

Monday September 15th, 2025

GRADE 12 WEEKLY LETTER 2

Hi there Grade 12s!

- **OCAS OPENING DATE**
- **VIRTUAL ONTARIO UNIVERSITY INFORMATION SESSION #1... LINK TO SIGN UP**
- **INTERESTED IN AN APPRENTICESHIP?**
- **APPRENTICESHIP INFO SESSION**
- **MAJOR SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES**
- **CALENDAR OF UNI/COLLEGE VISITS TO DVSS**

COMING UP THIS WEEK...

Grade 12 meetings continue... we will not be calling you out of class: just come to guidance at your time!

Not sure when your meeting is?

Come to guidance: the full list is on the first table.

OCAS OPENING DATE

(WHEN YOU CAN MAKE YOUR ACCOUNT TO APPLY TO COLLEGE):

October 1, 2025

Application fee: \$150 for a maximum of 5 programs.

VIRTUAL ONTARIO UNIVERSITY INFORMATION SESSION #1:

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2025!



Fall 2025 Information Sessions virtual events:

- September 16, from 6-8 pm (ET)
- November 10, from 5-7 pm (ET)

The virtual Information Sessions bring together Ontario's universities to inform you about your university options through virtual, live presentations.

Sign up: [Ontario Universities' Information Sessions](#)



INTERESTED IN AN APPRENTICESHIP?

Check out these two websites to learn about what trades are connected to apprenticeships:

[Apprenticeship in Ontario | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca/apprenticeship)

[Pathways to Apprenticeship - Skills Ontario](https://www.skillsontario.ca/pathways-to-apprenticeship)

If you do not have a connection to someone in the trades who is willing to take you on as an apprentice, you can explore pre-apprenticeship programs at many colleges including Conestoga and Mohawk College.

[Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program | Mohawk College](https://www.mohawkcollege.ca/pre-apprenticeship-training-program)

[Try A Trade: Build Your Career | Courses](https://www.conestogacollege.ca/try-a-trade-build-your-career)

HWDSB IS HOSTING AN APPRENTICESHIP INFORMATION NIGHT!

SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

HWDSB



Apprenticeships Information Night for Students and Families

Learn about Training and Career Opportunities
in Apprenticeships and Skilled Trades.
Meet with Colleges, Training Delivery Agents,
and leading Local Employer partners.

DETAIL INFORMATION:



SEPT. 24, 2025



5:30pm to 8:00pm

LiUNA Station
360 James St. North,
Hamilton

LEARN ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES IN:

Electrician Plumber
General Carpenter
Automotive Service Technician
Millwright Welder
Truck and Coach Technician
Construction Craft Worker
Refrigeration (HVAC)
Hairstylist Chef
and many more....



**Learn about
OYAP Level 1
Programs**

Child care service available



MAJOR SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES – for the highlighted scholarships that demand a school nomination, please submit the self-nomination to the Guidance office by **Wednesday October 1st**!

	DEADLINE FOR NOMINATION	WHO SHOULD APPLY	WEBSITE
QUEEN'S CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARSHIP (\$48,000)	Last year's deadline (website is not yet updated) December 8, 2024 (one nominee per school)	Superior academic ability Creative and original thinking Proven leadership qualities Plans to go to Queens	Future Students Major Admission Awards Registrar & Financial Aid Services (queensu.ca)
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO BOOK AWARD AND NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP (Tuition and residence for 4 years)	October 10th, 2024 (Book Award – we nominate one person) and October 17 th , 2025 for the National Scholarship (you apply)	An original and creative thinker Committed to school and community A high achiever in academic and creative pursuits Enthusiastic about learning and intellectual exploration Nominated for the Book Award Plans to go to University of Toronto	About the National Scholarships - Future Students. University of Toronto University of Toronto (utoronto.ca)
WESTERN UNIVERSITY NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS (various)	Applications for the 2026-27 academic year will become available by mid-November 2025.	Outstanding academic performance Creative and innovative thought A passion for the pursuit of learning Exceptional achievement in extracurricular activities (arts and athletics) Commitment to community service	National Scholarship Program - Office of the Registrar - Western University (uwo.ca)
LORAN SCHOLARSHIP \$100,000 over 4 years	October 16th, 2025 (deadline for your application... no school nomination needed)	Leadership, giving back to the community, high achievement; you are attending one of the 25 partner universities	How it Works - Loran Scholars
SCHULICH LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP (\$120,000 + mentorship)	January 28, 2026 (deadline for school to submit one nominee)	Academic excellence, entrepreneurial mindset (leadership, charisma, creativity), STEM student (not planning to be a doctor or researcher), financial need.	Schulich Leader Scholarships

LASTLY... SIGN UP IN GUIDANCE IF YOU'D LIKE TO ATTEND!

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY VISITS 2025-2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
OCTOBER						
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 THANKSGIVING	14	15	16 Conestoga 9:30 AM	17 Fanshawe 9:00 AM	18
19	20	21	22 TMU 10:40 AM	23	24 PD DAY	25
26	27	28	29	30 Guelph 9:00 AM	31	
NOVEMBER						
2	3	4 McMaster 9:00 AM	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Western 9:00 AM Guelph-Humber College 10:40 AM	12 Laurier 1:00 PM	13	14	15
16	17	18 Mohawk 9:00 AM	19	20	21 PD DAY	22
23	24	25	26 Waterloo 9:00 AM	27	28	29

Have a wonderful week!

Your guidance team,

Ms. Warren, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Steele, and Mrs. Indelicato

