLOMA NAME FORM

TO: All Seniors

Please **print** your name below EXACTLY as you would like it to appear on your graduation diploma, and keep in mind that this is the way your name will be read at the Graduation Ceremony. Please write neatly.

Use your PROPER name.

Return to Mrs. Michele in the Main Office by October 28, 2016.

Thank you.

First

Middle

Last

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date