

# Huron Heights Secondary School



*What you need to know in order to  
move to the next stage of your  
Journey.....*

# Guidance Staff



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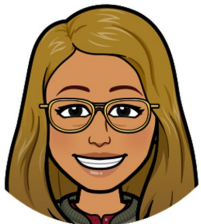
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# Google Classroom

## Huron Heights Google Classroom

**Please join the graduating student classroom so you don't miss out on important dates, scholarship information & other resources.**

**GOOGLE CLASS CODE: 4r2zrsk**

**On Track to Graduate?**

# Ontario Student Status Report Check Carefully!

Check your **Graduation Requirements in your [Pathway Planner](#)** to ensure you will have completed the following requirements by the end of the 23/24 school year:

- ❑ 30 credits
  - ❑ 18 Compulsory- Double check Compulsory Group Credits
  - ❑ 12 Optional
- ❑ Literacy test / course passed
- ❑ 40 Community service Hours (due May 1, 2024)



# **DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS**

**18**

**COMPULSORY  
CREDITS**

**12**

**OPTIONAL  
CREDITS**

**OSSLT  
(ONTARIO  
SECONDARY  
SCHOOL  
LITERACY TEST)**

**40**

**COMMUNITY  
SERVICE  
HOURS**

# Group 1,2 &3 Compulsory Credits

## Group 1

1 additional credit in English, or  
French as a Second Language, or  
a Native Language, or  
a Classical or an International Language, or  
Social Sciences and the Humanities, or  
Canadian and World Studies, or  
Guidance and Career Education (including Learning Strategies), or  
Cooperative Education\*

## Group 2

1 additional credit in Health and Physical Education, or  
  
Business Studies, or  
  
the Arts (music, art, drama, dance), or  
French as a Second Language or  
  
Cooperative Education\*

## Group 3

1 additional credit in science (grade 11 or 12) or  
  
Technological education (grades 9-12), or  
  
French as a Second Language or  
  
Computer Studies or  
  
Cooperative Education\*

# Community Involvement Hours

## New Form and Updates to the Policy

Check out the Huron Heights Guidance Website for the new form



**COMMUNITY**

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**Notification of Completion of Community Involvement Form**

Please provide the information requested below about the community involvement activities in which you plan to participate. Submit this form to the school Guidance Office for pre-approval prior to participating in any activities. Once you have completed community involvement activities, submit your form to guidance. **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED PRE APPROVAL IF THIS IS AN ACTIVITY YOU HAVE NOT DONE IN THE PAST.**

**For all graduating students please make sure you have all of your hours in by May 1, 2024**



# Other Graduation Certificates

- ❑ SHSM Grad check - Ms Phylactou  
-Check on TeachAssist & myBlueprint;  
Make appt Semester 1
- ❑ Arts Huron Grad Check- Ms Barnard
- ❑ Certificates: Social Justice  
([application-due June 1, 2024](#)); French  
& Business

Aiming to be an Ontario Scholar? **YOU MUST HAVE 6 Grade 12 credits** (any pathway) with aggregate of 480 (average of 80%)

# External Credits

If you are taking courses outside of regular day school i.e. Private School, other board, etc. please make sure that you have notified guidance and that the school is willing to send your report card to us in order for it to be put on your transcript.

# 34 Credit Threshold

- ❑ After graduation you can return to Huron for up to 34 Credits. Repeat credits count in this total.
- ❑ You can go over before the 4 years are up but that means you are not returning for day school.
- ❑ Students with an IEP & ESL Language Courses – 34 credit threshold does not apply.
- ❑ Remember the courses that you want might not be offered in semester 1 of next year.
- ❑ Online/night/adult courses are available.
- ❑ Returning students MUST have min 3 courses

