

High School and Beyond
12th Grade

Dear 12th grade Parents and Guardians,

By now you've probably heard about our **High School and Beyond Plan (HSBP)**. The High School and Beyond Plan is a robust and structured program for preparing students for life after high school. This is both a Washington state and Lake Washington School District graduation requirement. We use the Career Cruising Program to assist us in meeting the goals of this graduation requirement. Those goals also reflect our mission that states, "*Each student will graduate prepared to lead a rewarding, responsible life as a contributing member of our community and greater society.*" Inherent in that mission is the vision that:

- Every student is prepared for college
- Every student is prepared for the global workplace
- Every student is prepared for personal success

This year, we have made some adjustments to our approach of presenting the HSBP lessons and activities. RHS counselors will now present the lessons and guide your students as they complete the required 12th grade activities. Counselors will deliver the senior HSBP lesson during homeroom on 9/19 and 9/26. Then, students will begin work on their required activities. After the homeroom presentation, counselors will schedule an individual meeting with every senior to check in and approve your student's completion of the HSBP requirements. If your student does not have a homeroom due to an off campus class (Running Start, WANIC), we will post the homeroom presentation on our counseling website. Counselors will then send information to students' LWSD email account to provide directions and next steps.

Since your student is a 12th grader - here's what they will need to accomplish this year:

- Continue tracking progress toward meeting graduation requirements
- Complete their post-secondary plan in Career Cruising
- Create a resume in Career Cruising
- Graduate!

Each of the steps listed above contains activities and guided work that your student will complete and save to their "My Plan". Parents are able to view student progress and plan completion on Career Cruising so you and your student can check in and discuss their future ideas and plans. Counselors will monitor student progress towards overall completion of the plan and this progress will be noted on your student's fall and spring progress letters, sent from the counseling center. I hope that you and your student find the Career Cruising Program to be innovative, user friendly, and exciting.

We are excited by this opportunity to work with you and your child to help them explore the future and prepare for success. We are thrilled at the opportunity to meet with ALL our seniors through this project! Please don't hesitate to contact your student's counselor if you have questions!

Best regards,

RHS Counseling Team

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