

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GR. 11 /12 STUDENTS & PARENTS/GUARDIANS

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1. POTENTIAL GRADUATE & PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION EVENING (Sept. 12)

For: Gr. 12 Students AND Parents (Gr. 11's are welcome; please note that there will be a Gr. 9-11 evening later in the school year)

When: **Tuesday, September 12, 2017, 6:30p.m.-8:00p.m.**

Where: Auditorium

Topics: Graduation Requirements, College and University Application Process, Scholarships/Awards & Financial Aid Process, Timelines, and more.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THIS VERY INFORMATIVE SESSION!

2. 2017 ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES' FAIR (Sept. 22) **www.ouf.ca**

Gr. 11/12 students will have the opportunity to attend the **2017 Ontario Universities' Fair** at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on **Friday, September 22, 2017**. All Ontario universities will be in attendance as this is their "premiere event" and this is the only venue in which our students have access to professors, program coordinators, academic advisors, and student mentors.

Buses will depart Sir Winston Churchill at 8:00 a.m. Students will check in and **board the buses at 7:45 a.m.** We are scheduled to **leave the fair at 1:15 p.m.** This should provide our students with time to talk to university representatives, attend a couple of information sessions, and hopefully miss traffic coming home. **Parents are welcome!**

The cost is **\$15.00 per person**. We will take two school buses, conditional upon numbers. First come = first served!

There will be S.W.C. staff on the buses and at these sessions BUT parents must understand that students will be responsible for their individual time during the day. Students are not allowed to leave the Convention Centre (bring a lunch).

If you are interested in attending the **Ontario Universities' Fair in Toronto**, please complete the permission form, and pay the fee, through **SWC School Cash Online** by 3:20 p.m. on Monday, **September 18, 2017**. On Tuesday, a list of trip participants will be posted outside of Guidance. All students who are attending should pre-register for their "OUF PASSPORT" before September 22nd. (<http://www.ouf.ca/passport/>)

For students who are attending Project Spirit, or who were waitlisted for the bus, please note that the fair continues over the weekend and we strongly encourage you to attend it then.

3. 2016 ONTARIO COLLEGE INFORMATION FAIR (Oct. 25) **www.ocif.ca**

Gr. 11/12 students will have the opportunity to attend the **2017 Ontario College Information Fair** at the Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place, Toronto, on **Tuesday, October 25, 2017**. Colleges from across the province will be in attendance. Students will be able to receive detailed information on programs and career opportunities, meet representatives from colleges, and get answers to questions about admissions, academics, housing and more.

Buses will depart Sir Winston Churchill at 8:00 a.m. Students will check in and **board the buses at 7:45 a.m.** We are scheduled to **leave the fair at 1:15 p.m.** This should provide our students with time to talk to college representatives, attend a couple of information sessions, and hopefully miss traffic coming home. **Parents are welcome!** →→→

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4. 2017 NIAGARA COLLEGE INFORMATION PROGRAM (Oct. 23)

niagaracollege.ca/visit/oncampus/cip/

Gr. 11/12 students will have the opportunity to attend Niagara College's Fair, at the Welland campus, on **Monday October 23, 2017**. Niagara College features interactive exhibits and displays by their academic areas. Faculty and current students from all NC programs are on hand to answer questions about the education and training opportunities offered by Niagara College. In addition, representatives from other Ontario Colleges are in attendance, with display booths, to share information about their programs and sites.

This is a free event and Niagara College usually provides free busing for our students. The Fair runs from 9:00a.m.-1:00 p.m. We are awaiting final confirmation of our scheduled busing; our attendance time has not yet been determined. Students should plan to be available between 8:30 a.m. and 12:40 p.m. **Parents are welcome!**

If you are interested in attending the **Niagara College Fair** please complete the permission form through **SWC School Cash Online** by 3:20 p.m. on Thursday, **October 19, 2017**. On Friday, a list of trip participants will be posted outside of Guidance.

5. COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIAISON VISITS TO S.W.C.

Many college and university Liaison Officers will be visiting S.W.C. during the fall. These 30-45 minute visits are excellent opportunities to clarify details/differences to assist in making this important decision. Most of these sessions are booked during our lunch period. The schedule for these visits will be promoted on SWCTV morning announcements and posted in Guidance.

6. GRADE 12 PATHWAY PREPARATION & EXIT PLAN

Making excellent decisions about post-secondary options doesn't start in September of your graduating year; it's an ongoing, evolving process over the course of your secondary schooling (remember Gr. 10 Careers class?). At this point, Potential Grads should have all necessary pre-requisite courses on their timetable, along with general ideas of their possible post-secondary programs. To assist with this planning, Potential Grads were given an activity to complete over the summer called "SWC GRADE 12 PATHWAY PREPARATION".

This activity is completed within the Career Cruising site, under the student I.P.P. section (Individual Pathway Plan). It is a board requirement that all Gr. 12 students research at least 3 schools, identify Career and Life goals, and complete/update their resume in Career Cruising.

Guidance will be scheduling Grad interviews with each Potential Graduate to discuss their post-secondary plan. Please note that these interviews can only take place AFTER:

- the student has completed the Pathway Preparation activity (a copy is on our website), AND
- the student has completed the Potential Graduate "Exit Plan" Google Doc (via our website).

Senior students are advised every year, during Course Plan presentations, to ensure that they select all possible/necessary pre-requisite courses for all post-secondary programs of consideration. We continue to encourage students to check college and university websites regularly to ensure that they still have the necessary pre-requisite courses as eligibility requirements may change. Do not wait for the Grad interview! Ensure that you have done your research beforehand. Grad Interviews will commence as soon as possible.