**Plan Ahead**

# Making Decisions

**Sept - October** Research /Finalize Choices/Visit Guidance

**Oct - Dec** Apply to Post-Secondary(**EARLY**)

**January/Feb** Deadlines for Applying

**Whenever Possible:**

**VISIT SCHOOLS & FAIRS!!!**

Oct 12 - Huron 6-8 pm

Make yourself a chart comparing schools and programs

# Post Secondary Options

- ❑ University Degrees (4 - 5 years)
- ❑ Degree Programs at Colleges (4 years)
- ❑ College Diploma/Adv. Diplomas (2 - 3 years)
- ❑ College Certificates (1 year - many are post grad)
- ❑ Pre apprenticeship skill building programs (1 year)

## COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OPTIONS

- ❑ College (2-3 years) to University (2-3 years)
- ❑ University (4 years) to College Certificate (1 yr)

APPRENTICESHIPS - college preparation is often required to provide appropriate training. - Additional Presentation TBA

GAP YEAR - not just a year off... there are resources and agencies you may want to look into (i.e. [cangap.ca](http://cangap.ca))

# Planning to Work?

If you plan to enter directly into the workforce, start the journey now when you have people in the building to help you!

Some resources:

- ❑ YRDSB [Employment and Career Planning](#) page
- ❑ [Youth Job Bank](#)
- ❑ [Employment Ontario](#) has a resource to help find employment: They also have a LIVE CHAT so you can get individualized support.
- ❑ [Jobskills](#) offers workshops as well as help for youth with job search and individualized assistance  
1-866-592-6278

# Important Dates

## Save the Dates!

**Post Secondary Fair @ Huron-**  
October 12 6-8pm

**Graduation Photos-** November 13-16

**Prom-** Thursday, June 6

**Graduation-** Tuesday, June 25



**When you do decide...**

# CHECK YOUR COURSE CODES!!

- ❑ For university you need **6 GRADE 12** U or M type courses (4U not 3U [gr.11] )
- ❑ College Diploma requires Grade 12 College English **ENG4C** (plus other requirements), **\*can not use** OLC4O or ENG4E
- ❑ Outside of Ontario you **MUST** check with the schools you are applying to

**If you are applying outside of Ontario, please make sure you connect with your guidance counsellor**

# Consider the Following

- What school has my program?
- Do I have the prerequisites? (these may vary)
- Prerequisites vs. Recommended Courses?
- What marks are they asking for?
- Do they have a co-op? (based on 1st Year?)
- What are the tuition fees? (schools vary)
- What are the residence options?
- Which campus will this program be at?

## **Research      Plan      Soul Search...**

- What are your passions?*
- What are your strengths?*
- What kind of student are you? (will college or university be better for your learning style?)*

Make sure  
you apply  
for the  
right  
program!

# Terminology

**Undergraduate Degree:** *This is the first degree you will complete at university*

**Post Graduate Degree:** *This is a program that requires you to have some college or university requirements*

**Bachelor Degree:** *This is the type of undergraduate degree:*

*Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Business etc..*

**Degree:** *3-4 years of university program (some offered at college)*

**Diploma:** *College 2-3 years*

**Certificate:** *1 -2 years at college*

# Consider the Following

**One or more of the following may also be required:**

- Supplementary Application
- Essay
- Test/Exam
- Audition/Portfolio
- Interview

\*For Apprenticeships, get connected before you leave Huron – OYAP, EOP, Accelerated OYAP

# ESSENTIAL RESEARCH TOOLS

**General :** myPathwayPlanner AKA myBlueprint



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

**University:** [www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca](http://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca)

**Ontario's Transfer & Pathways Guide:** [Ontransfer.ca](http://Ontransfer.ca)

**Apprenticeship** [Start an Apprenticeship](http://www.skilledtradesontario.ca/)

<http://www.skilledtradesontario.ca/>

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

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/start-apprenticeship> - live chat option

YRDSB Board Site: [Planning for Post Secondary](#)

**Also Check out individual College & University Websites**

# Post Secondary Fairs

## **ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES:**

Oct 21-22 PLUS 2 virtual events:  
Tuesday, September 26 and  
Wednesday, November 22  
5-7 pm (ET)

