Applying to College and University



Welcome & Agenda

- Welcome to the 22-23 School Year!
- Agenda:
 - Graduation Reminders
 - Information available to students
 - Applying to College
 - Applying to University
 - Applying Out of Province
 - Scholarships and Awards
 - Questions



Grad Checklist

- 30 credits (18 compulsory, 12 elective)
- 40 community involvement hours;
- Successfully completed Literacy requirement;
- If in French Immersion Program...completed 10 French Immersion Credits
- Post-Secondary program prerequisites
- If applying to university, you need a minimum of 6 Grade 12 U/M courses, including ENG4U1 and program prerequisites
- When applying to competitive college and university programs, watch for supplemental applications such as auditions, portfolios, essays etc.

Grad Checklist- Community Hours

- 40 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT HOURS NEEDED FOR JUNE 2023 GRADS
- At the principal's discretion, the following activities will be deemed eligible for all secondary students for their community involvement activities in the 2022-23 school year:
 - Activities that take place during the time allotted for the instructional program on a school day (e.g., walking a younger neighbour or sibling to and from school, helping younger siblings with their homework)
 - Activities that include up to 10 hours of paid work, with the requirement to complete a reflection exercise indicating how their work contributed to service for others (e.g., grocery work during the pandemic)
 - Activities that consist of duties normally performed in the home (e.g., students could help an elderly relative with errands, provide after-school care for a sibling)



HWDSB THE HUB Guidance Course















Westdale Secondary Guidance (2...





















Assignments







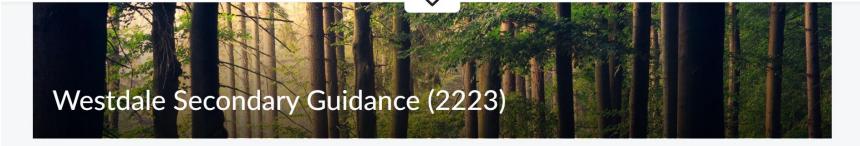
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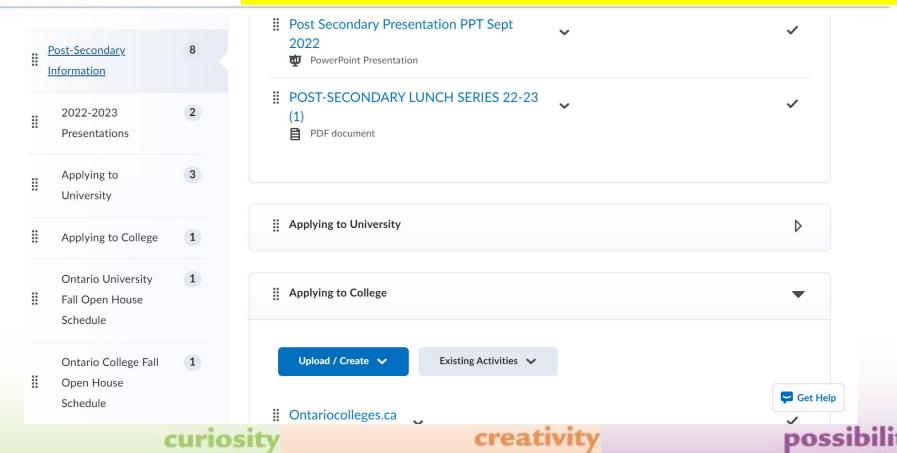


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THE HUB Guidance Course



Lunch Speaker Series

DATE	INSTITUTION	LOCATION
Wednesday, September 28	McMaster University	Auditorium
Tuesday, October 4	Toronto Metropolitan University	Library Seminar Room
Wednesday, October 5	Niagara College	Library Seminar Room
Friday, October 7	Education USA	Library Seminar Room
Tuesday, October 11	Sheridan College	Library Seminar Room
Thursday, October 13	Mohawk College	Auditorium
Monday, October 17	Trent University	Library Seminar Room
Tuesday, October 18	University of British Columbia	To be determined
Friday, October 21	Apprenticeship Presentation	Library Seminar Room
Tuesday, October 25	Brock University	To be determined
Thursday, October 27	University of Alberta	Library Seminar Room
Tuesday, November 1	University of Toronto	Auditorium
Wednesday, November 9	University of Guelph	Auditorium
Thursday, November 10	University of Ottawa	Library Seminar Room
Tuesday, November 15	Conestoga College	To be determined
Thursday, November 17	University of Waterloo	Auditorium
Thursday, November 23	Queen's University	Library Seminar Room

