



Berkshire Junior/ Senior High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians of a 2017 Senior,

I am reaching out to you to inform you of the Berkshire High School Senior Shadow Project which is designed to provide interested seniors with the opportunity to work on a meaningful, independent “real world” project within an area of interest.

The Senior Project will occur during the last three weeks of the school year. **Participating students will be exempt from the last three weeks of school and any classwork during that time.** **Students who do not qualify or who choose not to complete the Senior Shadow Project are required to maintain attendance at school for the three weeks and complete a successful alternative project.** The rationale behind the project is as follows:

1. Receive hands-on experience in an activity and profession that interest the student.
2. Develop a deeper awareness of the following:
 - a. Self-discipline
 - b. The world beyond the classroom
 - c. Professional interactions
 - d. Work ethic
 - e. Problem identification, action planning
3. Provide interactions outside the community “bubble” to foster personal growth and development.
4. Encourage students’ individual pursuit of personal interests.

Here are some quick facts about the Senior Shadow Project:

- **All students registered as Berkshire seniors are required to complete this project** as a requirement for graduation whether they take classes at Berkshire full-time or do not. Students enrolled at Auburn and in CCP are required to complete this project as well.
- Students may not graduate with an unsuccessful senior project. Pass or Fail will be based on the guidelines as laid out in the Senior Shadow Project Packet. For those doing the alternative project, all elements must be complete and of college-ready caliber.
- Students are required to find their own shadow placement in a professional area in which they are interested. They may not be compensated, shadow with relatives, or shadow at a place of employment.
- Students must maintain a good attendance (more than 10 absences during the school year can disqualify a student) and disciplinary record to be eligible to complete the shadow project and be released from school early.
- Extensive information and paperwork for this project is available on the Berkshire Jr/Sr High School homepage Quicklinks under ‘Resources for Seniors’ and seniors will have informational meetings for this project in October, December, and January.

Encourage your son or daughter to start thinking about this project and placement now!

Best,

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