

Soaring to New Heights

Guidance Newsletter – September 2009

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 Mr. P. Morissette 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

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| Thurs., Sept. 17 th | Western University | Period 3 | Library Sem Rm |
| Tues., Sept. 22 nd | Waterloo University | Period 1 | Library Sem Rm |
| Tues., Sept. 29 th | University of Ontario | Period 3 | Library Sem Rm |
| Wed., Oct. 7 th | Lakehead University | Period 3 | Library Sem Rm |
| Thurs., Oct. 8 th | Brock University | Period 1 | Library Sem Rm |
| Friday, Oct. 9 th | Nipissing University | Period 2 | Library Sem Rm |
| Thurs., Oct. 15 th | Guelph University | Period 4 | Library Sem Rm |
| Wed., Oct. 21 st | Ryerson University | Period 1 | Library Sem Rm |
| Fri., Oct. 23 rd | Trent University | Period 2 | Library Sem Rm |
| Fri., Oct. 30 th | Laurentian University | Period 2 | Library Sem Rm |
| Mon., Nov. 9 th | Queen's University | Period 1 | Library Sem Rm |
| Tues., Nov. 10 th | Wilfrid Laurier University | Period 4 | Library Sem Rm |
| Fri., Nov. 13 th | Ottawa University | Period 2 | Library Sem Rm |

COLLEGE VISITS

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| Tues., Sept. 22 nd | Georgian College | Period 2 | Library Sem Rm |
| Thurs., Oct. 1 st | Loyalist College | Period 3 | Library Sem Rm |
| Tues., Oct. 6 th | Canadore College | Period 1 | Library Sem Rm |
| Tues., Oct. 20 th | Cambrian College | Period 1 | Library Sem Rm |
| Wed., Oct. 21 st | Fleming College | Period 2 | Library Sem Rm |
| Tues., Nov. 3 rd | Niagara College | Period 4 | Library Sem Rm |
| Tues., Nov. 10 th | Algonquin College | Period 2 | Library Sem Rm |
| Fri., Nov. 27 th | Lambton College | Period 2 | 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 L.C.V.I. in Lindsay on Thursday, October 22nd in the afternoon. 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, November 2nd 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 September 25th – September 27th 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 \$105.00 for 3 choices and \$35.00 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 13, 2010 – we will be encouraging students to apply by December 21st to avoid system slowdowns.
 - College application cost is \$95.00 and Mrs. Duchene will also be doing a presentation on how to apply.
College Application Deadline: February 1, 2010 – we will be encouraging students to apply by December 18th to avoid system slowdowns.

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. Applied Degrees – www.degreesindemand.ca
5. Canadian Merit Scholarship - www.loranaward.ca – must have 85%
6. Career Colleges – www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/private.html

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.

“When we do the best that we can, we never know what a miracle is wrought in our life, or in the life of another.”

Helen Keller