

**COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL**  
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February 25, 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are excited to announce that CHS will be conducting a **Sophomore Experience Day** again this school year, which will be on **Friday, May 1, 2015**. The most important thing students can do when planning for a job or a career is to have realistic work experiences. We hope this day will provide the Columbia High School students with valuable knowledge as they continue to define their own future careers. Over the next two months in English class, students will explore their interests, values, and skills with the Ohio Means Jobs website, and come up with a few career ideas that fit with their personalities. **The students will choose one career that they wish to job shadow.**

This is an interdisciplinary effort with all the core sophomore teachers, i.e. math, English, science, and social studies, involved. Grades will be given for each part of the assignment in respective classes. See the attached timeline for due dates.

Here are some things to keep in mind:

- We ask that you assist students in finding suitable job shadow placements.
- This is not a “take your child to work” day; please contact friends, neighbors, and other relatives who may be able to help find a placement that meets your child’s interests. It would be okay for your child to shadow a different professional in your place of employment.
- The guidance office is also willing to help students who are having difficulty finding their own placements. (Just don’t wait until the last minute to ask.)
- Please try to avoid any placement within the Columbia Local Schools. It is best for students to experience a new environment.
- If you are willing to help place a CHS student at your place of employment, please call the guidance office at 236-5003 or e-mail Ms. Neff at [neffs@columbia.k12.oh.us](mailto:neffs@columbia.k12.oh.us) and we will gladly pass your information to interested students.

**Please note that sophomores will not be attending classes at CHS on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. All sophomores are expected to be at a job shadow experience that day.**

Enclosed in this mailing you will find a timeline of important dates and a preliminary placement form. More information will be given to students over the next couple of months. Feel free to call the guidance office with any questions.

Thank you for your help in making this day a success!

Sincerely,

Suzie Neff  
Guidance Counselor