

Welcome Class of 2021!

Somerset Berkley Regional High School

A Message from Principal Lanczycki

Welcome to your new home, Blue Raiders.

You are now part of a grand tradition and members of the architects of the future. SBRHS allows you to explore opportunities not only locally, state-wide, nationally and globally but helps to guide you on your most important journey, inward. These four years are about discovering yourself and how you want to move forward to make your mark in the world. The people who have come before you are leaders in industry, creators of beauty, social change agents and innovators for the world that we will become. Take advantage of trying all of the opportunities that we have here. Not all of them will be for you, but you never know unless you give it a try. The communities of Berkley and Somerset have helped to provide you with the mechanisms to discover and develop. Your debt to them is to take advantage of it and become the greatest version of yourself that you can be. Enjoy your time with us and share your ideas with me. Conversations with students is the best part of my day. We are here to support you. The world is yours, go get it!

Welcome from Dr. Brelsford

Welcome to the next chapter! SBRHS is a new beginning for all of you and we are so excited to welcome you. While we set high expectations for you to learn and excel, we know that there are challenges as well. Please know that we as teachers, support staff and administrators are here to celebrate your successes and assist you with your struggles. We expect you to be the best you can be but we also expect that you will make mistakes and have obstacles along the way. We are here for you and will always be working to help you achieve your best self. I strongly encourage you to get involved in all aspects of SBRHS. Make sure you know your Aspen password so that you can keep updated on your grades. Find out when teams, music groups, and/or clubs are meeting and attend—even if you've never tried it before! If you are struggling in a particular subject, ask or email your teacher for extra help or stay after for homework club (which should really be called free tutoring!). Always remember, "You'll never be brave if you don't get hurt. You'll never learn if you don't make mistakes. You'll never be successful if you don't encounter failure." We are here to prepare you for the next chapter of your life's journey—because the journey always continues. Welcome to the Blue Raider family!

Welcome from Mrs. DoCouto

Class of 2021, Welcome!

The faculty, staff and administration are excited to meet you! Upon entering Somerset Berkley you have the opportunity for a fresh start. The next four years of your life can be whatever you make of it. Take advantage of all the opportunities SB has to offer. Dive into the rigorous curriculum and get involved with after-school with the various clubs, music and athletic teams we have. Be a Raider during school and after-school hours!

You are part of an academic team and each team member must do their part for you to be successful. A collaborative effort by students, parents and school staff will help you achieve all that you wish to accomplish.

I look forward to greeting you and making you feel welcome, from your very first day through your final day as a graduating senior. Welcome to the RAIDER family!

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SBRHS Academics Expectations

Students at SBRHS will:

- Read analytically to support conclusions drawn from text
- Produce clear and coherent writing that is appropriate to task, purpose and audience
- Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks
- Solve problems and complete tasks by reasoning critically and creatively
- Process information critically to become capable researchers
- Demonstrate technological literacy to facilitate learning



Electronic Device Policy

As a 21st century secondary school, SBRHS recognizes the importance of technology, used appropriately, in an academic setting. Students at SBRHS may responsibly use their electronic devices within the following context:

- During library (unless part of academic class time) and cafeteria time.
- During class time **WITH TEACHER APPROVAL AND FOLLOWING TEACHER DIRECTIVE.**

- **IF A TEACHER DIRECTS THAT ANY TYPE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICE IS NOT TO BE USED, AND A STUDENT UTILIZES THE DEVICE, IMMEDIATE DISCIPLINE WILL OCCUR INCLUDING CONFISCATION OF THE ELECTRONIC DEVICE.**

- During pep rallies, Case Rally, and non-academic related school events.

Talking on cell phones in the common areas of the building is strictly

prohibited. Texting/communicating with anyone via an electronic device, during school hours, is prohibited, unless directed for an educational purpose.

While a student may be in a study hall texting, he/she may be texting a person in an academic course. This is a distraction for the student, teacher and entire classroom. Absolutely no pictures or videos should be taken with an electronic device, unless directed for educational purposes.

1st Day of School Parent/Guardian Reminders

- Opening Day of School is Tuesday, September 5, 2017. All grade 9 students should report to the gymnasium by 7:25 a.m.
- Presentations and class meetings will be held from 7:25-9:31 a.m. in the gymnasium and the Performing Arts Center. Students will be assigned and dismissed to their homerooms at this time.
- Homeroom will run from 9:35-10:32 a.m. During this time, schedules will be distributed and lockers will be

WATER ONLY

will be allowed when entering the building and in the classrooms. Food and other liquids will be allowed only in the student dining area.

assigned. Students will have time to go to their lockers.

- From 10:35 a.m.-1:55 p.m. students will go to their scheduled classes.
- Students will be dismissed at 1:55 p.m. to have time to find bus/ pick-up locations.
- Big Buddies will be located through-

out the building to assist with students who need help finding classrooms. They will be wearing their navy blue and white "Big Buddy" t-shirts so that they will be easy to find.

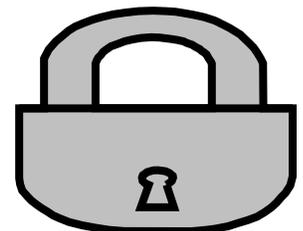
- Wednesday, September 6, 2017 will run as a normal "B Day" of school.

It's A Free Ride Home!

