



# BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOYERTOWN AREA SENIOR HIGH

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June 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian of a Freshman Student:

As your child begins a new experience at Boyertown Area Senior High (BASH), they will have the opportunity to start to work on their Career Portfolio in preparation for career readiness. We believe students should begin thinking about their academic futures during their freshman year. The Career Portfolio is designed to help students better understand the relationships between their academic studies and post-secondary plans. In addition, this will help them select courses that will enable them to seek future post-secondary options and employment in their desired field. Your child will also be assigned to a portfolio advisor, who will be their homeroom teacher or another staff member.

During homeroom, students will have the opportunity to meet with their advisors to review portfolio assignment completion and discuss progress in other academic areas. As a result, students will be given a Pass/Fail grade for homeroom based upon timely completion of the required assignments. I encourage you to review your child's portfolio via their Smart Futures account and have conversations about their progress and goals. Additional information can be found on the BASH Webpage at <https://www.boyertownasd.org/Page/86>. Also, please keep in mind that these expectations are graduation requirements and apply to all BASH students, including those enrolled in BASH Online Learning.

The following are the tasks that your child will complete during their freshman year:

- **Smart Futures Activities:**  
Students will complete Smart Futures Activities designed to help determine career interests.
- **Smart Futures Skills:**  
Students will attempt several Smart Futures Skills intended to promote cyber/social media safety.
- **College Visit or Alternative Assignment**  
Students will spend a day at a local college and complete a constructed response essay to be uploaded to the portfolio. *This is dependent upon college/university scheduling and capacity.*
- **Resume:**  
Students will begin creating a resume with their English teacher within their Smart Futures account.

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 your child's homeroom teacher.

Sincerely,

Jared K. Sparks  
Grade Level Principal Class of 2025 & Class of 2027 (A-Go)



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