

BAYSIDE ACADEMY

COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Greetings Bayside Upper School Parents,

We continue to live out our mission here on a day-to-day basis. Each week this year has brought with it unique opportunities and unique challenges. This week started with our students taking the SAIS Value Narrative survey. We deeply value the voices of our families and will be paying careful attention to the answers our students provided. Tomorrow, our 10th and 11th graders will take the PSAT and that is always a grinding mental activity for them as they try to perform well on high stakes assessment.

For those of you who have 10th and 11th grade students taking the PSAT tomorrow, please be sure to contact Mrs. Gaston before 10:30 if you plan on dismissing them after they finish the assessment. While these absences will not be excused, we understand if you choose to allow your child to have an early dismissal from school. Teachers plan on engaging the students in class regardless, but we are all aware that the PSAT takes a toll on the minds of our students.

Parents of seniors, your students were granted their long desired privileges this morning. It is vitally important that they operate with the understanding that these are indeed privileges and, as such, they can be stripped away for a variety of reasons. Mr. Marine, Mr. Richardson, and I went over the expectations and details that they must abide by. These included maintaining academic good standing and not having behavioral issues or honor council infractions. Any concerns or issues that arise falling underneath those three topics could result in a student, or the entire class, losing their senior privileges for a certain amount of time. That being said, we trust our seniors to be the leaders we know they are capable of being and representing themselves and our community well when they are off campus.

Lastly, don't forget that the end of the quarter is THIS FRIDAY! We will hold parent/teacher conferences on Wednesday afternoon. Parents with students earning a 75 or below will be called for a conference. You will either hear from Mrs. Gaston or your individual teacher. For those of you who have students with a 76 or above but have concerns or questions that you would like to address with your teacher, please reach out to them about another time to sit down or have a conversation by phone. Wednesday's conferences are for students with 75 and below only.

I hope you all have a fantastic week and continue to enjoy the hint of fall we are experiencing.

My best,



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