

# **FRESHMEN NEWS**

## **WINTER/SPRING 2018**

**COURSE REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019** On-line course registration was held in February 2018. All students will meet individually with their guidance counselors to discuss their selections as they align with their academic achievement and future career plans, as well as to review their teacher recommendations. Students should consult with parents/guardians, teachers and counselors to be certain that their selections are appropriate before the master schedule is created in late May. Teacher recommendations and students requests for the upcoming year are available in Aspen in the request/entry section.

**MCAS** All students must pass MCAS in order to be eligible for a high school diploma (in addition to fulfilling local graduation requirements). All Grade 9 students will take the Science MCAS test on June 6-7, 2018. Attendance in school on testing days is critical. Avoid tardiness and do not schedule personal appoints at this time. Be well rested. Visit the Department of Education's Website at [www.doe.mass.edu](http://www.doe.mass.edu) for sample questions from previous years.

**GRADE PROGRESSION** The Guidance Department would like to remind students that the accumulation of 36 credits is recommended at the end of freshman year to effectively progress to Grade 10. Please be mindful the 65 is the minimum passing grade to earn full credit, some subjects recommend a minimum of a 70 average for students to continue at the honors level. Please consult the Course Description Booklet available on-line.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT** All students are required to complete 20 hours of community service over four years as a requirement to graduate from SBRHS. Community service provides students the opportunity to engage in active learning while developing good citizenship. Community service documentation forms are available both on-line and in the guidance area. Completed forms must be returned to the main office.

**COMMUNICATION WITH GUIDANCE** Somerset Berkley Regional High School guidance counselors do their best to assist their students with academic and career advice, as well as address any concerns that affect their well being. Students are encouraged to communicate with their counselors. Students may drop by the guidance office, email counselors or drop a note in the counselor's mailbox in the guidance office. Parents are also encouraged to reach out to their child's counselor with any concerns. Counselor email addresses are as follows:

- [bolduca@sbrregional.org](mailto:bolduca@sbrregional.org)
- [mccarthyt@sbrregional.org](mailto:mccarthyt@sbrregional.org)
- [poissong@sbrregional.org](mailto:poissong@sbrregional.org)
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