


Class of '25 C&CC Newsletter

An excited "hello!" from Mrs. Erikson, K002

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JUMPSTART FOR JUNIOR FUTURE PLANNING NIGHT - PART II



**With a focus on the Current
Landscape of Highly Selective
College Admissions**

**JOIN THE FHS SCHOOL COUNSELING
DEPARTMENT & BOSTON COLLEGE
UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS ON**

**WED, MAY 1ST 6:30-8PM
ANKATELL AUDITORIUM**

WE WILL COVER:

- College app checklist & timeline
- The impact of race neutral admission
- Test optional policies
- Early Programs (ED I and II, EA)
- Demonstration of Interest
- Managing college lists and expectations

*No pre-registration necessary; open to all FHS Grade 11 students/families

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Postsecondary Resources

RESEARCHING COLLEGES + POSTSECONDARY RESOURCES

Ms. Erikson has created Canvas pages to help you explore information and resources related to the college search + application process and answer commonly asked questions. Check them out below:

- [The College Search](#)
- [The College Application Process](#)
- [Mass Bay / community college](#)
- [Standardized Testing](#)
- [Military](#)
- [Alternative Pathways](#) --> e.g. gap years; trade/apprenticeship programs; internships



▶ Early Decision

Students can pick a single school to apply to, under a binding agreement – if they are admitted, they must attend.

Early Decision I

This is the main attempt for students to apply ED to a given school – and usually has the most advantage for students in terms of admit rates.

Early Decision II

For students who aren't admitted in the first ED wave, some schools offer another round – there isn't usually as much advantage in admit rates here, but still better than regular admission.

Typical deadline: **November 1st**

Typical decision release: **December 15th**

▶ Early Action

Students apply earlier in the timeline. They aren't bound to enroll if they're admitted.

Regular Early Action

Students apply earlier in the cycle, to as many schools as they'd like. There's a slight advantage to admit rate, and students also get the benefit of learning the decisions earlier in the process.

Single-Choice Early Action

Students apply earlier in the cycle, but for these schools, they are only allowed to apply to a single school. There's a slight advantage to admit rate.

Typical deadline: **November 1st**

Typical decision release: **December 15th**

▶ Regular Decision

Students apply to as many schools as they'd like, and are not bound to enroll if they are offered admission.

Typical deadline:

January 1st

Typical decision release:

April 1st

Upcoming College Fairs

Attending a college fair will allow you to see just how many different types of colleges and universities are out there! Exploring one place with lots of different schools in attendance will help you build and narrow down your college list.

Trade & Construction Expo Marlboro, MA - 4/3/24

Explore new paths in the trades! Youth Connections will be hosting a Trade & Construction Expo for high school students in Marlboro, MA on April 3rd from 9am-1pm. All high school students are welcome; no registration necessary. For more information, please email Meghan Burke at mburke@masshiresw.com.

- When: April 3, 2024 from 9:00 am- 1:00 pm
- Where: Royal Plaza Trade Center, Marlborough, MA

MSW Youth Connections Trade and Construction Expo April 3 2024.pdf

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Thinking about Gap Years at College Decision Time - 4/11/24

Thinking about Gap Years at College Decision Time - Thursday April 11, 2024 at 7:00pm ET

Is it too late to consider a Gap Year? How do I organize a Gap Year if I'm not sure what I want to do? How do I ask for a deferral if I've accepted an admissions offer? Join Katherine Stievater, Founder of Gap Year Solutions, for a presentation and Q&A to answer these and other questions that always come up at college decision time. She will also cover the benefits of Gap Years, and how more students are choosing Gap Years to improve college readiness. **Registration:** click [HERE!](#)

Speaker Bio: Katherine Stievater founded Gap Year Solutions to help students successfully transition to college. She works with students across the U.S. to structure internships, work



Gap Year
Solutions

service, travel and other activities into a customized plan. Based in Belmont, MA, Katherine is an Accredited Gap Year Consultant and has four sons, three of whom have taken Gap Years. She speaks and publishes regularly to raise awareness about the benefits of Gap Years.