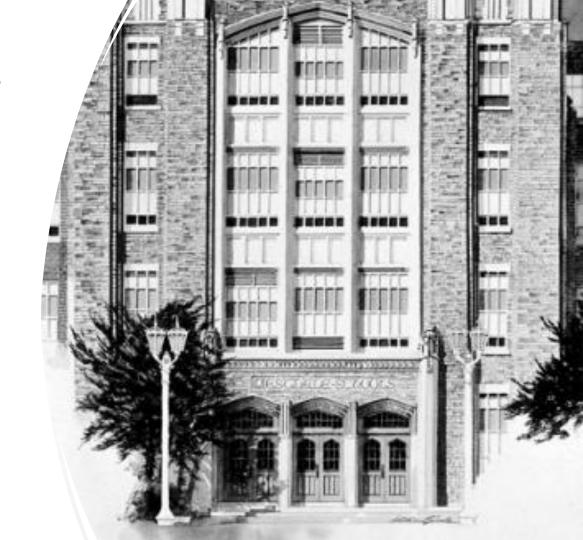
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What's Next?

- Applying to College
- Applying to University
- Scholarships/Awards
- Questions



HWDSB Ontario College Application Process

- Do research and apply online at www.ontariocolleges.ca starting in early October
- Obtain OEN (Ontario Education Number) from any report card or by emailing your guidance counsellor
- Instructional videos are posted on the Guidance 2223 Hub page under "applying to college and university"
- Deadline to apply to college is February 1st, 2023
- \$110.00 application fee
- 5 choices—no more than 3 programs at any one college

Ontario College Application Timelines

- Apply by February 1 for equal consideration
- Applications after February 1 will be processed only if there is space in the program
- November 1 is the earliest date you will receive an offer of acceptance to an Ontario College Program
- Offers continue to go out until programs are filled; then waitlisted
- Deadline to accept offer is May 1
- Tuition deposit due to college June 1

College Prerequisites

- To apply for college in Ontario:
 - Graduate with OSSD
 - Grade 12 English mark is critical
 - Programs have specific prerequisites

Application Tips

- Be sure to check the program start date (Sept 2023 vs Jan 2024)
- Use all 5 choices
- Keep track of your logins and passwords
- Be sure that your program choices are entered in order of preference

Learning More About College

Ontario College Information Fair

- Enercare Centre, Toronto (Exhibition Place)
- Wed, Oct 19 5 9 pm and Thurs, Oct 20 9 am 2 pm

College Information Program

- Mohawk College
- Tues, Oct 18 9:30 am 12:30 pm

College Mondays

- Online information sessions beginning Nov 7
- Visit the link below to register for the info sessions
- https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/colleges/collegemondays

APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY

- Use <u>www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca</u> to research
- Use <u>www.ouac.on.ca</u> to apply to Ontario universities
- OUAC=Ontario Universities Application Centre
- Students will apply to an undergraduate degree program at University where you earn a Bachelor's Degree (i.e. Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science)
- Most undergraduate degree programs are four years in length
- Go to the Hub Guidance 2223 course for more information

University Prerequisites

- Top 6 Grade 12 U/M courses including ENG4U + specific program prerequisite courses
- Some university programs limit the number of 'M' level courses you can have in your top 6
 - e.g. McMaster Nursing Degree Program
 ENG4U, (1 of MHF4U, MCV4U, MDM4U), SBI4U, SCH4U
 + 2 other 4U/4M courses
- Co-op, college and open level courses DO NOT count towards your university admission average

Ontario University Application Process www.ouac.on.ca

- Students need an OUAC PIN # to apply to university
- OUAC PIN #s have been mailed to Westdale
- Westdale Guidance will conduct an information session tomorrow, Friday, Oct 28, for students applying to university
- PIN numbers will be handed out following that presentation
- Deadline to apply is January 12, 2023

