

July 22, 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian of a Sophomore Student:

As your child begins a new experience at Boyertown Area Senior High School, work with the career portfolio continues. 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:**
  - College or post-secondary visit and reflective essay written in English class to be uploaded to portfolio
  
- **Career investigation:**
  - Matchmaker Activity (completed in the school counseling office) with results appearing directly in portfolio
  
- **Career Research Project:**
  - Use PLAN test results to establish individual goals to be placed in portfolio
  - Career research project (done in health classes in conjunction with goal-setting and self-discovery portions of curriculum) to be uploaded to portfolio

Your son/daughter will also be assigned to a portfolio advisor, which will either be the homeroom teacher or another staff member. During advisory periods on our late start Wednesdays, students will have the opportunity to meet with their advisors to not only review portfolio completion, but also examine and discuss progress in other academic areas.

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 610-473-3686. Thank you.

Sincerely,

James J. Towers  
Assistant Principal