

BARUCH PTA Meeting March 9, 2021 @ 5:30pm

Becky Burgoon & Beth Kufeld: Co Presidents – This is their last term. Baruch PTA is looking for people to join E board as several of the parents have seniors and will not be here next year. If you are interested in running or know someone who is, please let the PTA know. You can email bcchs.pta@gmail.com or email Becky burgoon@gmail.com or Beth, bkufeld@gmail.com directly. Becky has been working hard to organize events for the seniors, weather permitting there will possibly be an outdoor graduation and outdoor Senior awards night. Details to follow. Possibly an outdoor prom in the works.

Ms. Perez

School is reopening. Mar 22nd! There will be a meeting next week – Wed March 17th to go over new schedule for reopening. Stay tuned. There will be a full plan by next Wed. It is only for students that opted in previously. Talk they might reopen the window to opt in. Figuring out best way to bring students back and open building safely.

We will have a guest speaker tonight from Prompt Organization. We received a grant for a college readiness program, and this helped pay for Prompt's services. Their program helps students with their college essays. All Juniors will listen to speakers from Prompt on Friday. Each Jr. will get a ticket for College essay feedback. Funded by MIT grads, they hire professors to work with students on essays. Naviance is now paid for through our grant that we received.

Students had time in school about how to read the transcript. This is a condensed presentation of that.

Transcripts and graduation requirements Spring 2021

Every student should have received their transcript in the mail. If you did not, we possibly have wrong address. Please contact Janice Salmieri to update. Mailed before Feb break. You can make a transcript request, for summer program. Go to Student Life on website and it can be emailed to you as encrypted file.

What is not on transcript?

Marking period or quarter grades – only final grades

Comments

Attendance

Test Scores such as PSAT, SAT, ACT AP's AND SAT Subject test

Middle school classes that did not earn HS credit.

Courses (Classes)

Organized in chronological order

Name of the course

The final grade received for the course

How many credits you earned for the course

GPA- listed on bottom- cumulative average all grades for as long as you have been in High School

Different courses weigh differently. English and AP courses are weighted more. AP- weighted at 1.10 x grade. If you received an 80 it is calculated as an 88 in your GPA.

Regents Exams

Regents' exams are NOT included in your GPA

Name of the exam

Score received on the exam

If exam is taken more than once, the highest score will be on transcript

Not included in GPA

Exams from June 2020 were waived (WA). WA means requirement was met.

Middle School grades

Only classes that earn HS credits are on your transcript Course grade will be included in GPA

NY STATE GRAD requirements

There are 3 types of diplomas:

Regents

Advanced regents

Local- for students that have IEP.

All valid diplomas

8 credits in core English

8 Credits in social studies

6 credits of Math

6 credits in Science

2 in any life science

2 in physical science

2 in any life or physical science

2 credits in Languages Other Than English- Baruch students take 3 years of Spanish

4 credits in physical education, every year in specific ways

1 credit in health education

2 credits of arts education, including visual arts, music, dance and theater

7 credits of electives

Regents Diploma

Students must score 65 or higher on these 5 exams to earn a Regents Diploma

English

Any math

Any social studies exam

Any science exam

Any additional Regents exam approved by the State

Advanced Regents: need to pass 9 exams - need to take all 3 math regents' exams

Students that have 90 or higher on exams will get honors designation on their diploma

All transcript information can be found on the NYC My Student account.

Speaker- Welcome Ariel Bridges from Prompt This presentation will be recorded for anyone that was not able to make it and Alicia will send a link with her weekly email on Sunday.

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The importance of essays in the admissions process
Intro to college essays
The purpose of the college app

Intro to college essays

Personal Statements- this essay will be used for all schools they apply to. We recommend working on essay in July or Aug before Fall. That way students can work on School Supplemental essays after the summer. Supplemental essay prompt examples: Why this college- why this major, activities description
Most schools release their supplemental essay prompts on Aug 1st

Stronger essays can improve your chance of admissions by 5x among those with a similar academic profile.

Prompt helps students find what is unique and important to them

The goal of the application?

To prove you will be successful in college and beyond
You will graduate and do well in your classes
You will contribute positively to the schools' community
You will have a positive impact or whatever you choose to do in the future
The college will help you achieve your goals or put you on a path to achieving them

5 Traits colleges look for in their applicants

Drive- Pushing yourself to succeed no matter how long the odds, going through difficult situations and coming out a better person
Intellectual curiosity- Learning just for the fun of it to gain a deeper understanding of subjects/topics which they are interested
Initiative- not willing to accept the status quo, entrepreneurial, always thinking of ways to improve
Contribution- making their community, school, organizations or peers better as a result of their involvement or actions
Diversity of experiences- Different life experiences and ways of thinking about the world, adding unique perspectives to the student body

3 common Myths- re essay process

The well-rounded students- being good at everything helps but colleges are really looking for people who excel in one or a few things- focus on these "spikes"

Needing to tell their life story- focus on something else- intellectual curiosity or initiative not your whole life story

Creative and thought provoking- An essay does not need to be overly creative or use metaphors, large words or be thought provoking. It just needs to cover the content in a clear way. Admissions officers need to understand who the student is within 1-2 minutes

Strong Essays combine what you have done with how you write about it.

What you have done should be explored while there's still time to gain experiences- therefore students should start process in the spring of Junior year

Keep in Mind:

College essays are not hard- they don't need to be perfect, creative or philosophical. Focus on showcasing your experiences in a clear way – prove you will be successful in college and beyond.

Getting feedback is critical. But be smart about who you get it from.

Writing a compelling Common App essay should take 6-8 hours of a student time over 2 weeks, get it done in June or July, then focus on your supplements.

PROMPT

Founded in 2014 by 3 MIT grads. Our mission is to make students better writers.

We have network of world class Writing Coaches. We accept less than 2% of applicants- carefully recruit and train our employees.

Families can purchase review packages or pay for review help as they go.

The Prompt platform can help you students start the writing process.

Baruch students will get one session free.

Baruch will also get a discount on additional sessions or packages. prompt.com/baruch- student can go and create their account take advantage of free sessions or more.

Defining worth or their traits to help students recognize that. Same experiences but your experience will be different from someone else. We will be working with JRs on Friday.

If you are applying ED by Nov 1st – more the reason to start essay early.
Showcase your unique interests and your ambitions.