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Dear Parents and Students:

What is an education worth in cold, hard cash? Over an adult's work life, high school graduates can expect to earn about \$1.2 million; those with a bachelor's degree will earn \$2.1 million, and people with a master's degree will earn \$2.5 million. A doctoral degree and a professional degree will earn \$3.4 million and \$4.4 million respectively over a lifetime.

Here are a few more data points to consider:

- The unemployment rate for high school dropouts is 13 percentage points higher than the unemployment rate of recent high school graduates.
- A woman with a high school diploma earns a salary just above the poverty line for a family of three.
- High school dropouts are 3.5 times more likely than high school graduates to be arrested in their lifetime.
- The U.S. death rate for those with fewer than 12 years of education is 2.5 times higher than the rate of those with 13 or more years of education.

The benefits of a solid high school education followed by post-secondary education are undeniable; the current state of our Nation's economy and its impact on the job market only magnify the need for students to stay in school, take a rigorous program of studies, and prepare to continue their education after high school.

The **2010-11 Program of Studies** will help you chart that path. Read the *Program of Studies* carefully and consult with your guidance counselor. My expectation is that you will set a four-year plan with the understanding that your plan may change...no problem! Your guidance counselor will help you every step of the way. These are exciting times, and everyone at PIHS is proud to be part of it. Let us know how we can help you!

Sincerely yours,

Eric F. Waddell  
Principal