

POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION

By B. Knuff – Department Head, Guidance

St. Theresa is in full swing for all Grade 12s in helping them plan for next September 2019. The Guidance team has already conducted a Post-Secondary Workshops to all Grade 12 students. Whether it's off to the World of Work, or entry into one of the many apprenticeship pathways, college or university programs, all topics were covered with this 40-minute presentation.

Many universities and colleges host an Open House for students and their parents; this is an opportunity for the institutions to showcase their post-secondary offerings. It is strongly recommended that students and parents participate in these sessions. Listen to the morning announcements for upcoming dates and times.

University Information

When applying to university, Grade 12 students requires an O.S.S.D. that includes 6 courses at Grade 12 "U" or "M" level (will include ENG4U1). Be aware that some universities restrict the number of "M" courses allowed and some programs require specific Grade 12 subject prerequisites for admission. For more information on prerequisites and grade averages, please visit e-INFO (www.ouac.on.ca).

Important University Dates:

November 5th, 2018 – University Application Workshop (Guidance)

- This workshop will be offered during the students' Study Hall (if no Study Hall – one workshop will be hosted after school).
- Topics include: How to apply, the costs associated, and other important application information.

Early November 2018 – Ontario University Application Centre Pin Numbers

- St. Theresa will receive PIN numbers for all Grade 12 students. Students will use their number to create an OUAC account for their university application. We strongly advise against sharing your PIN with anyone other than your parents.
- Listen to the morning announcements for PIN arrival information.

January 16th, 2019 – University Application Deadline

- All on-line university applications are due. **We strongly recommend that students apply well in advance of this deadline.**
- \$156 for 3 choices (\$50 for each additional choice).

November 2018 – July 2019

- Courses and grades submitted to OUAC after each reporting period.

- Marks for courses taken outside of YCDSB (ie. private school) must be submitted from their school directly to OUAC. An official transcript of final mark and credit earned must be submitted to Guidance. Graduation requirements of the 21st Century Student Learner is entirely up to the student to complete (please refer to S8 'blue pages' of the Student Agenda).

Mid February – May 2019

- Applicants receive response from their university of choice.
- May 29th, 2019 is the last day for students to receive a response of admission, refusal or deferred.

College Information

When applying to college, Grade 12 students require an O.S.S.D.; students should have “U”, “M”, or “C” level courses. Possible additional admission requirements must be fulfilled (i.e., interview, program orientation, assessments, portfolio, etc.). Some programs require specific Grade 11 or 12 subject prerequisites for admission. For more information on prerequisites (academic and non-academic) and grade averages, please visit www.ontariocolleges.ca.

Important College Dates

December 3rd, 2018 – College Application Workshop (Guidance)

- This workshop will be offered during the students' Study Hall (if no Study Hall – one workshop will be hosted after school).
- Topics include: How to apply, the costs associated, and other important application information.
- Once the workshop has been completed, students will have the ability to apply. They will require their OEN (Ontario Education Number) to complete the application process.

February 1st, 2019 – College Application Deadline

- All on-line college applications are due. **We strongly recommend that students apply well in advance of this deadline.**
- \$95 for 5 choices (no additional choices allowed).

November 2018 – July 2019

- Grades submitted to OCAS after each reporting period.
- Marks for courses taken outside of YCDSB (ie. private school) must be submitted from their school directly to OCAS. An official transcript of final mark and credit earned must be submitted to Guidance. Graduation requirements of the 21st Century Student Learner is entirely up to the student to complete (please refer to S8 'blue pages' of the Student Agenda).

Mid February – May 2019

- Applicants receive response from their college of choice.
- May 1st, 2019 is the last day students may confirm a college response to OCAS.

Apprenticeship Programs

Skill shortages are a persistent problem in the Canadian labour market. The high number of skilled Trades people who will be retiring within the next decade will compound this problem. This situation has serious implications in terms of labour market productivity, growth and competitiveness. This is a great opportunity for young people to take advantage of this career market turnover.

There are over 150 skilled professions linked to Apprenticeship that include 4 divisions: Construction Sector, Service Sector, Motive Power Sector, and Industrial Sector. Realizing a significant shortage of skilled professionals, Federal and Provincial Governments have financially supported recruitment. Students can apply for a variety of incentives like: Apprenticeship Incentives Grant (\$2000), Apprenticeship Level Completion bonus (\$1500x3), Apprenticeship Completion Grant (\$2000), Tradesperson's Tools Tax Deduction (\$1000), 'in-school' tuition cost(s) entirely paid for, Loan For Tools Program and student loans/grants for tuition not entirely covered by government; you may also qualify for EI benefits during your 'in-school' technical training sessions.

The following websites are good resources to start investigating a career in the skilled trades; www.apprenticesearch.com ♦ www.skillscanada.com ♦ www.apprenticetrades.ca

For more information on Apprenticeship, please visit your Guidance or Co-op department.

For more information on any these topics, please book an appointment with Guidance to see your Counselor.

Students are assigned a Guidance Counsellor based on the student's surnames, as follows:

A – C	Mr. B. Knuff (Department Head)
D – J	Ms. L. Joseph
K – M	Ms. Hayhoe
N – Scullion	Ms. Falzone
Sebecu – Z	Ms. T. Emmanuel