

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, January 13, 2022

- **The National English Honor Society** will meet on Tuesday, January 18th, at 7:10AM in the High School Library. All members are expected to attend. If you have any questions, please see either Mrs. Johanson or Mrs. Small.
- **Senior High Mock Trial** is canceled today, Thursday 1/13.
- **Registration for the Spring 2022 Driver Education Course** has begun. Please stop by the Attendance Office to pick up an enrollment form. Forms and payment are due by 1/13. You must be 16 years old and in possession of a Learners Permit in order to register. Enrollment is limited. Please see Mrs. Michele in Attendance if you have any questions. (application attached).
- The Junior High Student Council is hosting their **Annual Coat Drive**. Winter wear such as gloves, hats, jackets, etc will be collected. Please bring all donations to the box at the Grove Place entrance box. All donations go out to local families in need.
- All cast members are called to rehearsal for the spring musical **“The Addams Family”** this Tuesday through Thursday 1/11-1/13. Rehearsals are from 3-5 PM. Be prepared to sing on Tuesday and Thursday, and we will dance on Wednesday. Please check Teams for more specific information.

**BABYLON JUNIOR- SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM**

SPRING 2022 SEMESTER

We are excited to announce that Babylon High School will be continuing its NYS Education Department certified Driver Education course for the fall semester. Upon successful completion of this course, students will receive an MV-285 (Student Certificate of Completion) which gives them the opportunity to obtain a Senior Driver's License at age 17 and an insurance reduction according to the policies of your insurance carrier. They will also receive an MV-278 (Pre-Licensing Course Completion Certificate) which enables the students to schedule a road test with the DMV.

Driver's Education is divided into two parts, classroom instruction (24 hours) and in-vehicle instruction (24 hours). The New York State Education Department and the Department of Motor Vehicles have provided schools with guidance that allows for flexibility in the way we administer our Driver's Education program.

LECTURE:

For sixteen weeks, an hour-and-a-half period of lecture must be attended by each student, along with an hour-and-a half of in-car instruction supervised by a parent/guardian. The program will begin Thursday, January 27th and end on Thursday, May 26th. All participants must be 16 years of age and in possession of their permit.

The cost of the course will be \$150.

Attendance is MANDATORY – The New York State Education Department and the Department of Motor Vehicle guidelines for Driver and Traffic Safety Education require a minimum of 24 hours of classroom instruction and 24 hours of in-car instruction in order to receive an MV-285.

Lecture classes with Mr. Morra will take place virtually on THURSDAY evenings from 7:30pm – 9:00pm via Teams.

DRIVING:

Due to COVID-19, we will not be contracting with a driving school to complete the in-vehicle instruction. Rather, as part of the program, students will complete the in-vehicle instruction, observation, and applied practice, under the direct supervision of their parent/guardian. The state is allowing for the 24 hours of in-vehicle instruction (6 hours of driving/18 hours of observation) to be completed under the supervision of a parent/guardian holding a valid NY State Driver's License. All parents/guardians will be given curriculum guidance and log sheets to indicate completion of driving lessons and observation time.

NOTE: Private lessons from Fitzgerald's Driving School (or any licensed driving school) can be used toward the 6 hours of parent/guardian driving time (documentation must be provided by the driving school).

Please submit the attached application and check in the amount of \$150.00 (made out to Babylon High School Driver Education) to Mrs. Michele in the Attendance Office.

NOTE: Prorated refunds for withdrawing students will be made during the first month of classes *only*. Under State guidelines, no credit can be given for this course.

**Registration begins Tuesday, January 11th and ends
Thursday, January 13th.
Enrollment is limited.**

**BABYLON HIGH SCHOOL
SPRING 2022**

DRIVER EDUCATION PERMISSION SLIP/LIABILITY WAIVER

Name _____ Grade _____ Email _____
(legal name – no nicknames)

Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Birthdate _____ Age _____ Learner's Permit #: _____
(ATTACH COPY OF PERMIT)

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 health crisis, the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and the New York State Education Department (NYSED) have allowed for the resumption of Driver and Traffic Safety Education (DTSE). They have allowed the option for students to complete their required 24 hours of in-car training under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian. By signing this document, I affirm that:

- The driver conducting in-car training with my child holds a valid New York State Driver's License.
- The car in which my child is receiving in-car training is currently legally registered, inspected, and fully insured.
- I assume full responsibility for the health and safety of my child while they are receiving in-car training under my supervision.
- The Babylon Union Free School District and their employees are held harmless while my child is receiving in-car training under my supervision.

I hereby permit my child to take the Driver Education Program hosted at Babylon Junior-Senior High School:

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student's Signature

Date

PLEASE SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION AND A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150.00 (made out to Babylon High School Driver Education) to Mrs. Michele in the Attendance Office.

OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Received: _____ Check #: _____