Dear Parents/Guardians,

The BRIDGE (Building Resourceful Individuals to Develop Georgia’s Economy) Act, House Bill 400, was signed into law May 2010. The implementation of the BRIDGE Bill provides both middle and high school students with career counseling to choose a focused plan of study in order to meet future academic and career goals. For more information, refer to the following website: <http://www.hcbe.net/media/276325/bridge%20law.pdf>

With the use of the GACollege411 website ([www.gacollege411.org](http://www.gacollege411.org)), students become aware of the numerous career and post secondary education options available to them. Students at Bennett’s Mill will meet the requirements of the BRIDGE Bill through a series of classroom guidance lessons. All students are required to create an account (*username: studentid#lastname; password: 8digitbirthdate*) and take surveys in an effort to learn more about possible future career opportunities. The specifics for each grade level are as follows:

6th Grade

* Students will **create an account** and take the **career key** inventory. If time allows, students will explore career matches and save them to their portfolios. ***It is important that students create only one account at this time and remember their login information so as not to lose any pertinent data.***

7th Grade

* Students will **log into their account** (created in 6th grade) and take the **interest profiler** inventory. Students will explore at least three careers and save them to their portfolios.

8th Grade

* Students will **log into their account** and take the **career cluster** inventory. Students will explore three more careers and save them to their portfolios. Information from the student’s portfolio can be used when completing applications for admission to Georgia colleges.
* Students will complete the **four year** **plan of study** prior to the high school registration process in March. This is a working document used to help students develop a plan of all required academic and elective courses to be taken during high school in preparation for future academic and career goals. This working document will be reviewed and updated each year with the high school counselor. Remember: This plan of study is not an actual schedule but rather a worksheet designed to correspond with the student’s career interests.

Parents, you may create your own account to gather information about the HOPE Scholarship, financial aid, how to complete the FAFSA form, as well as research post secondary educational opportunities for your child.

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