<https://www.ontariouniversitiesevents.ca>

## **ONTARIO COLLEGES:**

October 18-19, 2023  
Enercare Centre TO

<https://ontariocollegefair.ca/>

## **APPRENTICESHIP**

November 15 - 16, 2023

International Centre - Hall 1  
Mississauga, Ontario

[Level Up- Apprenticeship Fair](#)

## **Huron Height Post Secondary Fair**

**Thursday, October 12 from  
6:00-8:00pm Cafeteria and  
Lower Gym**

**If you are unable to attend  
this date there are other  
[YRDSB POST SECONDARY  
FAIRS SCHEDULE](#)**

## **STUDENT LIFE EXPO:**

**Metro Convention  
Centre: Nov 18**

<https://studentlifeexpo.com/>

# Graduates 2023–2024

## Post Secondary Destinations

Where do Huron students go?

- ❑ 35% College
- ❑ 45% University
- ❑ 6% Apprenticeship/Workforce/ GAP year
- ❑ 14% Returning Students



# Top Post Secondary Choices for Huron Heights Students

## University 20/21

**96 (92 last year) Students Accepted an Offer (37%)**

1. Wilfrid Laurier University
2. York University
3. Trent University
4. Guelph/Queen's/Carleton University

**Top Program Choices: Bachelor of Science & Bachelor of Arts**

## College Choices from 21/22

**64 /260 students (25% of our grade 12's ) went to college**

Top Choices of Colleges from our students:

1. Humber (new!!!)
2. Seneca
3. Durham
4. George Brown

**Top Program Choices: Film studies (new!) Bachelor Programs  
(new!)**

# Post Secondary Information Sessions

Make sure you are attending the various guidance sessions that will be offered throughout the year topics include:

- **How to apply to College & University (October 5 periods 2 or 3) Sign Up on Grad Classroom!!**
- **Apprenticeship Pathways (Oct- Nov)**
- **How to Finance Post Secondary (Jan-Feb)**
- **Accepting your Offer /Grad/Prom info (April)**

# TIMELINES 2023/24

University Application Deadline:  
**January 15/2024**

College Application Deadline:  
**February 1/2024**

**DO NOT MISS DEADLINES!! There is NO flexibility.**

*\*Remember to check out Supplementary Application/Portfolio/Audition Dates for each school*

# NEW PROCESS FOR OUAC!!!

**CREATE  
YOUR OWN  
ACCOUNT**

The OUAC processes applications to undergraduate programs and professional programs, like law, medicine, rehabilitation sciences and teacher education.



**MAKE SURE THAT YOU ATTEND:**

**“HOW TO APPLY TO COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SESSION” FOR MORE INFORMATION...**

# Scholarships

- ❑ Criteria - do you have the requirements?
- ❑ Tailor applications to the scholarship
- ❑ “Should I apply?” “How do I apply?” Ask your counsellor!
- ❑ Pay attention to the Scholarship Board and the Grad Google Classroom!
- ❑ Take the time to peruse resources and complete applications - treat it like a course!

# Scholarships

## Useful Scholarship Websites:

<https://www.scholarshipscanada.com/>

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

<https://disabilityawards.ca/ontario/>

<https://scholartree.ca/>

<https://studentawards.com/>

# **Offers of Admission**

# Prerequisites

**English counts in your average for almost all programs.**

**College Acceptance** – usually based on **Grade 12 College English mark** and that you have graduated. Some programs have other prerequisites/requirements and minimum mark averages

**University Acceptance** – based on **6 grade 12 U or M courses** – including program prerequisites which most require ENG4U

***Semester One and Two Midterm and Final marks are sent by Huron to the application center/universities.***

***Early Offers*** – You don't apply for early acceptance, it is an offer given, before your second semester midterm marks. Universities **may** use your **grade 11 U and M** courses combined with your semester one grade 12 courses to estimate an average of your 6 U/M classes.

