

A Newsletter from

Guidance and School Counseling Department

Capstone & Portfolios: Crucial Time for Seniors

Any senior who has yet to present his/her Capstone Project or submit a Graduation Portfolio has a comment on the report card indicating that a June graduation may be in jeopardy. Both of these Proficiency-Based Graduation Requirements, along with earning 24 credits, are crucial elements required for graduation.

Seniors who still have to complete a Capstone or are missing tasks for their Portfolio are strongly urged to seek assistance by attending the after-school Ramp-Up programs. Here is the information:

Ramp-Up Dates

Capstone Ramp-Up: January 25 – February 25

Portfolio Task Ramp-Up: March 1 – March 30

- Ramp-up is from 2pm -3pm in Library
- Meets Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursday
- Cost is \$75 for Portfolio and \$100 for Capstone. Both include judging/scoring
- Register in Main Office

Career & Technical Center OPEN HOUSE Tonight!

Thursday, January 28 from 6-8 pm

Come and hear about the Career Programs and get a tour!

CTE Applications are due into Guidance by FEB 15!

Senior Name Check

Guidance is ready to order diplomas for the class of 2010. Please check that your name on the report card is spelled correctly. Your name on your diploma should be the same as it appears on your birth certificate. Please report any changes to your guidance counselor.

A Note to College-Bound Seniors

The Guidance Office has processed close to 400 transcript requests thus far for students applying to college. All students are encouraged to consider the options, possibilities and opportunities of some type of post-secondary education or training. There are many small and specialty colleges that may be a great fit for some students, and many provide financial assistance.

NOTE: To qualify for financial aid from RI, the FAFSA financial aid form must be completed by March 1, 2010

Course Registration for 2010-11 Nearing Completion

Students in grades 9 and 10 have met with their guidance counselor and have selected their elective classes for next year. Teachers have submitted their recommendations for core courses and in some elective areas. Teachers may revisit these recommendations in the spring.

This week and next, **juniors** will be scheduling for next year's classes. Parents are urged to review the course selection sheet with their student and sign the form. Parents are encouraged to call the teacher if you have any questions regarding the recommendations.

Important Upcoming Dates

- Feb 6 – CHS Jazz Ensemble at URI
- Feb 15-19 – No school: Winter Recess
- Feb 21 – RI Music Educators All State Concert
- Feb 26-27 – Yearbook orders
- March 9 – Quarter 3 Progress Reports Issued
- March 15-19 – Spirit Week
- March 25 – Parent/Family Conferences
- April 1 – Quarter 3 comes to a close
- April 2 – No school: Good Friday
- April 10 – Unified Arts Night
- April 9 – End of Quarter 3

