

GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

12th Grade Guidance Newsletter

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HELPFUL INFORMATION

- Check out **MEFA's Early College Planning Booklet** for tips on how to best prepare for college both academically and financially!
- X2 Parent Portal to access student grades
- X2 Parent Portal username and password inquires. Please email: aspen@gnbvt.edu
- Students and Parents can access the *Career Cruising* Portal using the activation code that students have:

Tomorrow's Workforce Starts Here Today!

Grade TWELVE News

Senior Year goes by so fast! Here are a couple of reminders to help parents and their senior students stay on track in the final stretch!

Scholarships are now available in the Guidance Office

- ⇒ There are currently about 20 scholarships available to students down in the Guidance Office.
- ⇒ Please remind your student to come to Guidance at least once a week to grab all the scholarships that apply to them and follow the instructions for completion.
- ⇒ Scholarships are free money so take advantage of all that are available!

The Educational Opportunity Center Is here to assist with filing for financial aid

- ⇒ A representative is available here at school every other Friday from 9:30 – 11:30 am
- ⇒ Please call (508) 998-3321 x-785 for an appointment
- ⇒ There will be a final Thursday Evening FAFSA workshop on February 16th at 6:30 pm. Please call for an appointment.

Bristol Community College will sponsoring a " Enrollment Palooza" event on February 8th

Participating students will gain admission to the program of their choice, schedule their placement testing appointment, complete their FAFSA and ask questions of BCC enrollment staff.

Please encourage your student to bring in a copy of the college admissions letters. We are proud of our Seniors and we want to publically acknowledge their accomplishments. Congratulations to you all!

Graduation Requirements

- ⇒ Must pass their career and vocational technical program.
- ⇒ Must pass a four credit English course
- ⇒ Must not fail more than 4 credits
- ⇒ Must satisfy the school's attendance requirements.
- ⇒ Must meet the Career Cruising requirement for grade level.

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Timeline for College-Bound 12th Grade Students

January

- ⇒ Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on or after January 1. Contact the Financial Aid Office to see if you need to complete additional financial aid forms and check into other financial aid options. In order to be considered for financial aid, you'll need to submit these forms even if you haven't yet been notified of your acceptance to the college(s) to which you applied.
- ⇒ Go to the FAFSA on the Web to complete the form. Or complete a paper FAFSA.
- ⇒ Request that your high school send your official transcripts to the colleges to which you are applying.
- ⇒ Make sure your parents have completed their income tax forms in anticipation of the financial aid applications. If they haven't completed their taxes, providing estimated figures is acceptable.
- ⇒ Contact the admissions office of the college(s) to which you have applied to make sure that your information has been received, and that they have everything they need from you.

February

- ⇒ If you completed the FAFSA, you should receive your Student Aid Report (SAR) within 2-3 weeks if you applied via paper. If you applied on-line, you can receive results via e-mail by the next business day after electronic submission. If corrections are needed, correct and return it to the FAFSA processor promptly.
- ⇒ Complete your scholarship applications.
- ⇒ Contact the financial aid office of the college(s) to which you have applied to make sure that your information has been received, and that they have everything they need from you.

March/April

- ⇒ If you haven't received an acceptance letter from the college (s) to which you applied, contact the admissions office.
- ⇒ Compare your acceptance letters, financial aid and scholarship offers.
- ⇒ When you choose a college that has accepted you, you may be required to pay a non-refundable deposit for freshman tuition (this should ensure your place in the entering freshman class).

May

- ⇒ Take the Advanced Placement (AP) exams for any AP subjects you studied in high school.
- ⇒ You should make a decision by May 1 as to which college you will be attending and notify the school by mailing your commitment deposit check. Many schools require that your notification letter be postmarked by this date.
- ⇒ If you were placed on a waiting list for a particular college, and have decided to wait for an opening, contact that college and let them know you are still very interested.

June

- ⇒ Have your school send your final transcripts to the college which you will be attending.
- ⇒ Contact your college to determine when fees for tuition, room and board are due and how much they will be.