MassBay STEM EXPO - 5/8 (in-person) or 5/5-5/10 (virtual)

- **MBCC STEM EXPO (In Person): Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 1-2PM - WH Cafeteria**
- **MBCC STEM EXPO (Virtual): Monday, May 5 - Friday, May 10**

The STEM EXPO recognizes the creativity and contributions of our students and faculty over the course of the semester in the disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics and seeks to foster alliances with secondary schools, higher

education, and private industry in the region. Our exhibition highlights student-developed projects that demonstrate the multi-dimensional skills, problem-solving capabilities and talents of our diverse student body. We hope you will be able to visit the STEM EXPO on campus and virtually to see what our students have accomplished. Throughout the week we invite you to:

- Browse through the STEM EXPO site pages and watch short videos of student projects in the areas of Science, Computer Science, Engineering, and Mathematics.
- Presenters will be checking the page once a day to reply to comments and questions.

Stop by the Wellesley Hills Cafeteria on Wednesday, May 8, from 1-2 PM, to see the student exhibits and chat with the presenters.



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Summer Programs for HS Students

Summer opportunities provide a stimulating, supportive & safe environment for students during the summer - academic or otherwise! Check them out her.

Standardized Testing Info & Resources

Be sure to look at Ms. Erikson's '[Standardized Testing](#)' Canvas page for detailed information on the following:

- SAT + ACT registration instructions
- SAT + ACT study resources
- Fee waiver information
- Testing accommodations

- TOEFL registration

Do you have free/reduced lunch and/or receive any financial assistance? If so, you qualify for a SAT fee waiver! A fee waiver covers the cost of up to two SAT tests and three SAT Subject Tests. It will also cover submitting college applications through the Common Application. If you need an SAT or ACT fee waiver please contact school counselor.

TEST OPTIONAL SCHOOLS: Test optional means that a school does not require SAT or ACT scores as a part of your application. Over 1,000 colleges and universities are test optional. Find a complete list at www.fairtest.org!

THE TOEFL EXAM: The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is a standardized test that measures English language ability for non-native speakers who plan to enroll in an English speaking college. The test evaluates listening, reading, writing, and speaking skills in relationship to academic tasks. Test costs range between \$150-\$225. Unfortunately, no financial aid is offered for the TOEFL test. Fee-based and free prep materials can be found on the TOEFL website, on Canvas, or in the College & Career Center (K007). To register and see test dates/locations visit www.toefl.org.

Upcoming SAT/ACT Practice Exams & Webinars

Digital SAT Practice Exams with Revolution Prep

The paper SAT is officially retired, and I know there is some curiosity about the digital SAT that is taking its place. Our friends at Revolution Prep are excited to support us through this transition by offering our students a digital SAT practice exam. The digital SAT experience is designed to accurately reflect the official College Board test in format, user experience, adaptivity, and content. Support your student in being prepared by registering for one (or both) of the practice tests below:



- **Digital SAT Practice Exam:** [Saturday, February 3, 2024](#) | 9:00 AM EST – Noon EST | Online
- **Digital SAT Practice Exam:** [Saturday, March 30, 2024](#) | 9:00 AM EST – Noon EST | Online
- **Digital SAT Practice Exam:** [Saturday, May 11, 2024](#) | 9:00 AM EST – Noon EST | Online

-Step 1: Register here: www.revolutionprep.com/partners/673

-Step 2: Schedule a free 30-minute score report review with a Revolution Prep testing expert to help you interpret the results and develop a customized plan to prepare. Please schedule this appointment for the few days after the exam. You can pre-schedule this Score Report Review here: www.revolutionprep.com/david-zimbalist

-Step 3: Attend the mock exam and get your results immediately with Revolution Prep's mobile scoring app!

Questions? If you have questions or want to learn more about Revolution Prep, you can reach out to David Zimbalist at (617) 640-0744 or by email at david.zimbalist@revolutionprep.com.

