

WELCOME PARENTS AND CLASS OF 2026

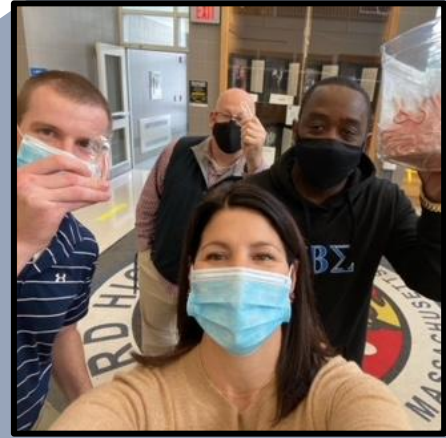




AGENDA

Welcome
Our Administration
1:1 iPad Use at BHS
Getting Involved
Student Supports
Scheduling Information
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MEET OUR ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM!



- **Principal**
Heather Galante
- **Assistant Principal (A-K)**
Dan Hudder
- **Assistant Principal (L-Z)**
Tom Casey



MEET OUR ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM!

- **Academic Achievement Center**
Kristen Tracy
- **METCO Director**
Akil Mondesir
- **Counseling**
Lester Eggleston
- **Special Education**
Michelle DellaValle

- **English**
Dan Hudder (acting)
- **JROTC**
Kenneth Mierz
- **Literacy**
Elizabeth Wilson
- **World Language**
Adriana Thomas
- **Mathematics**
Patrick Morrissey
- **Music and Theater Arts**
Nicole O'Toole
- **Science and Technology**
Michael Griffin
- **Social Studies**
Christine Butler
- **Visual Arts**
Sean Hagan
- **Wellness & Athletics**
Keith Mangan

1:1 IPAD USE AT BHS MR. HUDDER



GETTING INVOLVED MR. CASEY



ATHLETICS - MR. MANGAN



COUNSELING SERVICES AT BHS

School Counselors Help All Students

Programming:

*New Student Orientation, Senior Night, Junior Night,
Sophomore Night, Financial Aid Night, and Grade 9-12 Seminars*

Services:

- Counsel students on how to resolve issues and provide support
- Work with students on academic, career, post-secondary planning and personal goals.
- Create activities with an eye towards safe and supportive culturally-aware environment
- Referrals for supports, consultations, and collaboration with teachers parents/guardians.
- Support the transition to and from BHS

“Not your parents/guardians school counselor”

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS

Advisory at BHS

- Make meaningful connections with peers and teachers
- Promote a sense of community and connectedness at BHS and the larger world
- Multigrade model that meets 1x/week

Ambassador Program

- 9th graders will be paired with BHS Ambassadors during orientation
- Ambassadors will serve a source of support through the transition and throughout the year



SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES AT BHS

Services:

- Full continuum of services
 - Services provided in or out of the general education classroom as determined by the Team
- Each student is assigned a special education liaison
- Strong focus on independence and self-determination

Transition to BHS:

- Planning begins at the start of 8th grade
- Individualized and based on each student's unique needs

Stay Tuned!

An event will be held this spring specific to students who receive special education services

Information will be coming soon

OVERVIEW OF COURSE RECOMMENDATION, COURSE REQUEST, AND ACADEMIC ADVISING PROCESS

8th Grade TEACHERS

Feb 7 - March 4

Recommend specific majors and levels for students.

Speak with students about course recommendations and requests.

Teachers enter recommendations.

STUDENTS

March 7 - 18

Request minors/electives

Choose minor courses and alternate courses to those electives.

COUNSELOR

March 1

Ms. Amirault visits 8th grade social studies classes to review course request process and answer questions.

If you have a concern with a recommendation, please contact the teacher directly.

Program Administrators are also available for course level change questions.

RECOMMENDED COURSES FRESHMAN YEAR

Five Majors

5-credit courses

- English I
- United States History I
- Math - Algebra/Geometry
- World Language
- Physics
- JROTC

Three Minors

2.5-credit courses

- Fitness
- Visual Arts
- Performing Arts
- Technology Education
- Occupational Education
- Support

BHS Program of Studies: Will be available for students and caregivers following S.C. review on 3/9

COURSES TO SUPPORT ACADEMIC SUCCESS

- ★ Reading
- ★ Writing Essentials
- ★ Math Essentials

- ★ **Learning Center** for students who need Special Education support
- ★ **Academic Achievement Center** for students who need General Education support

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES TO GET TO KNOW BHS:

- JGMS Roundtable for parents/caregivers
- Special Education Information Session
- Hanscom Visit
- Step Up Day-Activities Fair (Spring)
- 9th Grade and New Student Orientation (August)
- iPad Orientation
- Attend BHS Events
- Summer Visits and Tours
- School Improvement Plan



Bedford High School Parents Association (BHSPA)

The BHSPA is a parent-volunteer organization which raises and distributes funds to various initiatives, programs and events for BHS including:

- Funding of 10 new picnic tables to accommodate outdoor lunches, classes, clubs, etc.
- Teacher/Student grants to fund school projects including technology equipment for BHS NOW, funding for grade specific initiatives, club needs, etc.
- Ice cream socials for each class to re-connect upon returning to in-person classes in 2021
- Preparation and Distribution of Student Directories
- Organization and Fundraising for All Night Grad Party
- Sponsorship of Teacher/Staff Appreciation events
- Supports the History Fair, Tenacity Challenge, Ambassador Program Training, Travel Scholarship, International Students Reception, Spring musical & much more.

Funding comes exclusively from parent/guardian donations.

What can you do?

DONATE!

BHSPA.ORG (PayPal or credit card)

Please help us support important initiatives for BHS students

GET INVOLVED - join a committee!

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA:

EMAIL: BHSBucsparents@gmail.com

WEBSITE - www.bhspa.org



@BedfordHighSchoolParentsAssociation



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2021-2022 BHSPA Officers

Co-Presidents: Susan DiGangi & Lisa Kaushik
Co-Vice Presidents: Diane Bernstein & Kerry Rackey
Treasurer: Robin Steele
Secretary: Dawn Kociubes
Communications Coordinator: Paula Gilarde
Webmaster: Jenny Stewart

Committee Chairs:

Hospitality: Julie Frederick & Bree Hester
Student Directory: Jenny Stewart
All Night Grad Party: Dawn Kociubes & Kerry Rackey
Fundraising: OPEN
Boston Representative: Danita Kelley-Brewster
Hanscom Representatives: Julie Frederick & Bree Hester

Consider joining our Board and committees. Our goal is to be a diverse, inclusive committee representing all voices in our student community. Would you like to get involved?

Please email us at BHSBucsparents@gmail.com.

SOME IMPORTANT TAKEAWAYS:

- **Bedford High School is a great place**
- **Be curious and be open to new friendships**
- **Not all kids are the same**
- **New start**
- **Students-You are prepared for this**
- **Ask questions**
- **Do not stress and grades are not everything**
- **Take a deep breath**



SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, May 4

7:00-8:30

Class of 2022 Student Panel
Creating Your High School Experience
Moderated by: Ground Up



NEXT STEPS

- ★ Academic Fair in Library
- ★ Student Led Tours
- ★ Thank you!
- ★ Follow Instagram
[@principal_galante](#)

**YOU
GOT
THIS!**

