# Student Support Services NQHS & QHS School Counseling

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#### Social Emotional Support in the High School

- Daily open virtual office hours and by appointment through zoom with counselors
- Regular communication with students and families through email/newsletter
- SEL check-in during classroom presentations
- Social Emotional Learning post weekly on Google Classroom
- Regular communication with teachers about social emotional concerns
- Outreach to families to offer support in various ways (counseling referrals, technology, monetary assistance, supplies, etc.)



- Regular posts about post-graduate planning, scholarships, and college information
- Weekly SEL posts
- Presentations and recordings of presentations for viewing on transition to high school and post-graduate planning topics
- Ease of communication between counselors and students

#### SEL Check-in during presentations

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1M27S9JeQ3l0gyrXSHJgodpImFCXcid3oiio6KtAUZDc/edit

What Zone Are You In?			
Blue	Green	Yellow	Red
Sick Sad Tired Bored Moving Slowly	Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	Mad/Angry Mean Yelling/Hitting Disgusted Out of Control

#### SEL check-in during presentations

# What can teachers or other adults at school do to better help you?

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# Examples of Social Media Posting

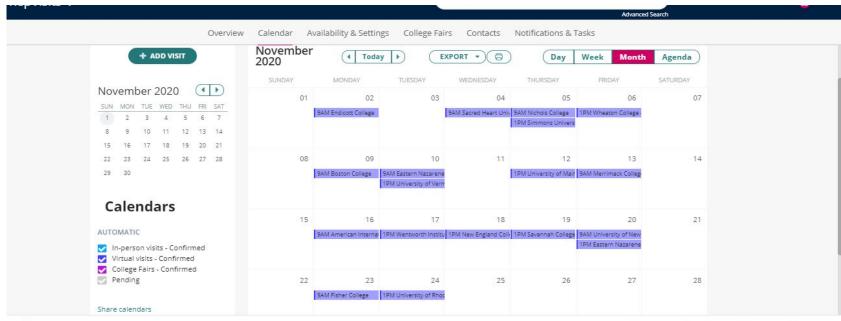




#### Post-Graduate Planning during the time of COVID

- Virtual presentations to students and families (recorded and posted on QPS website and in Google classroom)
- Google classrooms set-up for seniors and each class -- updated with post-graduate planning information
- Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) for more information sharing
- Virtual college planning appointments with counselors
- Virtual college fairs through NACAC, College Board, and other agencies
- Virtual on-the-spot admissions (Bridgewater U, Quincy College, Massasoit & Nichols)
- Naviance virtual college visits daily from September to December
- FAFSA support virtually with a volunteer
- Scholarships: Sponsors continue to be extremely generous to our students

# Virtual College Visits through Naviance



#### What is new with the College Admissions Process?

- Colleges are being flexible -- Understand pass/fail or credit/no credit grades for spring of 2020 and will not be held against students
- Many colleges are offering virtual visits, open houses, and tours
- New Common App Covid optional essay prompt Community disruptions such as COVID-19 and natural disasters can have deep and long-lasting impacts. If you need it, this space is yours to describe those impacts. Colleges care about the effects on your health and well-being, safety, family circumstances, future plans, and education, including access to reliable technology and quiet study spaces.

#### **PSAT Administration**

- NQHS and QHS administered the PSAT to approximately
   550 students on Tuesday, January 26th
- First standardized testing since November of 2019
- Very successful and well attended

#### What has changed with SAT and ACT in Admissions?

- Many colleges were test-optional for 2021- 22 applications -- which means that students can choose to apply without submitting test scores; some have chosen to remain test optional
- Website to find out which schools are test optional: <u>www.fairtest.org</u>
- Make sure to check requirements for each school, as some schools may have other requirements
- SAT is no longer offering SAT Subject tests
- SAT will discontinue the optional SAT Essay after the June 2021 administration
- Check SAT and ACT websites for updated information on testing locations, dates, and cancellations

# SAT Update

- NQHS & QHS is offering a school-day SAT on Tuesday, April 27
- Register with the school (details are forthcoming)
- The March 13th SAT administration at NQHS & QHS is cancelled

# Thank you!