

Post-secondary Information

******Please share this information with your parents.******

Most Ontario Universities and Colleges (as well as a handful from outside of Ontario) will visit PCVS (Room 114; 11:25 am or 2:45 pm) between now and late November. Check the Guidance Office door calendar, listen to the daily announcements, and check the whiteboard on the wall across from the Guidance Office for exact dates and times.

The INFO Magazine (Ontario Universities) is now exclusively a web-based magazine and is located at www.electronicinfo.ca. The Ontario College publications (Ontario College Handbook, How to Apply, and Why Choose College?) are now available for pick-up. Additional information can be found at www.ouac.on.ca, www.ontariocolleges.ca, www.ocas.ca, www.osca.ca (Ontario School Counsellors' Association) and www.tradeability.ca for a wealth of information on skilled trades and labour market projections. Another excellent resource is provided by the Ontario Ministry of Education at www.ontario.ca/myfuture. You should bookmark these websites for future reference!

University Information Night (all 21 Ontario Universities) at PCVS on Wednesday, October 26th, 7 to 9 pm.

Ontario University Fair: Friday, October 14 to Sunday, October 16 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre which is located next to the CN Tower in downtown Toronto. Check www.ouf.ca for more details. The Ontario College Information Fair is held on Tuesday, October 25th, 10:00 am to 7:00 pm, at Exhibition Place (Direct Energy Centre) in Toronto. Additional information on the College Fair can be found at www.collegefair.ca. Students may wish to consider car-pooling as a travel option.

The local **Ontario College Fair** will host all Ontario colleges at Fleming College (Peterborough Campus) the morning of Monday, October 31st from 9:00 am until noon. The Guidance Department will arrange a free bus for those interested in attending. (Students will return to school for their afternoon classes.)

Ontario College and University applications are done “on-line” (Guidance electronically sends marks to Ontario colleges and universities). The due dates for equal consideration are; Ontario colleges: February 1, 2012, and Ontario universities: January 11, 2012. Check the list posted on the trophy cabinet outside Guidance to ensure that your name is on the proper list. See Mr. Cook immediately if your name is not on the list. The application fee for colleges is \$95 for five choices, and for universities the fee is \$125 for three choices (\$42 for each additional choice). For those students applying to schools outside of Ontario, you are advised to check that institution’s website for application information; the Guidance Department will provide transcripts for you upon request. You have lots of time, but PLEASE START CONSIDERING YOUR OPTIONS NOW. Guidance suggests that you complete your applications before the Christmas break. We will have another meeting to discuss the application process once the “on-line” systems are up and running.

Ontario University applicants will receive a specific “PIN number” for their applications; college applicants will create their own on-line account when they apply. It is ultimately YOUR responsibility to ensure that you have all of the proper pre-requisites for any program(s) you wish to apply to. (The minimum for Ontario universities is ENG4U and five(5) more 4U or 4M credits . For college admission, students must have ENG4C - in some cases ENG4E is acceptable). ***Be sure to check the list posted on the trophy cabinet outside Guidance to ensure your name is in the appropriate column for a university and/or college application. See Mr. Cook immediately if your name is not on the list.*** Guidance receives numerous queries regarding universities’ admissions policies (i.e.; failed and/or repeated courses, alternate offers, etc.). Much of this information can be found at www.electronicinfo.ca. Click on “Important Information” and then on “Offers of Admission”.

Students earning credits outside of PCVS (on-line, correspondence, e-learning, etc.) are reminded that they must bring valid documentation to the Guidance Department if they wish to have additional credits added to their transcript. Also, please remember that not all outside credit-providers adhere to the same marks reporting schedule as day-schools do. Please ensure that mid-term and final grades from outside institutions are reported in official format to Guidance in plenty of time; credits must be added to transcripts prior to electronic transmissions to colleges and universities. Marks are sent from the Guidance Office in mid-October, at the end of Semester I, mid-term in Semester II, at the end of Semester II., and in late August.

SCHOLARSHIPS: The most successful “scholarship hunters” are those who treat their search like an extra half-course. Not very many scholarships just fall out of the sky. Check www.studentawards.com and www.scholarshipscanada.com (There are numerous other scholarship websites that you may also come across on your own.) Also check the pcvs.kprdsb.ca website under “School Links - Guidance”, parents’ employers, catalogues and websites of schools you are applying to, etc., and don’t forget the PCVS SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES which are awarded at Commencement. Information on these awards will be available in May in the Guidance Office and posted at pcvs.kprdsbca.

Ontario Student Assistance Plan (O.S.A.P.): We will hold an OSAP assembly in March/April 2012 to explain the process of applying for financial assistance. Information is also available at their website: www.osap.gov.on.ca.

Community Involvement Hours: Please remember that all Community Involvement Hours must be completed and submitted for signature as a requirement for graduation. If you’re unsure whether or not your planned hours fall legitimately under the heading of ‘Community Involvement’ (not-for-profit agencies), speak to a Guidance Counsellor before you begin volunteering.

We would like to encourage all graduating students to meet with a guidance counsellor before the end of November to review their post-secondary plans. Book your appointment in the Guidance Office as soon as possible. We certainly welcome your parents’ phone calls as well, at 742-0425.

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