

## Superintendent's Highlight March 1, 2019



The opening days of the spring semester bring the annual Sophomore College Tour organized by JFKHS Counselor, Jason Miller. Our enthusiastic chaperones included Mr. Jacobson (Art), Mr. Lasher (HS Counselor), Mrs. O'Donnell (Research), Mr. DeSimone (Science), and the Director of Guidance, Ms. Lynn. This year, 47 sophomores visited the Boston area during record-breaking cold weather, but their spirits were warmed by the welcome they received.

Students enjoyed tours of Brandeis University, Bentley University, Boston College, Boston University, Northeastern University, Harvard University and the University of Connecticut.



In addition to sampling dining hall food (including lots of ice cream) throughout Boston, the students were treated to chats with POB alumni, attended a performance of Shear Madness, toured Fenway Park and came home with lots of prizes from Dave and Busters. Highlights of the trip included visits to the campus bookstores where the students are able to add to their collection of college gear. Students learned how to compare colleges, questions to ask, and what to look for as they prepare for the college exploration process. They were also able to hear from the college representatives about how applications are reviewed, the strengths of their academic programs as well as the variety of unique campus traditions.



Despite the freezing temperatures, students were enthusiastic visitors and left a positive impression with each of the admissions representatives. Many left the experience with firmer minds on where they wanted to send in their applications for the next leg of their academic journey. Kudos to the teachers and guidance counselors who each

year give time away from their families so that our sophomores can have this valuable experience.

