What is Senior Project?
Senior Project is a yearlong activity, culminating during the fourth term during which time, your learning will take place away from the high school, exploring career and academic options that may help prepare you for your future. If you decide to participate in Senior Project here at Pembroke High School, your academic career at PHS would terminate at the end of the third marking period. For the remainder of the year, you would be involved in fieldwork of your own choosing.

What is Fieldwork?
Fieldwork is an opportunity to extend your learning beyond the classroom by working with an expert in the area of interest you have selected. For your Senior Project, you are required to complete a minimum of 25 hours per week of fieldwork outside of school and an additional 5 hours of journaling and preparation per week. Fieldwork can take many forms and must result in a "tangible" product. Your fieldwork may build upon previous knowledge or experience and must represent a "learning stretch." Fieldwork brings you closer to answering the essential question. Fieldwork cannot simply be a continuation of a current job or extracurricular activity. You must be actively involved and do something as opposed to merely observing.

For example, simple job shadowing is not acceptable for fieldwork. Simply taking a class does not satisfy the fieldwork requirements. Fieldwork should not be so easy and/or beneath your skill-level that there is no challenge for you. Additionally, you cannot be compensated for your fieldwork hours. An example of fieldwork might be working with a kindergarten teacher at Bryantville Elementary School, or perhaps, working with an architect in Marshfield.

An interest and desire to pursue a unique academic area may also qualify as fieldwork. Working in an astronomical observatory, researching information about two of Jupiter’s many moons, Ganymede or Europa for example, might qualify as fieldwork, and therefore qualify for Senior Project. Senior Project differs from Independent Study in the amount and depth of information. Independent Study requires about five (5) hours of work per week, compared with the 25 hours of actual fieldwork, followed by a minimum of five hours of journal time each week.

Who can be a Mentor?
A mentor is a member of a community who has professional expertise or considerable experience and knowledge in the field of study you have selected. In addition to this requirement, your mentor must:
• Be at least 25 years of age
• Not be a family member or relative
• Not be a current employer

What is a Mentor’s Role?

Before you begin, you will develop a plan for your fieldwork. Once you have done this, you will discuss it with your mentor and fine-tune your plan so that your project is both challenging and achievable. Your mentor will oversee your project, guiding, advising, and encouraging you throughout. It is your responsibility to stay in contact with your mentor before and during the fieldwork process. Ultimately, this is your project, and the mentor is there to assist you along the way.

How is field work documented?

As you work with your mentor on your project, keep track of the hours, dates and individual tasks you complete using the Fieldwork Time Log sheets. Your mentor must sign your time logs to verify your hours. The Senior Project Coordinator may review your time-logs and journal entries at any time. When your project is complete, your mentor must write a Letter of Recommendation describing his/her overall impression of your involvement in the fieldwork.

How will my grades be determined if I am not in school during 4th term?

For students participating in Senior Project, grades will be determined as follows (examples):

- Year-long classes

  Term 1 Grade..............................................2/7........................................85%.............B
  Term 2 Grade.........................................2/7........................................90%.........A-
  Mid-year Exam......................................1/7........................................85%.........B
  Term 3 Grade..........................................2/7........................................80%.........B-

  GRADE.........7/7........84%.........B

- Semester Classes

  Term 3 Grade..............................................4/4........................................85%.........B

  GRADE..............4/4........85%.........B
**Who may participate?**
Any member of the senior class (2013) may participate. However, there are things to think about. Pembroke High School is an academic institution; therefore, students wishing to take part in Senior Project must have a passing academic record and be on track to graduate in June. Perhaps as important as a good academic record, are things like behavior and attendance. Students wishing to participate must exhibit appropriate behavior in accordance with PHS student hand-book guidelines, as well as attendance that conforms to the handbook attendance policy.

**What happens if I sign-up for Senior Project and then discover it is not “right” for me?**

Within the first two weeks of your Senior Project experience, if it is determined by the Senior Project Coordinator that for any reason the student is not meeting the requirements of the program, the student will be required to return to PHS, make-up work missed during his/her absence, and complete their senior year in order to meet graduation requirements.

If it becomes clear to the Senior Project Coordinator after the first two weeks that the participant is not making satisfactory progress, the student may not be allowed to attend Senior activities including graduation, and a notation will be made on their official transcript indicating that the student did not complete Senior project and earned an “F” for their lack of effort, and that grade will be reflected on their official transcript.

**May I participate if I have AP classes?**
Yes! No! Maybe! As most of you know who are involved in AP classes, those all-important AP exams usually take place in May. If you are involved in only a single AP class, you may be able to work something out with your AP teacher. Realistically, if you have two or more AP classes, Senior Project may just be too difficult to work into your schedule. However, if you are determined, and are willing to work very hard to pursue your dream, talk to the Senior Project Coordinator.