THORNLEA SECONDARY SCHOOL

Welcome parent(s)/guardian(s) of the <u>Class of 2021</u> CANADIAN POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION EVENING Note: this slide show will be posted to our WebPage 😳

Guidance Support



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Decision time..



Parental Support-Ways you may help

- Be a good listener -let your child talk things through
- Reassure them -they have time to decide
- Pay attention to your own possible worries or concerns –they're contagious

Parental Support-Ways you may help

- "Aim for the stars" if that's what your child wants but...
- There's no shame in a "no"
- Ensure their choices include a program that they are happy with and they know they will get in

The role your child plays



- "Know thyself"
- Program knowledge is essential
- Access resources
- Consult with their Guidance Counselor
- Network (Family & Friends)
- Ask questions
- Visit the campus (virtual open houses)
- Goal-Setting to support their decisions

What's the criteria?



In no particular order(some variables):

- Distance from home
- Big city or small town
- Size of post-secondary
- Atmosphere/Culture of the campus
- Programs / Colleges
- Residence life
- Student facilities
- Class size / format
- Cost

University Size - Undergraduate

- University of Toronto(St. George) –44,000
- Trent University 9,000

The Individual Pathways Plan (IPP)



The Decision Making Process

- The key to good decisions is good research:
 - Univeristy Info:
 - https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/
 - College Info:
 - https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/
 - Virtual visit to the College fair this Fall
 - Attend a college and/or university virtual open house

• Refer to the Gclassroom for more details The class code is **qq5j7rk**

The Decision Making Process

- Key Dates:
 - Ontario Universities
 - See list on GClassroom
 - Ontario College Information Fair
 - Ontario College Virtual Fair: Wed Nov 4th - 4-8pm & Thurs Nov 5th - 9am-1pm
 - Register at <u>https://ontariocollegefair.ca/</u>
 - FREE!!



College

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Types of College Programs

- One year certificate and postgraduate certificate programs
- Two and three year diploma
 - Four year <u>degree (six 4U/M)</u>
 - Joint college/university programs





Admission to College:

- ENG4U or ENG4C
- Math requirements may be either 4C or 3U/3M in some cases
 - Language and math placement tests may have to be written

All secondary school marks are sent to colleges. Admission to most programs not based on average.



Applying to College

- Apply online at www.ontariocolleges.ca
- Cost \$95 for 5 programs choices.
 - May not apply to more than 3 programs at one college

Marks information electronically transferred from Thornlea to OCAS





Important Dates:

- Can apply now starting in October
- OEN number (report card)
- February 1, 2021
 - Equal Consideration Date
 - May 1st, 2021
 - Applicants **required** to confirm acceptance
 - June 1st, 2021
 - Earliest colleges may require a payment





Resources:

- 1. www.ontariocolleges.ca
 - Your source for finding and applying to programs
 - Links to specific colleges and programs to find more detailed information
- 2. Grade 12 GoogleClassroom

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Estimated College Costs(2019)



- College tuition fees are usually between \$2000 –\$3000 per year for diploma programs
- Bachelor degree program fees are usually between \$5500 -\$6000 per year
- Some specialized programs, ie. the dental hygienist program, can cost up to \$15000 per year for tuition alone.
- Books, supplies and other fees may cost an additional \$650 -\$1000
- College residence cost about \$6000, not including meals



Admission to University:

- Admission average consists of 6 grade 12 courses at the U or M level
 - ENG4U a requirement
 - Pre-requisite courses will be included for some programs
 - Completion of the OSSD
 - Community hours (min. 20 hours)
 - Literacy test or (Course if approved)
- Supplemental Application Form

Applying to University

- Online application at www.ouac.on.ca
 - Application requires a unique PIN that will be emailed to your gapps account on October 29th.

Standard Cost is \$150 for 3 choices

- Additional choices cost \$50
- Maximum 3 choices/university
- Recommend 3 to 8 (\$150 -\$400)

Important Dates:

- January 15, 2021 at 11:59PM EST
- The Deadline to complete the application(**paid**)
- May 27, 2021
 - Latest date to expect a response
 - June 1, 2021

Earliest date a university may require a response & payment

Out of Province Universities

- Requirements may be different
 - Dalhousie University only require 5 U/M courses.
- Some schools <u>may</u> use OUAC(UBC, McGill)
 - Grades electronically transferred from Thornlea
 - Mail an official transcript
- Timelines and dates are different
- students MUST let us know that they have applied



Resources

- 1. <u>https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/</u>
- Ontario Universities Virtual Visits
 See grade 12 Gclassroom
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Estimated University Costs(2019)

- Typically, university tuition costs are between \$6000 -\$12000 per year for regular programs
- Typical commerce and engineering fees range from \$9000 -\$14000
- Residence fees \$11000 –20,000 depending on the school and whether a meal plan is included
- Books and other incidental fees add another \$1500 to \$2500 per year

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY APPLICATION

"There will be a one-time release of grades for all students in Grade 12 in October using secure transmission technology to the Ontario University Application Centre (Oct.15) and the Ontario College Application Service (Oct. 9) in support and in anticipation of all post secondary applications. If you would like more information about this please contact your assigned guidance counsellor."

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY APPLICATION Important Tips



Important Tips



- Check your email daily(including junk/spam)
- Read offers of admission very carefully
- Pay attention to all deadlines(including portfolios)
- Always complete supplemental applications on time
- Students who have been in Canada less than 4 years will need to write a language proficiency test, ex. TOEFL or IELTS
- Report extenuating circumstances in writing
- Students with an IEP must <u>self-identify</u> to each school's Disability or Student Services Office
- Keep marks up. Scholarships may be adjusted in July

Financing Your Education



Sources of Financial Aid

- 1. Scholarships
- 2. Bursaries
- 3. Government Funding
- 4. Part Time Employment
- 5. Student Lines of Credit

Financing Your Education

Scholarships – Resources:

Always review the Grade 12 GClassroom "Scholarship Information" Section

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Government Funding – OSAP:

Source of Funding: Loans and/or
 Grants based on need

<u>https://www.ontario.ca/page/osap-ontario-student-assistance-program</u>

Full Disclosure Date

 The Full Disclosure date is Dec. 16th – Dropping the course before that date will make sure there will be no record that you took the course on your transcript.

Repeated Courses

- Each post-secondary and possibly even programs within a University/College may have specific policies on repeated courses
- If you are unsure of the impact on your application, please contact them directly

Private School/Non-YRDSB Courses

- In order to have a course that you completed at private school or Non-YRDSB school included on your high school transcript, you <u>must provide the Guidance Department with</u> <u>an official transcript or official report card</u> from the private school/Non-YRDSB school
- Some Universities/Colleges (competitive programs) may adjust your overall average, please contact them directly for clarification.

Planning on applying to a USA College/Univeristy

Important Websites:

SATs - www.collegeboard.org

ACTs - <u>https://www.act.org/</u>

– US Application Center www.commonapplication.org

Conditional offers



 It is of <u>ABSOLUTE IMPORTANCE</u> that students read ALL conditions on offers of admission and meet ALL deadlines/timelines

Thank you!



 To everyone, remember to reach out to your guidance counselor if you have questions or need support

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