



BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Boyertown Area Senior High School

“to enable all students to succeed in a changing world”

July 22, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians of a Senior Student:

The Class of 2012 is about to begin their final year at Boyertown Area Senior High School...Congratulations! Along with the necessary course requirements, athletic responsibilities, musical performances, and class functions that symbolize the end of a career in our district, students are also bringing to a close their Career Portfolio, our state mandated graduation requirement. Throughout their career at BASH and dating back to Junior High School, students have been working diligently and experiencing a variety of activities to develop their online portfolio. 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. Lastly, during junior year, students completed the job shadow experience and should have a Student Reflection uploaded to the portfolio and a Sponsor Evaluation sheet which was handed in to their advisor. Now, the students will get the opportunity to present their hard work to a panel of elementary, middle, and high school teachers and staff at the Senior Portfolio Presentation Day. I encourage you to visit your son's/daughter's portfolio at www.careercruising.com and review the materials to be sure all required components are present.

The students attended an informational assembly at the end of last school year. At this time, students were introduced to the presentation and had the opportunity to watch a video example of one of their peers presenting his portfolio. All necessary documents and paperwork can now 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 the “Grade 12 Information” link. Here you will find a suggested outline for the presentation, the scoring rubric, tips and for a successful visual aid and presentation, and a link to the video to view what a proficient (and not so proficient) presentation looks like.

The date for this culminating activity will be Wednesday, October 10, 2011. Prior to this date, students will be given an assigned time and room number to report and present. The assigned time will be between 8:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. and will be a 30 minute block. As you will see from the documents online, students are expected to dress for a professional presentation and a visual aid using technology is expected.

A limited number of students may have the opportunity to present early, if they choose. The early presentation date is Thursday, August 25, 2011, starting at 9:00 AM at BASH. In order to take advantage of the early presentation, students must email Mr. Towers at jtowers@boyertownasd.org or call 610.473.3686. Consideration will be on a first come, first served basis.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. Enjoy the remainder of your summer.

Sincerely,

James J. Towers
Assistant Principal