Ontario University Application Process www.ouac.on.ca

- OUAC fee is \$150 for 3 choices
- \$50 for each additional choice beyond the first 3
- Some schools have supplemental fees this year:
 - McMaster Engineering \$50
 - OCAD (all programs) \$25
 - U of T Architecture \$45, Commerce \$50, Computer Science \$50, Engineering \$40
 - Waterloo Accounting \$53.25, Engineering \$53.25
 - York (some programs in School of Arts, Media, Performance & Design) \$20
- Supplemental fees will be paid to OUAC at the time of application
- All fees are non-refundable

Repeated Courses

- Repeated mark policy varies from school to school
 - Some take the mark from the first attempt at the course
 - Some take the highest mark
 - Some take an average
 - Some give a penalty
- Students should check the minimum average and the repeated course policy for your university program of choice
- Where? University website OR ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca



How do colleges and universities get my marks?

- All Grade 11 and 12 marks are sent electronically by Westdale in November, February, April and July
- Check your OCAS/OUAC account online after every reporting period and let your counsellor know about any errors students will get an email alert when their profile is updated
- If you are taking a course outside of Westdale and HWDSB elearning, it is YOUR responsibility to ensure Mrs. Harvey is aware you are taking that course and that she receives your mark for submission to OCAS/OUAC



Application Strategies

Advice from one post-secondary representative:

- 1) Check to be sure that programs and/or schools are in alignment (e.g. make sure student has more than one option for first choice of program).
- 2) Consider applying to one school outside of the GTHA
- 3) As best as possible, apply to one program where you are <u>very</u> <u>confident</u> you will receive an offer of admission

Universities Outside of Ontario

- Check each university website for deadlines and application fees as they vary from university to university
- Some schools outside of Ontario have a reciprocal agreement with OUAC to retrieve marks. Many do not. For schools that do not, students will either need to mail an official transcript or email an electronic transcript. Students need to know the process for each school they are applying to
- U.S. universities may require SAT or ACT scores, and most use The Common Application

OUAC Reciprocal Agreements

- OUAC has agreements with the following Canadian schools:
 - Acadia University
 - Bishop's University
 - The University of British Columbia
 - University of Calgary
 - Concordia University
 - Dalhousie University
 - McGill University
 - Saint Mary's University
 - Simon Fraser University
 - The University of Victoria



OUAC Reciprocal Agreements

- If you apply to any school listed on the previous slide, you can authorize that school to request your academic information from OUAC
- There will be space on each school's application for you to enter your OUAC
 Reference Number
- Your Reference Number will be 2023-XXXXXXX and it is generated AFTER you submit your OUAC application
- Some schools ask for your Reference Number in the format above. Other schools want it in the format 2023XXXXXXX0 (no dash and an 11th number which is ALWAYS zero)
- For this reason, we always recommend completing the OUAC application first

"The Big 3"

UBC (www.ubc.ca)

Dec 1: first round offers & major awards

Jan 15: final deadline

\$74.25 (domestic) or \$125.25 (international)



Feb 1: deadline for applications \$127.75 application fee

Dalhousie (www.dal.ca)

deadlines between Feb 15 & March 15 \$70 application fee







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Scholarships

Many Types...

- Automatic Entrance Scholarships based on marks and no application is required
- Additional Scholarships are available but may require an application (e.g. TD Community Leaders)
- Additional Scholarships are available but may require school nomination with your application (Queen's Chancellor's, Schulich Leaders)
- Scholarship information is available on <u>ontariocolleges.ca</u>, <u>ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca</u>, and under the Scholarships and Awards tab on the Guidance 2223 Hub page
- Westdale subscribes to The Scholarship Report which is also found on the Guidance 2223 Hub page

Next Steps

Understand your responsibility

Research next steps and requirements

Connect with your Guidance Counsellor



Who is my Counsellor?

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Counselor	Alpha by Last Name	<u>Email</u>
Mrs. Girolametto	A – B, W – Z	kgirolam@hwdsb.on.ca
Mrs. Parkes- Hallmark	C - G + IB students	kiparkes@hwdsb.on.ca
Mr. Meyer	H – M	dmeyer@hwdsb.on.ca
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Ms. Kuder	ESL/ELL/Visa Students	tkuder@hwdsb.on.ca

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