

Dear Parents and Guardians of a Member of the Shelton High School Class of 2022:

Your child must successfully complete a Capstone Project as a graduation requirement. The Capstone Project at Shelton High School is a culminating opportunity to demonstrate Shelton High School's Core Values, Beliefs, and Learning Expectations and apply the district's Vision of a Graduate to a real world experience. This project should encompass an area of particular interest to him/her. We encourage you to guide him/her to choose wisely and ask him/her to think about something that he/she has always wanted to learn more about or become involved in or a career opportunity he/she may want to explore. The goals of the Capstone Project are to choose a topic that will deliver a fulfilling, challenging experience and to further prepare your child to become a responsible citizen who participates productively in a global society.

Each project must meet specific guidelines and established deadlines. There are three main components to the Capstone Project: 1) minimum 15 hours of field work, 2) a reflection paper, and 3) a presentation. Your child must submit his/her project proposal to his/her Homeroom Google Classroom for approval by June 1st, 2021. **Upon receiving approval by the Capstone Coordinator**, he/she will work throughout the year researching and learning more about his/her topic, meeting with his/her school-approved mentor, and producing his/her final product.

There will be many opportunities for your child to work both independently and collaboratively on his/her Capstone Project. At various stages, members of the Capstone Committee, advisors, and mentors will provide information and assist him/her in successfully completing his/her project. Parental support is also vital to assist your child in successful completion of the Capstone Project. You must electronically sign the parental acknowledgement statement on the Capstone proposal form that confirms your knowledge of the Capstone Project and its implications toward graduation. This form must be submitted to your child's Homeroom Google Classroom by June 1st. Failure to turn in Capstone assignments on time will result in detentions and/or the loss of privileges.

Information will be available on the school website, your child's Homeroom Google Classroom, and in advisory. The Capstone Project Student Handbook will be an invaluable resource in your child's Capstone journey. It contains timelines, sample forms, explanation of tasks, and a full description of the three major components of the project.

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