

FRESHMAN NEWS

SUMMER 2017

Sponsored by the Somerset Berkley Regional High School Guidance Department

FRESHMAN NEWS is written to inform and remind Grade 9 students and parents of important dates, events and requirements.

REPORT CARDS will be mailed home to students at the end of the school year. Included in the mailing will be summer school notices and registration forms for those students who may benefit from participation.

SUMMER SCHOOL: The 2017 summer session will begin Wednesday, July 5 and continue until Wednesday, August 9. There are two day sessions: 7:30 a.m. - 9:20 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. Classes will start promptly at the stated times and tardiness will not be allowed. Summer school allows students the opportunity to make up grade and possibly credit deficiencies in various subjects. Students should review the graduation requirements on page 112 of the Student/Parent Handbook. Deficiencies in graduation requirements can be corrected by successful completion of the summer school program. To register you may mail the registration form, or register in person at the Community School Office (not the guidance office), located in Somerset Berkley Regional High School, Room 140. The telephone number is 508-324-3146. The fee for summer school is \$130.00 for one class and \$250.00 for two courses. Fees must be paid at the time of registration.

TEXTBOOK RETURNS: Students are reminded that all textbooks must be returned at the end of the school year. The school takes great care in ensuring that students return all textbooks in the same condition in which they were issued. Any student who fails to return a textbook at the end of the school year is expected to make financial restitution for the cost of lost or damaged books.

COURSE SCHEDULES FOR 2017-2018 will be distributed on the first day of school. Students with schedule conflicts will be contacted by their guidance counselor during the summer.

SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS: **Reminder that students are responsible for summer assignments. Please visit the Somerset Berkley Regional High School web site for a link to all departments, assignments and important deadlines.**

COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT: Students are reminded that beginning with the Class of 2014 they are required to complete and document 20 hours of community service to graduate. Summer is perfect time to volunteer! Please see page 113 in the Student/Parent Handbook for more information regarding this graduation requirement.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES: Students are strongly encouraged to participate in productive activities during the summer vacation. Activities to consider include enrichment courses,

volunteer work, job shadowing, educational travel, and work experience. These types of activities will enhance student resumes and/or college applications. In addition, it is never too early to start thinking about college and what you are looking for (size, location, cost, etc.). You may want to make informal visits to colleges to get a feel for what different campuses are like.

PLEASE MAKE GOOD USE OF YOUR SUMMER: This is an important opportunity to investigate career options, look into school and training choices, and most importantly **READ**. No other activity will help you as greatly in the future as reading. It will help to prepare you for MCAS, PSAT's and SAT's. There are recommended reading lists available on the school's ELA Department website.

MASS STATE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS STANDARDS: Students are advised to review the admission standards beginning on page 129 of the Student/Parent Handbook. As schools become more competitive, it becomes more important to review your schedule and put together as strong an academic program as you are capable of handling with success.

"BECOMING A STUDENT ATHLETE": Please visit the Athletic Department Website at <http://www.somersetberkley.org/athletics.html> for important information about becoming an Athletic Raider. Information regarding Fall Sports registration, physicals, eligibility, Family ID ImPACT registration, pre-season start dates and Wellness Night can be found there.

COMMUNICATION WITH GUIDANCE: Please feel free to contact your guidance counselor at any time with questions or concerns.

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