## Course Selection Planning for Grade 12



Richmond Green Secondary School

## Decisions, Decisions!



- Complete online course selection on Career Cruising
- Printout for parent/guardian signature
- Submit to your Per 1 teacher by: Friday FEBRUARY 23, 2018
- Students who submit their course selection late may not be able to enroll in the courses of their choice


## Course Selection requires planning

- Choose wisely! Know your strengths, limitations and interests
- Seek advice! Teachers, guidance, and parents



## Full Disclosure

- The Ontario Student Transcript provides a record of a student's overall achievement in high school to post-secondary institutions
- In grades 9 and 10, only successfully completed courses appear on the transcript
- In grades 11 and 12, a list of ALL courses taken or attempted, with percentage grade, will appear on the transcript


## Full Time Student Status

- Students are required to carry a full-time course load
- Grade 9-11 students must carry eight courses
- Grade 12 students must carry a minimum of six courses (three in each semester)



## Where am I going?

- Post-secondary destinations: work, college, university, apprenticeship, specialized training, etc.
- Explore ALL the possibilities that exist after high school
- Be aware of admission requirements for possible destinations
- Review labour market trends


## How do I get there?

- Educational planning - choose the appropriate courses for your destination
- Consult with liaison personnel from the institutions you are interested in
- Consult with Guidance
- Consult with parents/guardians

- Hard work and perseverance


## Using your IPP



## Use your Individual Pathway Planner

- IPP is found on Career Cruising
- It has valuable resources for career planning and goal setting


## Online Resources

- Ontario Colleges www.ontariocolleges.ca
- University www.electronicinfo.ca
- Individual college or university calendars/websites
- Apprenticeships www.apprenticesearch.com


## Graduation Requirements



- 30 credits
(18 compulsory and 12 optional credits)
- Successful completion of the Literacy requirement
- 40 hours of community involvement


## Tracking Diploma Requirements

- Review your marks from previous courses in the Course Planner of Career Cruising
- Carefully consider these marks when making decision for next year's course selection
- Report any errors or discrepancies to Guidance



## 34 THRESHOLD

## Prerequisite Planning

- Grades 11 and 12 courses may have prerequisites
- Consult the flowcharts for each subject area
- Check individual colleges, universities and other post-secondary institutions' prerequisites



## Math Pathways



## Science Pathways



## English Pathways



## Specialized programs at RGSS

Cooperative Education

- 2 credit ( $1 / 2$ day) or 4 credit (all day)
- Must complete an online application form (https://goo.gl/IyQMui) and teacher reference forms
- In the spring you will receive an appointment to meet with Co-op to discuss your interests



## Specialized programs at RGSS

## Accelerated OYAP

- Regional program that runs in semester 2 - Application required
- Must be in graduating year
- 4 credit (all day) - select for semester 2 ONLY
- Attend mandatory Open Houses and Orientation sessions in Fall of Semester 1
- Plan to complete all graduation requirements by end of semester 1 (i.e. English, Math, etc.)


## Specialized programs at RGSS

## Dual Credit

Earn both college and high school credits (Semester 1 or Semester 2)
Select 1 or 2 credit Dual Credit course in Career Cruising
Once a week in the afternoon

- can partner with Co-op or take morning classes only

Visit Guidance/Co-op for more information

## Specialized programs at RGSS

## Specialist High Skills Major

- Offered in; Business, Construction, Health and Wellness
- Bundle of 8-10 courses in grade 11 and 12
- Includes a 2 credit Co-operative Education
- Must complete SHSM Application form at Bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp


## Specialized programs at RGSS



Choosing SHSM on Career Cruising...

- Click on the "+" elective
- Scroll down to Specialist High Skills Major SHSM
- Add course


## Specialized programs at RGSS

Exploring Opportunities Program (EOP)

- 4 credit package with a focus on Construction Sector (2 credit co-op, Construction, Navigating the Workplace)
- Runs semester 1 or semester 2
- Select in Career Cruising
- Application and interview required



## Specialized programs at RGSS



Choosing EOP on Career Cruising...

- Click on the " + " elective
- Scroll down to Alternative Education
- Add course


## Destinations

## WORKPLACE

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## Work Destination

What do I need to do to get prepared?
Resume/Cover Letter, Interview Skills, Networking, Transferable Skills, Work Habits

How can I prepare before I graduate?
Cooperative Education, Exploring Opportunities
Program (EOP), Community Involvement,
 Related Experiences, Online resources

## Apprenticeships



- Hands-on training program - 85-90\% occurs 'on-the-job', while $10-15 \%$ takes place in the classroom
- Apprentices earn while they learn
- Requires competencies in Math, English and Science
- Grade 12 Math (MAP4C1 or MCT4C1)


## College Programs

| Program | Length | Entrance Requirements | Cost |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Certificate | $1+$ yrs |  |  |
| Diploma | $2-3 \mathrm{yrs}$ | OSSD <br> ENG4C / ENG4U <br> Possible additional requirements <br> such as Math or Science | $\$ 2500-5000 / \mathrm{yr}$ |
| Advanced Diploma | $2-3 \mathrm{yrs}$ | $2+$ <br> Collaborative Programs | $2-4 \mathrm{yrs}$ |
| Degree | 4 yrs | Six 'U' or 'M' courses <br> ENG4U + additional requirements | $\$ 6100 / \mathrm{yr}$ |

## University Programs

| Program | Length | Entrance Requirements | Cost |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| Bachelor's Degree | $3-4$ yrs | OSSD <br> ENG4U +5 'U'/'M' courses <br> Programs may require specific <br> courses, check the program <br> website for details | $\$ 6000-10000 / \mathrm{yr}$ |

## Online <br> Course <br> Selection



## School Board Website - www.yrdsb.ca




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Career Cruising is an interactive career guidance and pathways planning tool designed for people of all ages. The tool can help students to explore different career options, manage course selections online-and plan various pathways to meet the requirements for their desired career path.

