Senior Project Vocabulary

The Senior Project has its own vocabulary. Some of the following terms you may already be familiar with – some may be new. The following list is meant as a good start to understanding "Senior Project- Speak."

Advisor- the person who says when you"re ready to present your senior project (For a smooth senior project, make this person your best friend.)

Mentor- an adult (at least 21 years old) with expertise in your area of research who helps guide you with your Senior Project (Even if they're adults, don't ask your parents, brothers, sisters, boyfriend, girlfriend and/or best friend - do you really want them that involved in a project all about you?)

Portfolio- the paperwork and documentation used by your advisor and the panel to assess your Senior Project. This will be a website created on *Weebly* (like the website you are viewing right now!).

Reflective Log- a written record of what you did and how you felt while working on your Senior Project (Projects have been rejected due to poor reflective logs.)

Senior Finale- a 1-semester class designed to support you while you work on your Senior Project (Students agree – this is the way to get your Senior Project done.)

Senior Presentation- an 8-12 minute oral presentation that allows you to tell the story of your Senior Project to an audience of interested adults and peers (8-12 minutes really isn't that long when you're talking about your experiences, right?)

Senior Product- a hands-on learning experience that you design and spend a minimum of 15 hours outside of the classroom, physically learning about a topic that interests you.

Senior Project- a student designed experience consisting of the Senior Paper, Senior Product, and Senior Presentation (It's the 3-P's all in one.)

Project Proposal- an outline completed in your Junior Frameworks class which describes your Senior Project (If you don't have one, GET ONE.)

Time Log- a sheet where you keep track of all the hours spent working on your Senior Product. You need to have a minimum of 15 hours on your Time Log to pass. Your mentor needs to initial 3 of your Time Log entries.