

Grade 12 Post Secondary Newsletter

Welcome back! Now that you are beginning to get settled in your classes its time to think about next year! Are you planning on attending college or university? If so, this newsletter is of special importance to you.

College Applications:

- On-line applications will be available in late October. You will be assigned a P.I.N. from counselling.
- You are able to make up to 5 choices with no more than 3 separate programs at the same college.
- There is an **application fee of \$95.00** which covers all 5 choices (visa, mastercard, debit)
- Before you submit your application form - double check that you have satisfied the course requirements (see College calendars)
- **Submit application: December 11th, 2009.**
- Date by which you must decide which offer you will accept - **May 1st, 2010.**

University Applications:

- Application forms will be available online October/November. You will be assigned a P.I.N. from counselling.
- **Fee for processing the applications is \$115.00** (visa, mastercard, debit)
- You may apply to 3 universities in Ontario for the \$115.00 fee. If you wish to apply to more than 3 Ontario universities there is an **additional fee of \$38.00 per selection**. Universities outside of Ontario require separate forms for each - see your Counsellor for more information.
- Be sure to check the program requirements to make sure you are eligible to apply (See "INFO" or University Calendars)
- Check the "cut-off" marks from last year (available INFO) to make sure your choices are appropriate.
- **Submit application by: December 11th, 2009.**
- Last date to submit changes: **February 5th, 2010.**
- Latest date by which all secondary school applicants shall expect a response: **May 25th, 2010.**

Scholarships/Bursaries

Many are based on admission average and are given automatically with no application necessary. Some are based on parents' occupation or place of employment, so ask your parents.

Some must be applied for. **Ms. Radocchia will be giving a scholarship presentation Thursday, September 24th at 11:00 in the Library.**

Financial Assistance

Ontario Student Assistance Plan (O.S.A.P.) is a loan system available for those students in need of financial assistance.

Applications will be available on-line in the spring. See your Guidance Counsellor for more info.

College Information Nights/Day at Conestoga College

Monday, October 19th at Conestoga College 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Tuesday, October 20th at Conestoga College 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

University Information Nights

Friday, September 25th at the Metro Convention Centre, Toronto – 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Sat., and Sun., Sept 26th, 27th at Metro Convention Centre, Toronto – 10:00 am to 5 pm

Tuesday, October 27th at St. Benedict's, Cambridge – 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Thursday, October 29th at Huron Height, Kitchener - 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

College and University Visits to Southwood

Most Colleges and Universities send liaison personnel to all high schools to promote their schools. They will be here during the lunch periods in Room 110 over the next few weeks. Separate list is available showing times and dates; Also listen to the morning announcements for updates and/or changes.

Sites to check out on the Internet:

CAREER CRUISING

<http://www.careercruising.com>

Username: Waterloo

Password: 47500

A great site to explore your interest and/or skills and match them with a suitable career. Also excellent as a source for in-depth career and institutional information. Canadian based.

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION:

www.electronicinfo.ca

ONTARIO UNIVERSITY APPLICATION CENTRE

<http://ouacinfo.ouac.on.ca>

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION and TRAINING

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/welcome.html>

This provincial government site provides information on a wide variety of education and training options after high school. These options include apprenticeships, internships and training programs to mention but a few.

COLLEGE INFORMATION:

www.ontariocolleges.ca

ONTARIO COLLEGE APPLICATION SERVICE

<http://www.ocas.on.ca>

SCHOLARSHIPS

<http://www.wrdsb.edu.on.ca/~grants/scholar/index.html>

and

<http://www.studentawards.com/>

Two excellent resources for scholarship information, dates, criteria and deadlines.