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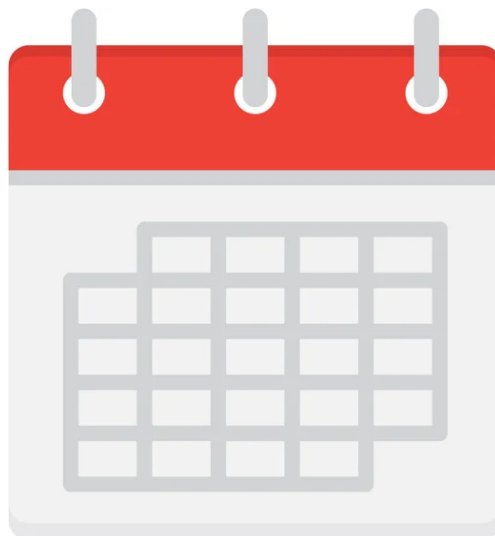
SEPAC's Education Empowerment Newsletter



May 2026

The end of the school year is so close now. If you're the parent or guardian of a senior, congratulations on making it to the final 3 weeks of high school! We celebrate you and with you through this achievement. Remember the last day of school for your senior is Friday May 22!

For the rest of us, don't forget to check on your student's portfolio and make sure they got at least one element from each of their academic classes, their shop, and showcase their school spirit and volunteer work.



Upcoming Events

Grades

- May 6, Portfolios Due (Seniors)
- May 10, Q4 Progress Reports Posted
- May 27, Portfolios Due (Grades 9-11)

Early Release and No School

- Fri May 22, Last day for Seniors
- Mon May 25, Memorial Day, No School
- Wed May 27, Early Release, 12:30
- Mon Jun 1, Early Release, 11:21am
- Mon Jun 1, Graduation, 1:00-3:30pm

Next MMSEPAC Monthly Meeting

- Thur May 7, 7:00pm

Register in advance by [clicking here](#).



MMSEPAC Officer Elections

When: Thurs May 7, 7:00-8:00pm

The MMSEPAC is dedicated to the nearly 50% of Minuteman students on IEPs and 504s. Are you interested in helping them and their families advocate for better support? The MMSEPAC Board is hosting elections for 2 Co-Chairpersons, a Vice Chair, and a Secretary for the 2026-2027 school year. Come vote for the next officers to take the SEPAC forward. Register for the monthly meeting by [clicking here](#).

Navigating Accommodations From High School to College

The transition from high school to college for students with disabilities is both exciting and challenging for parents and students.

Virtual Presentation
Wednesday, May 20, 2026
7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

90 minute presentation-
Discussing the main differences (both practical and legal) between high school and college regarding accommodations, the changing role of parents/guardians, and the top three tools' students need to develop prior to their first semester on campus.



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Navigating Accommodations from
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Virtual Event: Navigating Accommodations From High School To College

When: Wed, May 20 @ 7:00-8:30pm

The transition from high school to college for students with disabilities is both exciting and challenging for parents and students. **The Autism Resource Center** is hosting a 90 minute virtual event to help you navigate the main differences (both practical and legal) between high school and college regarding accommodations, the changing role of parents/guardians, and the top three tools' students need to develop prior to their first semester on campus. [Click here to register.](#)



Focus On: Getting Organized

When: Mon, May 11 @ 6:00 - 7:30pm

The Federation for Children with Special Needs (FCSN)'s Parent-to-Parent (P2P) group can help you build your organizational skills. Participants create a binder space with supplies and ideas to organize medical and educational records, while also exploring digital record-keeping and emergency preparedness. Learn more by visiting [FCSN](#).



Shout Out: Carrie Bernstein

"Ms. Bernstein stands out for her dedication to teaching 'real-world' mathematics with a consistently positive attitude. Her curriculum goes beyond the textbook, providing students with a vital foundation in financial literacy—covering everything from writing checks to understanding proper credit. Her ability to engage students in topics like saving money and avoiding scams is a testament to her teaching style. We are so grateful for her commitment to preparing our students for a successful, independent future." -- Parent of a Junior.

Want to shout out a teacher or staff member? Email us at chair@mmsepac.org or use the site form to [share your insights](#) anonymously.

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