

SUBJECT: CHANGE IN GRADUATION REQUIREMENT FOR THE CLASS OF 2012

July 24, 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian of a Sophomore Student:

At the July 14th Board of School Directors meeting a wonderful opportunity for Boyertown Area Senior High School (BASH) sophomore students was approved. The graduation (Capstone) requirement for the class of 2012 has been changed to a career portfolio based project from its current format. This year, through the use of career cruising website; <http://www.careercruising.com/>, all sophomore students will have the opportunity to continue with the utilization of the career cruising website to continue with the creation of their electronic career portfolio.

The work that your child had already completed, with regards to his/her career portfolio, at either Boyertown Junior High East (JHE) or West (JHW) has been transferred to BASH. The following are the tasks that your child will be asked to complete by the conclusion of his/her (their) sophomore year:

- **Post-secondary education/training investigation** (students to complete one of the following):
 - College visit and reflect upon the experience to be placed in portfolio
 - Research 2-3 post-secondary schools (could include meeting with college representatives at BASH) and reflect upon the experience to be placed in portfolio

- **Career investigation** (students to complete both of the following):
 - Matchmaker (completed in the school counseling office)
 - Career research project (done in health classes in conjunction with goal-setting and self-discovery portions of curriculum) to be placed in portfolio

- **Personal Planning/Goal Setting** (students will complete the following):
 - Use PLAN test results to establish individual goals to be placed in portfolio

The following are the months which your child's career electronic portfolio will be checked for completed assigned tasks:

- November
- February
- May

You will be informed if your child fails to complete the assigned task by the scheduled completion/checkpoint date.

We believe students should continue thinking about their academic futures during their sophomore year. These assigned tasks, which will be monitored by BASH faculty, will help students better understand the course work and provide them with the experiences and skills needed to be properly prepared for higher education and or the work place.

I hope you are as excited as we are about this great opportunity. Should you have any questions specific to the career portfolio, please contact my office at 610-473-3680. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brett A. Cooper
Principal