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AP Exams

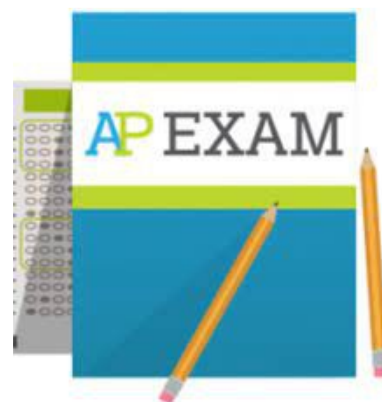
AP Prep with Revolution

Preparing for May AP Exams? *Revolution Prep can help!*

Revolution Test PReP is thrilled to introduce their latest AP Exam prep resources for educators, students, and families. Customize your support options to best fit your school community's needs and elevate your AP Exam preparation journey.

- **Mini-Readiness Quizzes:** Use our 10-min quizzes as a bell-ringer, exit slip, or homework to assess your students' progress towards achieving their target AP Exam score: [View Quizzes](#)
- **Practice Exams:** Choose from multiple dates and times for six free practice exams in popular subject areas to offer to your students and their families: [View Schedule](#)
- **FREE family webinar:** Families can join live or get a recording of our Unlocking the AP Exam webinar to uncover college preferences, recent exam changes, and effective student preparation strategies: [How to register](#)

For a complete overview of our AP exam preparation resources [click here](#).



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Summer & Fall Small Group / Private Tutoring

Revolution Prep - June & October 2024

It's easy to take the Digital SAT unprepared and get a score. It's less easy for your child to take the Digital SAT unprepared and get their goal score. Long hours studying on their own isn't the only way they can open more doors to better schools and even win scholarship money! Sign up for a Small Group Course for your child's official test date or ask your Revolution Prep academic advisor about one-on-one help preparing for the Digital SAT. View dates and register [here!](#)



Contact David Zimbalist (david.zimbalist@revolutionprep.com) with questions or for more information.

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Work Permits

- 1) Take a form from your house/academy or access work permits online using the QR code below
- 2) Your employer should fill out the "Promise of Employment" Section
- 3) On page two, you can skip the "Physician's Certificate of Health" section if you are older than 15. If not, your doctor must fill it out.
- 4) Your parents/guardians need to fill out/sign #4
- 5) You sign #5
- 6) When all that is filled out, **please hand it in to your house/academy office assistant - please include your hair and eye color**

- English: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/youth-employment-permit-application/download>
- Español: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/youth-employment-permit-application-spanishspanol/download>
- Português: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/youth-employment-permit-portuguese/download>

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Other Upcoming Events

Volunteer & Community Service Opportunities

Project Just Because - Board Positions available!



PJB is the 3rd largest nonprofit in the greater Boston area and is based in Hopkinton, MA. We are dedicated to helping struggling families throughout Massachusetts. We are searching for driven and organized students from different schools for this leadership role. Responsibilities include...

- MANAGING FUNDRAISERS TO RAISE MONEY IN YOUR COMMUNITY
- MONTHLY VOLUNTEERING AT THE PJB BUILDING
- LEADING ANOTHER TEAM OF STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

Students will also receive volunteer hours for their work! If you are interested in applying, fill out this form by March 8th: <https://forms.gle/ZMWP4eRbSwHitR8MA>

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Contact studentboardpresidents@projectjustbecause.org with any questions. Learn more about PJB at <https://www.projectjustbecause.org/>

PJB Lead Application.pdf

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Youth in Philanthropy

Looking for an exciting way to build leadership skills and engage with future leaders? **Youth in Philanthropy (YIP)** might be just the for you! YIP is a free experiential leadership development program for High School students living or learning in the MetroWest region, and is designed to empower and educate local youth to become our community's next generation of philanthropists.

In Sudbury, our program will kick off on Tuesday, January 16 and will be held at The Sudbury Foundation at 326 Concord Road, Sudbury.

In Wellesley, our program will begin on Thursday, January 18 and will be held at our offices at 3 Eliot St, Natick (right over the Natick/Wellesley line).

Our [application can be found here](#). *We have passed our priority deadline, but we will continue to accept students on a rolling basis until the spaces are filled.



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Connect!

Want to get in touch with me?

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Monday - Friday | 7:00am-2:15pm

Should a parent/guardian wish to meet with me, I am available by appointment only. Appointments can be made by calling/emailing the phone number and email below.

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