



BOUND BROOK HIGH SCHOOL

A supportive multicultural community that provides an innovative and academically challenging educational program while offering a variety of extra-curricular and social opportunities that encourage life long learning and citizenship.

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Class Projects

Dear Parents,

This past school year the district identified that a number of our students were lacking study skills, civic responsibility, and a general lack of future planning. The school administration took time over the summer to research several “Best Practices” in the areas identified as needs for our student body. This school year the school will be conducting class projects that all students must complete. On the first marking period report card you will see a grade listed for the class project. While these class projects are not graduation requirements, the grades will be factored into overall GPA calculations and will affect class rank. These projects will also be listed on all transcripts and used for college placement purposes. We believe that these projects will have a positive impact on your child’s academic and future plans, we are encouraging you to assist your child in completion of the class projects. Each grade level will have a separate project to complete.

The **freshmen class project** is to create a portfolio to demonstrate what they are learning during their freshman year in the areas of study skills and organization. The freshmen team of teachers will be working the entire school year assisting and guiding students through how to organize their time, assignments, and different study skills. Each marking period the students will be graded on their progress and documentation in each of the areas.

The **sophomore class project** is a choice of either a Service Learning Project or Community Service hours. The Service Learning Project is to design and implement a community or civil service experience in an area of interest to gain knowledge. Each plan must have a direct benefit to the community or an organization to be a true service-learning project. Community Service hours mean that you volunteer to help someone or some organization do something, example - distribute flyers for a non-profit organization, rake leaves for senior citizens, help at a church, etc. You give something back to the community in which you live. The hours are documented by the student and signed off by the person or group that was assisted. The sophomore team of teachers will be working the entire school year assisting and guiding students through the development of this project.

The **junior class project** is to develop a business plan within a group or team setting. Each plan will be presented to the Rotary club, who are local business officials, who will grade each project. The junior team of teachers along with support from the Rotary Club will be working the entire school year assisting and guiding students through the development of the business plan. This is a real world

application for our students to develop and present to banking officials a proposal to secure a loan to purchase a local deli. The team of students will have assigned responsibilities developed within each team.

The **senior class project** is to develop a transition plan for college or work force readiness. The seniors will be creating a multimedia presentation that they will be working on throughout the course of this school year. Towards the end of the school year the seniors will be presenting their presentation to a group of teachers and community members. In addition, in the fourth marking period the seniors will be assigned to assist freshman students in development of a high school plan. This will ensure that the freshman have a fully developed strategy for not only graduating from high school but also acceptance into the college of their desire at the end of their high school career.

These projects will be a rewarding experience for all of our students. We hope that you will assist your child with their project and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Truly,

Daniel Gallagher

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