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Important Information for Grade 11 Students **Re: Graduation Requirements and Post-Secondary Education**

Graduation Requirements:

- ✓ Please check your credit counselling summary to ensure that the information is correct and to make sure that you are on track to complete your graduation requirements by the end of your grade 12 year.
- ✓ Be sure to cross-reference your credit counselling summary with the “What Do You Need to Graduate?” handout in order to help you in your planning.
- ✓ **If you have any concerns about the information on your credit counselling summary, it is your responsibility to make an appointment with your guidance counsellor.**

Post-Secondary Education:

In order to plan for the rest of your grade 11 year and for your grade 12 year, it is important that you begin to research your options for post-secondary education. Here are some things you can do:

- ✓ Visit some of the websites listed below in order to check out available programs and their requirements. The best site to visit for finding out information about university programs in Ontario is www.electronicinfo.ca. The best site for finding out information about college programs in Ontario is www.ontariocolleges.ca.
- ✓ Attend the RHHS Pathways Fair (students and parents are welcome) on **Wednesday November 16, 2016** from **7-9 pm** where you can speak to representatives from various colleges and universities.
- ✓ Visit university and college campuses; you can check their websites for their fall and spring open house dates.
- ✓ Make sure to **choose your grade 12 courses carefully**, taking into account the pre-requisites for the post-secondary programs you are considering.

Important Web Resources

University

www.electronicinfo.ca
www.schoolfinder.com
www.ouf.ca
www.ouac.on.ca

US University

www.collegeboard.com
www.commonapp.org
www.ncaa.org
www.actstudent.org
<https://educationusa.state.gov>

College

www.ontariocolleges.ca
www.ontransfer.ca (Ont..College/University Transfer Guide)

Financial Assistance

www.canlearn.ca
<http://osap.gov.on.ca>

Student Awards

www.scholarshipscanada.com

Careers/Jobs/Training

www.careercruising.com
Username: yorkregion Password: 50920
www.youth.gc.ca
www.jobskills.org
www.canadiancareers.com
www.workingincanada.gc.ca

Resources for Students with Disabilities

<http://www.transitionresourceguide.ca/>
www.ldao.ca
(Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario)
www.neads.ca
(National Educational Association of Disabled Students – NEADS)
www.disabilityawards.ca

Apprenticeships

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/employment-ontario>
<http://oyap.com/>
www.careersintrades.ca

Full Disclosure

Full disclosure means that:

- In grades 9 and 10 – only successfully completed courses will be recorded on a student's transcript
- In grades 11 and 12 – marks for ALL completed courses will be recorded on a student's transcript (even for repeated courses and for courses in which students were unsuccessful).
- For students who withdraw from a course prior to the full disclosure deadline (which is 5 school days after the midterm report card is issued), the course **mark will not appear** on the transcript. For students who withdraw from a course after the full disclosure deadline, the course will show on the transcript with the most recent mark. A "W" will appear on the transcript to indicate that the student withdrew from the course. The semester one full disclosure deadline is **November 23, 2016** and the semester two deadline is **April 27, 2017**.

NOTE: Your marks are sent electronically to universities and colleges by RHHS. Ontario universities require us to send marks for ALL completed grade 11 and 12 courses. Ontario colleges require us to send marks for ALL completed courses from grades 9 – 12.

Universities and colleges will look at your grade 11 marks, and in some cases these marks can play an important role in determining your admission. Students should research each college and university program to which they want to apply and find out their policy on using grade 11 marks.

Scholarships and Awards

There are several different types of scholarships and awards that students can apply for in their grade 12 year. Some are based entirely on grades and these scholarships often do not require an application. However, there are many other scholarships which require that the student demonstrates a balance between academic achievement, extra-curricular activities and community involvement. Should your application require a teacher reference letter, please give the teacher a minimum of two weeks' notice. Your focus on the community aspect should be on the society at large. Your description of your community involvement should be focused on the following:

- The footprint your actions have left on society
- How others have benefitted as a result of your actions
- How you have grown as a result of your actions

Your community contribution should reflect upon how you've made a difference, directly or indirectly, to the lives of others in your community, and on society as a whole. You should start thinking about these things now as you plan for your extra-curricular and community activities in grades 11 and 12. Students who have questions about scholarships and awards can speak to **Ms. Axelrod** in Guidance.

Applying to American /International Universities

Grade 11 students who are considering applying to American or International universities need to begin thinking about this process now. Make sure to give this decision a lot of thought as the process for applying to American or International universities requires a lot of extra time and effort on your part. Students applying to American Universities will need to write standardized tests such as SAT or ACT. In addition, you will have to write application essays. Students must also obtain teacher references and teachers must be given a minimum of two weeks' notice to provide these references. Students should also give careful consideration to the cost of American or International universities as they are considerably more expensive than Canadian universities. Deadlines for U.S. colleges and universities are also earlier than Canadian universities.

Students who are serious about applying to American/International universities should book an appointment with **Mr. Mark** in Guidance to begin the planning process.

Advanced Placement (AP) Program

Students who have questions about AP courses or the AP program can speak to **Ms. Coleman** in the Library.