Late bus transportation will be available for both Somerset and Berkley students starting on September 18th. The bus will leave the school at 3:45 p.m. The late bus affords students the opportunity to get extra help from classroom teachers, participate in homework club, remain after school for extracurricular activities, or, on rare occasions, meet their disciplinary obligations as detentions are held on Monday thru Thursday from 2:10-3:30

Physical Education

Each student will need a lock for their PE locker. Clothes will be taken home after each physical education class and must be brought back for the next class. The PE locker room is set up like a gym membership locker room. The locker belongs to you for one period only. All personal belongings must be locked when students are participating in Physical Education.



This is the time (7:20 a.m.) to remember...

Somerset Berkley Regional High School believes that a significant portion of the learning process is attained during the classroom sessions provided. A student who is not in a class or misses part of a class is not receiving the education to which they are entitled. Our attendance, dismissal and tardy policy is in place to ensure that students are receiving a quality education that will serve them in all future academic, athletic, civic and social endeavors.

- Parents must call their child out absent from school between 7-8:30 a.m. 508-324-3124.
- Students are allowed 1 day to make up work missed.
- Students have 3 days (from the return to school date) to turn in documentation for an excused absence. This includes doctor's notes. After the 3 days, the absence will be considered unexcused.



Time Flies When You're Having Fun

Your four years at SBRHS will go by quickly. It is important to remain in good academic standing throughout your high school experience as it opens many doors to your future. SBRHS requires its students to earn a minimum of 144 credits in order to graduate. Students must successfully complete the following courses with a minimum average of 65:

English	4 years
Math	3 years
Science	3 years
Social Studies	3 Years
Physical Ed.	4 years
Health I & II	2 semesters
Fine & Performing Arts	6 credits
Computer/Technology Ed	6 credits

In addition students must pass MCAS in English, Math and Science/Technology.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see your guidance counselor or Dr. Brelsford

Also, please make sure to review graduation requirements, along with all other guidelines and policies, found in the Student /Parent Handbook online at www.somersetberkley.org

A Little Goes A Long Way...

Homework Club

Homework Club is available after school each day from **2:15-3:30 p.m.** A teacher with a background in a different subject matter proctors homework club on a rotating basis each week. Students are encouraged to stay after school each day, once a week, or on an as

needed basis to get help with any or all subject. The rotation of homework club is as follows:

- Monday: English
- Tuesday: Math
- Wednesday: Social Studies
- Thursday: Science



SBRHS Important Phone Numbers

Main Office: 508-324-3115
Attendance: 508-324-3124
Guidance: 508-324-3119
Nurse: 508-324-3123

Athletic Director:
508-324-3115 x1190
Athletic Trainer
508-235-0612

Administration
Mr. Lanczycki:
508-324-3115 x1600
Dr. Brelsford:
508-324-3115 x1601
Mrs. DoCouto:
508-324-3115 x1602

STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK

For the first time, the handbook will be found in digital format only. Please go to www.somersetberkley.org to view all rules, policies and requirements.

Be sure to check us out at www.somersetberkley.org

GET INVOLVED!!!

We strongly encourage you to take part in the many exciting extra curricular activities and athletics occurring on campus.

Extracurricular Activities

Amnesty International, Anti-Bullying Coalition, Athletic Leadership Club, Big Buddies, Debate Team, DECA, Drama Workshop, Envirothon Club, Future Teachers of America, Gay Straight Alliance, Hip-Hop Club, Intramurals, International Relations, Key Club, Literacy Magazine, Math Team, National Honor Society, Peer Leadership Program, Prom Committee, School Newspaper, Science Club, Science Fair, Science Olympiad, Ski Club, Student Council, School Advisory, Video/Computer Club, Yearbook

Athletics

Football, Field Hockey, Cross Country, Soccer, Fall Cheerleading, Golf, Volleyball, Basketball, Winter Track and Field, Wrestling, Ice Hockey, Gymnastics, Winter Cheerleading, Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Spring Track and Field, Unified Sports

Music Extracurricular Activities

Spring Musical, Winter Percussion Ensemble, Winter Color Guard Ensemble, Jazz Band, Marching Band, Electrify Show Choir, Amplified Show Choir

Our Focus on the Prevention of Bullying

At Somerset Berkley Regional High School, teachers, support staff and administration consider bullying and harassment to be serious distractions from the teaching and learning process. Our mission is to foster a safe, secure, and healthy academic environment where we tolerate and revere the uniqueness of each other. With that stated, instances of bullying and/or harassment must be brought to the attention of a teacher, school adjustment counselor, and/or administrator.

The following represents a summary of the Bullying Policy as stated in the 2016-17 Student Handbook:

Bullying is defined as an act of aggression with the intent to cause embarrassment, pain or discomfort to another. Bullying may include physical bullying, verbal bullying and/or exhortation. Bullying is considered a serious offense. Be advised that administration will consider the following options in disciplining a bully:

- **1-10 day out of school suspension**
- **Parental notification/conference**
- **Possible police referral**

As with all matters, the need for support from home is vital when dealing with the issues of current-day bullying. The Internet, Facebook, Chatrooms, Twitter, etc. pose new cyber bullying threats to our students that must be closely monitored on the from home. Below are links providing resources on the topic of cyber bullying.

Parent Info on Cyber Bullying

<https://webhost.bridgew.edu/marc/marc%20cyberbullying.pdf>

Parent Info on Social Networking

<https://webhost.bridgew.edu/marc/marc%20socialnetworking.pdf>

Parent Info on Security in Children's online games/websites

<https://webhost.bridgew.edu/marc/marc%20nochild.pdf>

Parent Info on Responding to Bullying

<https://webhost.bridgew.edu/marc/marc%20bullying.pdf>

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/bullying/>