Grades 6-12* students are directed to sign into the site with their district assigned account. The portfolio username for students is york-xxocxoxoxx where xxoxocxoxxx is the student ID. When logging in for the first time the password will be the student's birth date using the format mmddyyyy. The system will prompt the student for a new password after successfully logeing in for the first time. All students will start their portfolios from scratch in Career Cruising. Students from Grades 8 through 12-will perform their course selections through the Course Planner module on the Career Cruising site.

## Career Cruising

 Grades 6-12Career Cruising Pathfinder Tigs


## Career Cruising



## Course Selection

Welcome to Career Cruising, Sample01!


Focus on Careers
Focus on careers in social activism
Do you want to help make the world a better place? Here are some careers that will allow you to make a difterence.

Related Careers

- Actust
- Communty Worter
- Fundraiser
- Loobyist
- Politcal Nide
- Politician
- Volunteer Manager


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Click on the book icon to see a list of all courses offered at Richmond Green and their descriptions.

## Graduation Tracker

View what credits you have earned and still need to complete for your OSSD.

Select the graduation tracking tab on the right side of the course planner


## Adding Compulsory Courses

Shown in yellow. (Gr. 12 English)

## Adding Elective and

 Alternate CoursesYou must select at least 5 Electives and 2 Alternate Courses (think of them as back-up choices)


## Issue Note - Red Sign

## PREVENTS YOU FROM SUBMITTING

## Examples:

"You do not have the proper prerequisite, please select the proper prerequisite, or speak to Guidance."


## Warning Note - Blue Sign

Examples:
"You have selected a course that you have previously completed. This course will not count as an additional credit."

- or -
"Before choosing a Co-op Education course, students must meet with the Co-op Department to determine which course code to choose and to receive an Application Form and Teacher Reference."



## Other Credits

If you intend to take a course in summer school, place that course in the "Other Credit" box

This allows you to select an additional course or one that you may not have the prerequisite for.

A blue exclamation mark will appear indicating that the course selected is going to be taken as an extra credit.

Only use this box if very certain you are taking a summer school course.


## Final Step

Click the "SUBMIT" button to submit the courses

Print your selections and have them signed by your parent/guardian

Hand in to your Homeroom Teacher DUE NO LATER THAN

FRI FEB 23, 2018


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## Summer School

When Summer School Registration is open click on the add course box under ConEd.

## *NOTE: Music and Repertoire

No longer required to take Repertoire (before and after school band) with Music courses

If you choose to either take only repertoire or both repertoire and music together, you must choose Repertoire FIRST before all other electives

## Important Dates

- February 14, 2018 at lunch - Course Fair
- February 23, 2018 - Due Date for Submitting Course Selection
- March, 2018 - Course Request Verification (your last opportunity to revise your requests)



## Frequently Asked Questions



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- Q: How many courses should I take in Grade 12?
- A: Grade 12 students must maintain full-time status which means taking a minimum of 6 courses -3 credits per semester.
- Q: How important is my course selection for Grade 12? Can I change my mind later?
- A: Make sure to select courses thoughtfully. It is often difficult to change your timetable later as many courses will be full. RGSS builds their school timetable on student selection. If there are not enough students who select a course, the course may be cancelled.


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- Q: Is it better to choose 8 courses and then drop 2 later or choose 6 or 7 courses from the start?
- A: It is better to choose less, but be targeted in your selection. Choose only what you need!!! If you choose too many courses and spread yourself too thin, you run the risk of not getting the specific courses you actually need.
- Q:How important are my grade 11 marks if I apply to college or university?
- A: All grade 11 and 12 credits will be shared with post-secondary institutions during the application process.


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- Q: I have been looking at admission requirements to university - What does "top 6 grade 12 U or M courses" mean?
- A: A student's best 6 Grade $12 \mathrm{U} / \mathrm{M}$ courses are what universities review to determine acceptance. Pre-requisite courses are included in the top 6 courses (even if the mark isn't in the top 6). Some Universities stipulate a maximum number of " M " level courses they will accept as part of the top 6 . Students should review all admission requirements as they vary from school to school


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- Q: What does a "recommended" course mean?
- A: Required courses are those that a student must complete as part of the entry requirements for specific post secondary programs. Recommended courses are those that post-secondary programs suggest a students take, but is not a necessary entry requirement.
- $\mathrm{Q}:$ Do I have to take math in grade 12 ?
- A: Selecting math courses in grade 12 is often connected with post-secondary program requirements. Students are encouraged to do their post-secondary research and select math courses based on program requirements and personal planning decisions.


## Frequently Asked Questions...

- Q: Should I select ENG 4U or ENG 4C on my course planner if I plan to take it in summer school?
- A: If you are $100 \%$ certain that you are taking Grade 12 English at summer school you do NOT need to select it under the English tab. Instead, indicate that you are taking English under the "Other Credit" box at the bottom of the Year 12 column.


## Questions?



