

Soaring to New Heights

Guidance Newsletter – September 2011

Welcome to your graduating year at H.H.S.S. You should be very proud of your accomplishments so far and most likely are beginning to feel excited about your years beyond the doors of H.H.S.S. It is, therefore, very important that you research carefully how you plan to get to that next stage. Whether you intend to go to work, start an apprenticeship, attend college or university, you must have a plan. Mrs. Duchene and Mrs. Paton are here in Guidance to help you achieve your post-secondary goals.

In the next few weeks, we will be meeting with all graduates to discuss post-secondary plans and help with research.

The following is a list of dates, tips, and important websites that you will find useful in your planning and research.

1. Always listen to announcements and read the Guidance bulletin board – it is the only way we can get information to all of the graduates.
2. Use your Student Planner – write in the dates of all of the University and College visits and plan for tests and assignments. It is a good practice regardless of your post-secondary destination.
3. Take time each week to research post-secondary and financial options.
4. Complete your community hours and hand in your card as soon as possible.



5. UNIVERSITY VISITS

Tues., Sept. 20 th	Lakehead University	Period 2	Library Sem Rm
Tues., Oct. 4 th	Algoma University	Period 1	Library Sem Rm
Thurs., Oct. 6 th	Ryerson University	Period 4	Theatre
Wed., Oct. 19 th	University of Ontario	Period 1	Library Sem Rm
Wed., October 26 th	Trent University	Period 1	Theatre
Mon. Oct 31 st	Nipissing University	Period 1	Library Sem Rm
Mon., Oct. 31 st	Western University	Period 4	Theatre
Thurs., Nov. 3 rd	Waterloo University	Period 2	Library Sem Rm
Mon., Nov. 7 th	Queen's University	Period 1	Theatre
Fri., Nov. 11 th	Ottawa University	Period 3	Library Sem Rm
Tues., Nov. 15 th	Guelph University	Period 3	Library Sem Rm
Thurs., Nov. 17 th	Redeemer University	Period 4	Guidance
Fri., Nov. 18 th	Tyndale University	Period 4	Guidance
Mon., Nov. 21 st	Laurier University	Period 4	Library Sem Rm
Fri., Nov. 25 th	Laurentian University	Period 3	Library Sem Rm

COLLEGE VISITS

Mon., Sept. 19 th	Canadore College	Period 3	Library Sem Rm
Thurs., Sept. 29 th	Fleming College	Period 3	Library Sem Rm
Tues., Oct. 11 th	Georgian College	Period 2	Library Sem Rm
Thurs., Oct. 13 th	Loyalist College	Period 1	Theatre
Mon., Nov. 7 th	Algonquin College	Period 4	Library Sem Rm
Tues., Nov. 8 th	Durham College	Period 3	Library Sem Rm

* Others may be added at a later date – listen to announcements.

6. University Information Program – All of the universities will be represented at St. Thomas Aquinas C.S.S. on Thursday, October 27th at 9:00 a.m. Sign the list in Guidance if you wish to attend – listen for announcements.
7. College Information Program – All colleges will be represented at Fleming College in Peterborough on Monday, October 31st from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – sign the list in Guidance if you wish to attend – listen for announcements.
8. University Fair in Toronto – Students may wish to attend this event on the weekend of October 14th – 16th at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. See more information on the Guidance bulletin board.

9. Students will apply to university and college on-line.
- University application cost is \$125.00 for 3 choices and \$42.00 for each additional choice. Students will receive a PIN # in early November as well as a tutorial presented by Mrs. Duchene in late October/early November.
University Application Deadline: January 11, 2012 – we will be encouraging students to apply by December 23rd to avoid system slowdowns.
 - University Research website: www.electronicinfo.ca
 - College application cost is \$95.00 for 5 choices and Mrs. Duchene will also be doing a presentation on how to apply.
College Application Deadline: February 1, 2012 – we will be encouraging students to apply by December 23rd to avoid system slowdowns.
 - College Research website: www.ontariocolleges.ca

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

All students should register on **StudentAwards.com** to receive the latest information on available scholarships, bursaries and contests.

Other helpful websites:

1. ScholarshipsCanada.com – scholarship finder
2. www.osap.gov.on.ca – Ontario Student Assistance Program
3. <http://www.ocutg.on.ca> – College to University Transfer Guide
4. www.loranaward.ca – Canadian Merit Scholarship - must have 85%
5. www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/private.html – Career Colleges

Please feel free to make an appointment with any of the Guidance Counsellors as you navigate through the process of planning for next year. We wish you luck and we challenge you to keep soaring to new heights.

*“Go confidently in the direction of your dreams.
Live the life you have imagined.”*

Henry David Thoreau