



Bayside High School

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Junior Bulletin #2

Junior Year - By The Numbers

I. You should take an SAT I (Reasoning Test) this May or June and again next October or November, possibly a third time in December (SAT II Subject Tests are for more selective schools only). Apply as soon as possible to take the SAT this semester. Those who apply early have a better chance of taking the test at a test site of their choice and will not have to pay a late fee. Students should register and pay by credit card online at: WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.COM. The guidance suite has a limited supply of paper registration envelopes for students who would rather send in a paper application and check or money order, however you must create an account online at WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.COM in order to receive your test scores quickly (approximately 2 weeks), to send your scores to colleges, and to print an SAT test admission ticket. The Bayside High School - School Code is 330355. Limited supplies of SAT fee waivers are available to students that qualify for free/reduced lunch. Pick up one in the Guidance Suite from Period 2 - 7 only.

If you use the registration envelope, complete all of side 1 and answer the survey on side 2 to the best of your knowledge. Do not forget to sign the statement on side 2 and include a check or money order for **the full amount due made out to "The College Board."** Print your name and social security number on the lower left of the check/money order. Put one first class stamp (44 cent) and mail before the deadline.

II. Study for the SAT. In general, the more you study, the better you will do. Buy a book (Barrons, Collegeboard, Princeton Review), Take a practice booklet from the Guidance Suite (room 134). Enroll in a prep Course. Prep courses are available at Bayside H.S. through the PTA. Listen for announcements about this.

SAT Preparation

QUEENS COLLEGE

Tel: 718-997-5700

QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Tel: 718-631-6343

SCHOOL FOR STUDENT ADVANCEMENT

Tel: 1-800-SAT-PREP

SYLVAN IVY PREP

Tel: 1-800-EDUCATE

KAPLAN

Tel: 1-800-KAP-TEST

PRINCETON REVIEW

Tel: 1-800-2-REVIEW

BHS PTA 8 Week SAT Prep (Spring and Fall)

26Q495PA@schools.nyc.gov

With preparation, you will learn such things as when to guess, it is best not to do so when you can eliminate answers. Wrong guesses often result in a loss of points.

III. Hand Teacher Evaluation Forms to 5 teachers of major subjects who know you well and with whom you have done well. The teachers may be for any year from 9th grade on. Students majoring in art or music, in the SMART program, or on a varsity athletic team may give one of the five forms to a teacher/coach in that area. Check with people you distributed the forms to after a few weeks to see if they were able to complete and send them to your guidance counselor. These forms help your counselor to know you better.

IV. Neatly and thoroughly complete the Senior Activity Sheet and have a parent or guardian complete the Parent Brag Sheet and return them to your guidance counselor (room 134) as soon as possible. Use the back of the sheet if you need more room to answer any of the questions. You may update the sheet next year by handing in an additional sheet later on.

V. You will need to write a legible, 2 page college essay on one of these topics in English class next Fall. Start thinking about what you will write. Some popular topics include:

- a) Obstacles that I have faced and worked to overcome.
- b) The person who has most influenced me
- c) My future goals and how going to college will help me reach them.
- d) How I am alike and different from people my age.
- e) My proudest accomplishment(s) during high school.

VI. Answer these questions (this is for YOU only, so be honest):

- 1) Do I want to go to college? Yes_____ No_____
- 2) If not, what will I do after graduating_____
- 3) If I do go, will it be to a 2-year or 4-year college? 2 year_____ 4 year_____
- 4) Do I want to stay home and commute back and forth to college or live away in a college dormitory?
Commute_____ Dorm_____
- 5) If I want to dorm, about how many hours by car do I want to be away from home? _____ hours
- 6) Do I want to be in a college in a big city or do I prefer being in a suburban or rural area?
Urban_____ Suburban_____ Rural_____
- 7) Do I want to attend a college with a small number of students (1,000-3,000 or so), a medium sized one (4,000-7,000 or so) or a large college (10,000, 15,000, 20,000 students)?
Small_____ Medium_____ Large_____
- 8) Do I wish to attend a public or private college?
public_____ private_____

VII. As a result of answering the above questions, attending college fairs, consulting college guides and catalogs, software, taking virtual tours of colleges online at their websites, speaking with your parents, teachers/counselors, friends, looking at college videos and DVDs, you should start to prepare a list of

- 1) CUNY colleges - www.CUNY.edu
- 2) SUNY colleges - www.SUNY.edu
- 3) Private and other State Colleges

You might apply to next Fall.

VIII. By next Fall, as a result of visiting colleges, having more discussions with your parents and others, reading relevant material, you should narrow your list of choices to **CUNY's, SUNY's and at most 6 other colleges. CUNY and SUNY applications must be filled out at www.CUNY.edu and www.SUNY.edu.**

IX. You must print, or submit online, college applications for the colleges to which you want to apply including SUNY and CUNY, in the Fall. Usually the college website can be found through a simple Google search by typing in the name of the college. The first website to come up will often be the college's website. Another way to find a college's website is to type the name of the college in the address bar then add ".edu" instead of ".com" to the web address. You will then be able to start an application by finding it in the "freshmen application" or "prospective students" section of the website. **DO NOT start any applications for colleges until the beginning of your senior year of high school. You must complete applications for the correct year.** Explore the college's website for all the information, including instructions, on how to apply. If you are confused, see your guidance counselor in the Guidance Suite room 134, for help finding applications.

X. In the Fall, you will complete a **CUNY** application online (**make sure you put your OSIS number on the online application**) and send your SAT scores to "UAPC" - code 2950 through WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.COM.

For **SUNY and other applications**, you will send them online (or on paper through the mail) and submit separate large envelopes with stamps to the **Guidance Suite (room 134)** with any "counselor sections," secondary school reports," or "transcript requests." **Remember ALL "COUNSELOR SECTIONS" or "SECONDARY SCHOOL REPORTS," or "TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS" must be submitted to your guidance counselor to process.** You will receive several other bulletins in the fall which describe the process in more detail. Lastly, remember your guidance counselors process THOUSANDS of college applications for our large senior classes, so anything that your guidance counselor sends out for you must be brought in at least **30 days before it is due at the college.** If you need teachers to send recommendations for you to any schools, make sure to give them stamped addressed envelopes also **30 days before the college deadline.** Prepare ahead of time this way you do not have to scramble in order to get things done at the last minute. **You may apply to a MAXIMUM of 6 colleges other than SUNY and CUNY, so choose wisely.**

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