



The Blue Raider Read

Information from the desk of Principal David Lanczycki



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Upcoming Events:

- 10/1 Friends of Music Meeting – 6:30pm Main Office Conf.
- 10/2 Athletic Boosters Club Meeting – 5pm Lib
- 10/2 PTO – 7pm Lib
- 10/3 School Advisory Council – 6pm Main Office
- 10/9 -10/10 NEAS&C Visit
- 10/10 Musictown Ball – 6pm Venus De Milo
- 10/12 Musictown Kiddie’s Day 9am
- 10/16 PSAT/Credit for Life during school hours
- 10/17 Musictown Pops Night 4pm PAC
- 10/19 Grand Parade Day
- 10/24 Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00pm-8:00pm
- 10/26 Social Emotional Learning Summit – 8am
- 10/30 Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00pm-8:00pm

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Welcome to the Blue Raider Read!

Usually I write about the color of the leaves changing this time of year but with the temperatures where they are, SB has been as hot with the excitement for October. Musictown month will be in full swing, athletic teams are into their conference schedules and new programs are leaping off the ground. The students and staff are buzzing about everything going on and we haven’t even touched on the fact that Case Rally preparations will begin. It is this energy that shows what an amazing place Somerset Berkley is. The excitement is real and the pride is tangible. Come and be part of the excitement. Join us in making SB the place to be.

1:1 Devices

A reminder to all families that the one time maintenance fee is due by November 1st. The following fee structure will cover the chromebook for your time here at Somerset Berkley.

Class of 2023	\$100
Class of 2022	\$75
Class of 2021	\$50
Class of 2020	\$25

Use the link below to access the “My School Bucks” site to make a payment.

[SB Technology Maintenance Fee](#)

PSAT/Credit for Life

On October 16, all Sophomores and Juniors will be taking the PSAT at no charge. We believe that students that take the PSAT tend to score higher on the SAT which in turn gives each student a better opportunity to be accepted in the college or university of their choosing. Practice books will be going home with Sophomores and Juniors via their homerooms. Online practice opportunities can be found at:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice>

Credit for Life is a financial literacy program in partnership with BayCoast Bank and local businesses which allows for an opportunity for students to learn how to create a budget and the challenges of determining the difference between a need and a want. Freshmen and Seniors will have an opportunity to walk through our financial fair and interact with local business leaders to gain knowledge from their experiences. One of the themes that we heard from the students about the advisory from last year is that they wanted more information about financial literacy, for it to be meaningful to them and to be more interactive. This program checks all the boxes. October 16th is about our students’ future and we intend to help them make it a great one.

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MCAS Dates:

ELA: March 26-27

Math: May 21-22

Science: June 4-5

Late Buses:

Late buses are offered on Monday thru Thursday at 3:45pm. There is one bus for Berkley students and one bus for Somerset students. Please be advised that the Berkley late bus drops students off at the Berkley Common.

Senior End of the Year Events:

May 22: Finals Begin

May 29: Prom

June 5: Graduation 5pm

Parent Teacher Conference Night

Our annual Parent Teacher Conference Nights will be held on October 24th and October 30th from 5:00pm through 8:00pm. This year we are excited to be utilizing online meeting scheduling. On October 1, parents and guardians will be able to log onto Signup.com through the SomersetBerkley.org website. This will allow you to schedule the meetings at the times and on the day that is most convenient to you. Please make sure that you do not schedule two meetings at the same time. Also ensure that you give yourself travel time between classes. This is also a cost savings for the district. The online scheduling saves us on printing and mailing costs. If you are having difficulty or have limited access, please contact the guidance department for support.

[Parent Teacher Conferences with SignUp.com](http://ParentTeacherConferenceswithSignUp.com)

ID's and Student Safety

Student safety is on everyone's minds. For that reason, we have instituted a procedure to have students wear their name badges at all times. We have provided each student with a breakaway lanyard and clear card carrier to help with the process. Students are expected to have these on at all times so that we can help to determine if a student belongs here or not. It is sad that we have to think like this but our countries recent history with violence on school settings makes it so. Thank you for your and your students cooperation with this.

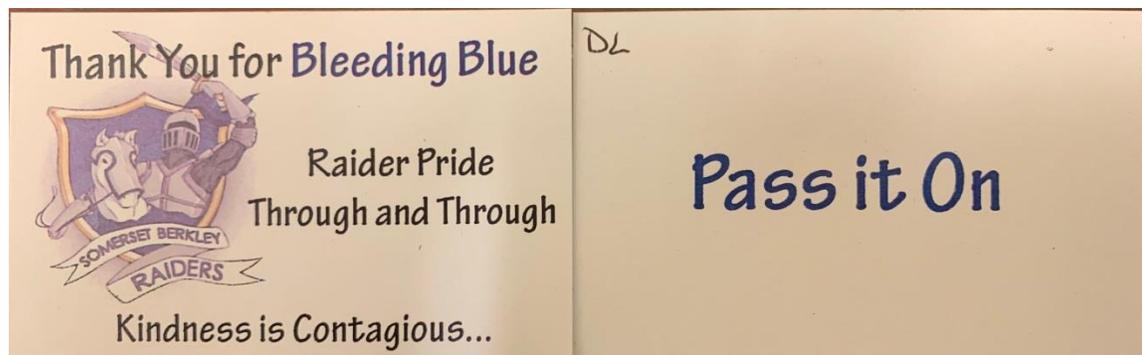
NEAS&C Visit

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEAS&C) will be visiting the school on October 9th and 10th. This organization is charged with deciding if a high school rises to a high standard of education. Schools that do are considered accredited and colleges know that students that our students that are applying are of the highest quality. This process is a ten-year process.

This visit is called the collaborative conference. We have been working for well over a year on a self study. This has been submitted to NEAS&C and they are coming for the two day to observe us and report out. Their whole purpose is to help make us better. We are excited to have them with us and look forward to the feedback that they will provide.

Kindness Cards

Society seems to be quick to find the negative in any situation and cast a spotlight on it. Kindness happens all the time but rarely is it acknowledged. We feel that it is time to change that. Below are cards that are floating out among the school. They are given when someone see a random act of kindness no matter how small. We believe that kindness is contagious. Let's promote the positive. If you get a card, put your initials on the back and pass it along when you see a random act of kindness. If you receive a card that is full, turn it into the main office so we can build our kindness collage.





National Honor Society Awareness Days

Show your Raider spirit & compassion by wearing a different color on the First Friday of every month to bring attention to very important issues.

October 4 - Breast Cancer Awareness (Pink)

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45TH ANNUAL COLLEGE NIGHT



Thursday 10/10

6:00PM - 8:00PM

Joseph Case High School, Swansea

A workshop for High School Students and their Families

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Sunday 10/27

10AM - 5PM

SBRHS Gym

Event Link:

bit.ly/beds4SBRHS19

Twin From \$199 | Full From \$259 | Queen From \$289 | King /CA-King From \$499