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Dear Parent/Guardian of a Junior Student:

As your child begins his/her second year at Boyertown Area Senior High School, work with the career portfolio continues. The work that your child has already completed over the past two years is still active on the Career Cruising website at www.careercruising.com. From junior high school, there should be a resume in the portfolio. During the sophomore year, students completed a Matchmaker activity and should have a college visit reflective essay and career research activity uploaded to the portfolio. These are required components and must be completed in order to meet the graduation requirement.

As you may know, the only requirement for the junior year is the Job Shadow Experience. Students were informed of this information during an assembly at the end of last school year and the necessary instructions and paperwork can be found on the high school website by visiting www.boyertownasd.org, select "Senior High" under the "Our Schools" tab, click "Career Portfolio" from the menu on the left and click "Grade 11 Information" link.

Throughout the year, your son/daughter will continue to meet with his/her portfolio advisor, which is either 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 junior year. The assigned task will help students better understand the relationships between their academic studies, post-secondary plans, and path toward future employment in their desired field. I encourage you to review your child's portfolio on the Career Cruising site and have conversations about their progress, and share ideas for future course selection at BASH and other post-secondary goals.

I hope you are as excited as I am 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