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Spring and Seniors -- so many things to accomplish so little to do it!

The end of 12 years of education is coming to a close for our 119 seniors at Franklin County Technical School. Seniors have been very busy planning their Capstone projects, filling out scholarship, college & technical applications, looking for workforce opportunities, and preparing for prom and graduation. This is an exciting, yet stressful time of year for our seniors with all the demands and expectations they have and little time to accomplish them.

Some suggestions for seniors to cope with this time of year are listed below:

Take a deep breath! The first thing you need to do is take a short break. Take the time needed to think and plan for the rest of your senior year. Begin the process to predict and anticipate the events, responsibilities, and activities you need to be a part of. Do something that you know will be fun for yourself and clear your head.

Make a list of everything you have to do. Start a new list incorporating your old "to do" list with your new items. Absolutely every one of your personal commitments or chores should be included. Once you have everything written out, the enormity of the list should not scare you. When you know what you're doing, you can start the next step.

Make an action plan. You may have left yourself a week or a day, but as long as you have an action plan, you can get the most important things done. You know that list you just made? Number everything in order of priority. The top five things should be the things that you absolutely must do. Make a commitment to do those first and give yourself as much time as necessary to do each task adequately. Perfection and perfectionism both are your enemy in this crunch time.

Schedule your next four hours and include as many items on your list as you think you can do well. Once you've cleared off the most

pressing items, you'll feel a sense of relief. So get started now and feel good about accomplishing your priority items and getting that much closer to the end of your last year. Good luck!

For those seniors moving onto college or technical school, consider the following recommendations:

File the FAFSA. If you are planning on attending college in the fall, be sure to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after January 1st. This application must be completed in order to apply for state, federal, and institutional financial aid. You can file the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. If you file online, make sure you and one of your parents have a PIN number (used to electronically sign the FAFSA).

Return your award letter! In March or April, you should begin receiving award letters from the schools to which you have applied. Look at them carefully, make your comparisons then pick which college you want to attend. Return the signed award letter to the chosen school. Pay close attention to deadlines for accepting the award package. Deadlines are usually within two weeks after receiving the award letter. If you miss a deadline, you may risk losing a scholarship, grant, or loan assistance.

Send final copy of transcript. As the semester draws to an end, request that your high school send a final copy of your transcript to your chosen school. Make sure senior year grades are included on the transcript.

As you enjoy your last semester of high school EVER, be sure to take the time to complete these very important tasks.

Let the countdown begin, seniors!

Student Spotlight

The last day of
school is
Thursday,
June 24, 2010



Justin Bittner

Justin was nominated for this honor by Mr. Amstein, Mr. Hollister, Mr. Lamontagne and Mr. Mazeski. The following is that nomination.

Justin is a hardworking and eager student in the Landscaping/Horticulture shop. During his 4 years at FCTS he has maintained excellent grades in both shop and academics. He has taken a special interest in the school while working with Maintenance Department during the summers of 2008 and 2009. Justin takes pride in his work; his efforts around the building, inside and out are appreciated by all of us. He is the President of the Franklin County Chapter of the FFA and has been instrumental in our chapter's success. The true Capstone of his time at FCTS was just realized last week; Justin worked hand-in-hand with Mr. Lane to apply for and receive a federal grant allowing us to purchase a new John Deere tractor for the his shop.

Justin is a Landscaping/Horticulture student who resides in Greenfield.

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Eagle Spring Sports

The spring season is in full swing here at FCTS. Please check out the athletic calendar in this mailing and try to attend one of our spring sports events.

The statistics for our varsity sports are:

Baseball 4 wins – 3 losses

Softball 6 wins – 2 losses

Out track athletes have low numbers, but they are high in spirit!

Our JV teams are doing well too! Again, please stop by and support our students!