

A Newsletter from

# Guidance and School Counseling Department

## Capstone & Portfolios: Crucial Time for Seniors

Seniors who have yet to present their Capstone Project or submit their Graduation Portfolio have a comment on the report card indicating that they may be in jeopardy of not graduating in June. Both of these Proficiency-Based Graduation Requirements, along with earning 24 credits, are crucial elements required for graduation.

For those seniors who still have yet to complete a Capstone or are missing tasks for their Portfolio, they are strongly urged to seek assistance by attending the after-school Ramp-Up programs.

### 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. 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!

## 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 classes in English, math, science and social studies and in some elective areas.

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 recommendation.

### Important Upcoming Dates

Feb 13 – Freshman-Sophomore Semi-Formal  
 Feb 16-20 – No school: Winter Recess  
 March 4 – Mid-point – Quarter 3  
 March 11 – Quarter 3 Progress Reports Issued  
 March 12 – No school: SR Capstone Exhibitions  
 March 23-27 – Spirit Week  
 April 1 – Parent-Teacher Conferences  
 April 9 – End of Quarter 3  
 April 10 – No school: Good Friday  
 April 13-17 – No School: Spring Recess