

# FALL GRADE 12 ASSEMBLY



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# DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

- At least 30 credits
- 18 credits are compulsory--certain courses that must be taken
- The remaining credits are elective--you can choose the courses you wish to take
- 40 hours of community involvement by May 31 of your graduating year
- Successful completion of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (Grade 10) or Ontario Literacy Course (OLC)



**I DON'T KNOW  
WHAT I WANT  
TO DO!!!**

# WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

- Work
  - Career college
  - Community college
  - Military
  - University
  - Apprenticeship
  - Bible college
  - Art college
  - Out-of-province schools
  - Adult education
- And many, many more!*



# GOING TO WORK?

- Have you updated your resume lately?
- Information Session in the Spring for those interested in obtaining full-time employment

# **APPRENTICESHIP?**

- Apprenticeships are a combination of on-the-job training (90%) and classroom instruction (10%)
- There are over 130 skilled trades available in four sectors: Construction, Industrial, Motive Power, and Service
- Did you know that about 700,000 skilled trades workers are expected to retire between 2019 and 2028, creating an ever-growing need to recruit and train thousands more.

## **NEED MORE APPRENTICESHIP INFORMATION?**

- For more information, see resources in Guidance or speak directly with Mrs. Landry in the Cooperative Education department



# RETURNING?

- Do you need another year to complete your courses?
- Are there other elective courses you wish to take?
- Just not ready to take the next step?
- 34-credit cap
- Be aware that most scholarships/bursaries are for students entering post-secondary immediately following high school
- Graduates must fill out the Grad Returning to Second Form available in the Spring and meet with Administration to discuss plans and get approval before a timetable can be finalized

# GAP YEAR?

If you're planning to travel or volunteer or work before entering a post-secondary program, check out this website:

**[www.mygapyear.ca](http://www.mygapyear.ca)**



# UNIVERSITY ADMISSION GUIDELINES

- High school diploma
- **Minimum six (6) Grade 12 U or M courses**
- Specific pre-requisite courses (e.g., Chemistry) to be used in your top 6 courses for entrance average
- May also consider some Grade 11 courses, for example Nursing program

# APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY?

## Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC)

- Applications are done on-line via website
- Guidance will have a presentation on how to apply
- Tutorial also available on-line on the OUAC website
- Access codes will be mailed to Guidance to distribute to students
- Applications should be submitted prior to Christmas  
Break – Deadline – January 12, 2023
- Offers of admission will be sent in the months following the  
deadline – You must accept an offer by June 1, 2023



# COLLEGE ADMISSION GUIDELINES

- High school diploma
- Possible additional requirements may include interview, portfolio, tests, etc.
- Specific pre-requisite courses (e.g., Biology) at specific levels (e.g., C)
- May also consider some Grade 11 courses
- Check this website for admission requirements for all programs

[www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)

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## Ontario College Application Service (OCAS)

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- Guidance will have a presentation on how to apply
- Tutorial also available on-line at the OCAS website
- You will be setting up your own “account” with OCAS
- Applications should be submitted prior to Christmas Break
- **Deadline for Applications – February 1, 2023**
- Offers of admission begin November 1



# COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY TRANSFER

Whether you want to start at college and then go to university or vice versa or if you're interested in joint programs, this website can help you plan the route to your educational goals:

**[www.ontransfer.ca](http://www.ontransfer.ca)**

# PROVINCE OF ONTARIO POST-SECONDARY WEBSITE

A comprehensive website with links to all of the information that you will need to help with your post-secondary decision-making:



[www.ontario.ca/education-and-training/go-college-or-university-ontario](http://www.ontario.ca/education-and-training/go-college-or-university-ontario)



# CAREER COLLEGES

Career colleges are private post-secondary institutions that provide career-specific, outcome-based programs.

*For more information on Ontario's career colleges,*

*please visit this website:*

**[www.careercollegesontario.ca](http://www.careercollegesontario.ca)**

# STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

*“Resource Guide for Students with Disabilities:  
Transition to Post-Secondary Education”*

Learn about the services available at colleges and universities and the transition process.

*Check out their website at:*

[www.transitionresourceguide.ca](http://www.transitionresourceguide.ca)

*Speak with Mr. Sniezek for more information*



# **DID YOU COME TO CANADA FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY?**

- If English was not your first language or you arrived in Canada within the last three years, you may be required to demonstrate your English proficiency (e.g., TOEFL)
- Check with the specific post-secondary institution as to their requirements

***(PS...do it now!!!)***

# HEADING TO ANOTHER PROVINCE?

- In most cases, you can apply to each institution individually
- Admission requirements are somewhat like Ontario's
- Some provinces have residency rules
- There may also be financial considerations

*For more information, please visit*

**[www.universitystudy.ca](http://www.universitystudy.ca)**



# HEADING TO THE U.S.A.?

- In most cases, you can apply directly to each institution
- Many U.S. schools use “The Common Application”  
[\(www.commonapp.org\)](http://www.commonapp.org)
- Admission requirements are somewhat similar to Ontario’s
- U.S. schools usually require prior completion of SAT/ACT testing
- Some provinces & states have residency rules
- There may also be financial considerations

# **HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR DIGITAL “FOOTPRINT” LATELY?**

**Your digital footprint will follow you for  
the rest of your life!**



# WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- Senior/Grad Interviews – **Starting Week of September 26** – MSIP Schedule will be posted and given to all teaching staff.
- Post-Secondary Information Sessions, Fairs, & Open Houses (September to December)
  - **Calendar in D2L Grade 12 Classroom**
- Grad Photos – Stay tuned for more information.
- Financing Your Education Presentation – Date to be Announced
- University & College Application Presentations – Dates to be Announced
- University & College Applications Deadlines (January 12/February 1)
- OSAP Seminar – Spring Date to be Announced
- Employment Workshop – Spring Date to be Announced
- Spring Grad Breakfast & Assembly - TBD
- Graduation Ceremony 2023 - TBD





# WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

- Guidance Website  
[www.laurasecord.dsbn.org](http://www.laurasecord.dsbn.org) & click on “*Guidance*”
- Grade 12 D2L Classroom
- Guidance Office
  - Reference Library
  - Guidance Bulletin Boards
- Daily Announcements
- Websites
  - Employment centres
  - Apprenticeship websites
  - Post-secondary websites
  - [ontariocolleges.ca](http://ontariocolleges.ca) and [ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca](http://ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca)
- Guidance presentations throughout the school year
- University/college fairs & open houses
- Guidance counsellors



# NOW WHAT DO I DO!

- Stay informed!
  - Check D2L Grade 12 Classroom regularly
  - Check your DSBN email regularly
  - Check announcements on Secord website
  - Check the Guidance website
  - Check the Guidance bulletin boards
  - Follow Secord on Twitter  and Instagram 
- Start researching!
- Search for FREE money!
- Attend Information Sessions!
- Include your parents in your planning!

*If you have questions, please come to  
Guidance during your MSIP period.*

*Remember, we will be seeing every  
Grade 12 student in the next few weeks.*