Colleges may start offering acceptances Nov 1 based on grade 11 marks but you still need to produce the grade 12 marks!

**Schools have programs that calculate averages** you don't have to pick your top 6 grade 12 Marks.



# Offers are Conditional

sen·ior·i·tis

Dictionary result for  
senioritis

/ˌsɛnyəˈrɪdəs/

*noun*

HUMOROUS•US

1. a supposed affliction of students in their final year of high school, characterized by a decline in motivation or performance.



**MOST ACCEPTANCES OCCUR AFTER SEMESTER 1 FINALS and SEMESTER 2 Midterms are submitted**

**ALL OFFERS ARE CONDITIONAL - Don't let your marks slip and don't drop classes!!**

# **Release of Information to OCAS/OUAC**

**“There will be a one-time release of grades and other identifying information for all students in Grade 12 in early October... using secure transmission technology to the Ontario University Application Centre and the Ontario College Application Service in support and in anticipation of all post secondary applications. If you would like more information about this, please contact your assigned guidance counsellor.”**

# What Should I Do If I Still Have Questions?

If the questions are University or College specific - contact the institution directly - many have virtual chats where you can get immediate answers

Need help with your research? Have other questions? Contact your Guidance Counsellor.

**Next Steps**

# What can you do now?

## Your #1 Resource – Grad Google Classroom

- Resources
- Useful websites
- Tips and tricks for applications
- Upcoming deadlines– see the calendar
- The answers to ALL of your questions!

# September & October

- Review your summary of credits **in myBlueprint**
- Book an Appointment with Guidance if you are unsure if you are missing any of the above
- Discussions with **families/ guardians** re: choices, finances, etc.
- Remember to pay your grad fees.
- Make sure you have your OEN
- DO YOUR RESEARCH!!!



Grades 7 - 12  
Individual Pathways Plan  
and Course Selection



myBlueprint

# Students with an IEP

Students with IEPs CAN receive accommodations in college and university

It is the student's responsibility to make an appt with Student Services once you receive your offer and activate the support. They will not know that you have an IEP otherwise.

See them *well before* your program starts. Ask about what documentation will be needed.

# **Full Disclosure Date- Semester 1 November 29**

***Drop a course that you do not want  
appearing on your transcript***

**YOU MUST DROP THE COURSE PRIOR TO THIS  
DATE**

***\*\*\*\*Remember no Part Time status until November  
(MUST BE ATTENDING 3 COURSES)  
and even then it must be approved \*\*\*\****

\*\*\*\*usually for extenuating circumstances or medical reasons



# Keep yourself in the loop!

## **LISTEN**

to announcements, or check the announcement board

## **CHECK**

the boards outside of guidance and on the google classroom

## **TALK**

to your counsellor

## **CONSULT**

the proper websites regularly

## **ATTEND**

our information sessions on how to apply

## **APPLY**

early - do not leave until the absolute deadline

# Not Graduating?

- ❑ Please see a Guidance counsellor if you will not be able to fulfill your graduation requirements by June 2024
- ❑ If you know you will be missing graduation requirements, please see your guidance counsellor regarding Graduation Ceremony.

# **GRAD Google Classroom**

**Please join the graduating student classroom so you don't miss out on important dates, scholarship information & other resources.**

**GOOGLE CLASS CODE: 4r2zrsk**

**Before October 3 @ 4pm: Register for Period 2 OR 3 for the "HOW TO APPLY TO UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE PRESENTATION"**

# SHSM CLASSROOM

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ENSURE YOU ARE IN THE CLASSROOM TO GET THE MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION

Information is also posted in the parent ebulletin

It is YOUR responsibility to ensure that you complete the requirements. CHECK IN WITH MS PHYLACTION BEFORE DECEMBER

# Thank You

PLEASE STACK CHAIRS and move to the  
OUTSIDE (walls)