

SOMERSET BERKLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

FRESHMAN NEWS Winter 2017

COURSE REGISTRATION (2017-2018) Plans are being developed for on-line course registration to be held in February 2017. As procedures are finalized students will be notified. Students will meet individually with their guidance counselor to discuss course selections in light of academic achievement and career plans. From this meeting, the students will bring home their course request forms for their parents/guardians to review, sign, and return to the guidance office. Students should consult with teachers, parents and counselors to be certain that their course selections are appropriate before the master schedule is created at the close of the school year.

REMINDER Term 2 ends on January 26, 2017 and Term 3 ends April 6, 2017. Report cards will be mailed home 7-10 days following the close of the term.

HOMEWORK CLUB continues to meet after school in the library from 2:15-3:15 for students who may need academic support. The schedule is as follows: Monday/English, Tuesday/Math, Wednesday/Social Studies and Thursday/Science. Students are encouraged to make use of this valuable service.

GRADE 9 SCIENCE MCAS is scheduled to be held on June 5 and 6, 2017. Beginning with the Class of 2010, students are required to pass ELA, Mathematics and Science. In our effort to provide students with the greatest number of opportunities for success, Grade 9 students will participate in the science test this year. Students who achieve a passing grade will have fulfilled the science requirement. Students who need to retake the test will do so in their sophomore year. Parents who have questions about their child's participation should contact the guidance office.

JOHN AND ABIGAIL ADAMS SCHOLARSHIP: The John and Abigail Adams Scholarship provides a tuition waiver for up to eight semesters of undergraduate education at a Massachusetts state college or university. The scholarship covers tuition only; fees and room and board are not included. The scholarship must be used within six years of a student's high school graduation. Beginning with the class of 2016, in order to be eligible for the scholarship, students must

- score at the *Advanced* performance level on one of the three high school state assessment tests in ELA, Mathematics, or STE (Biology, Chemistry, Introductory Physics, or Technology/Engineering); **AND**
- score at the *Proficient* level or higher on the remaining two high school state assessment tests; **AND**
- have combined scores from the three tests that place them in the top 25 percent of students in the graduating class in their district.

VACATIONS Winter/Monday-Friday February 20-24, 2017 and Spring/Monday-Friday April 17-21, 2017

NO SCHOOL GOOD FRIDAY April 14, 2017

NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY Monday, May 29, 2017

GRADE PROGRESSION Guidance would like to remind Grade 9 students that to effectively progress to Grade 10, the accumulation of 36 earned credits at the end of freshman year is required. Please know that 65% is the minimum passing grade to earn full credit in a course, yet some subject areas (math and science) require a minimum passing grade to continue in levels one and two for the next sequential course. Please refer to the Course Description Book for specific pre-requisites.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT Beginning with the Class of 2014, students are required to complete 20 hours of community service over four years as a requirement to graduate from Somerset Berkley Regional High School. Community service provides students with the opportunity to engage in active learning while developing good citizenship. Community service documentation forms are available in the guidance office and on the school's website under the Guidance Department. Students should return their completed forms to the Main Office.

PROJECT CONTEMPORARY COMPETIVENESS (PCC) is a summer enrichment program available to all Grade 9 and 10 students. Applications are available in the guidance office. The deadline for all applications is Friday, January 20, 2017. Interested students should see their guidance counselor for additional information.

COMMUNICATION WITH GUIDANCE Somerset Berkley Regional High School guidance counselors are doing their best to assist their students not only with academic and career advice, but also with any concerns that affect their well-being. Students and parents are encouraged to communicate with their counselors with any concerns they may have. Students wishing to speak with their counselor can drop a note in the counselor's mailbox in the guidance office. Parents may call the guidance office at 508-324-3119, or might find email an effective way to communicate. Counselor email address is as follows:

- bolduca@sbrregional.org
- mccarthy@sbrregional.org
- judgej@sbrregional.org
- poissong@sbrregional.org