



B. Gail Chuy
Principal

Red Bank High School
640 Morrison Springs Rd.
Chattanooga, TN 37415

Gary James
Assistant Principal

John Pierce
Assistant Principal

Susan Thurman
Academy Director

August 12, 2009

Dear parents and guardians of seniors:

This year seniors of the Class of 2010 will participate in the Capstone Project, formerly known as Senior Project, which is a graduation requirement for Hamilton County Department of Education. This project challenges each senior to apply the knowledge gained through 12+ years of educational experience in an area of particular interest to him or her. However, the student should not rely upon knowledge he or she already possesses but must demonstrate an aspect of new learning and growth. Not only will your student's reading, writing, and speaking skills be showcased, but also his/her application of skills and knowledge will be utilized. It is very important that you understand all elements of this project.

The Capstone Project has three main components (1) 25 hours of service (not during the school day) or 25 hours towards a product (2) a reflective essay and (3) a multimedia presentation. Your student will choose one option (see handout) to complete service hours; the reflective essay of 3-4 pages that explains what the student learned about placement, his/her skills and knowledge, and about himself and herself; the multimedia presentation which will be held in March will be presented before a panel of teachers from the student's academy or major, his/her mentor and parents and family members. To be successful, your student must complete each component of the project.

A successful Capstone Experience involves parental support as well as student initiative and self-discipline. The teacher will give direction and explanation once a week in advisory; your student will need to make appointments with his/her advisor during Academic Intervention/One Lunch if your student needs help. A teacher will be in the computer labs during One Lunch when technology is required. Academic Intervention/One Lunch is an excellent opportunity for your student to get further guidance during the Capstone Project process.

You will be asked to sign several forms for this project. Below, you will find the parental consent form that confirms your knowledge of the Capstone Project and its implications toward graduation. The senior year is an exciting time for students and parents alike. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

B. Gail Chuy