

**HWDSB**

# Welcome to Grade 12: What's Next



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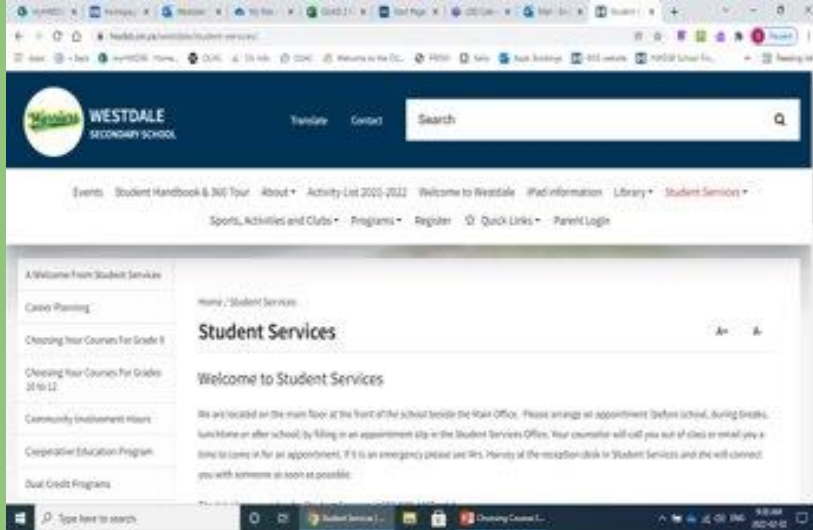
# Welcome & Agenda

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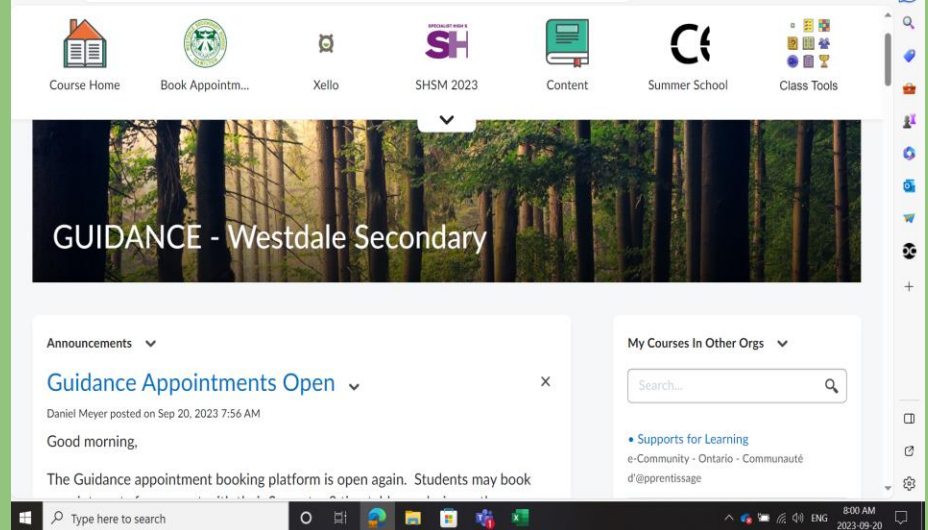
- Welcome to the 23-24 School Year!
- Agenda:
  - Graduation Reminders
  - Information available to students
    - Seeking Apprenticeships
    - Seeking Employment
    - Applying to College
    - Applying to University
    - Applying Out of Province
    - Scholarships and Awards
    - Questions

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**2024**

## Student Services Section of Westdale website



## Hub Guidance Course



## Grad Photo Dates

Grad Photo sittings are available at Westdale on the following dates:

- December 4 - 8
- January 15 - 26
- February 26 – 29

Link to book an appointment is on the school website and Guidance Hub.

- **Wednesday June 26th at 3pm (First Ontario Concert Hall)**
- **Commencement fee of \$80.00 Includes:**
  - **Gown, Stole, Cap, Tassel**
  - **Grade 12 Breakfast in May (Date TBD)**
  - **Fees for Ceremony, Décor, Tickets (5 per student)**
- **Fees will be collected for Commencement with School Cash online; link will open soon to allow families a flexible pay schedule. If you need financial assistance, please see your Guidance counselor.**
- **Please check the HUB for updates. See Ms. O'Leary in Guidance with any questions about Commencement.**

# Grad Checklist

- 30 credits (18 compulsory, 12 elective)
- 40 community involvement hours;
- Successfully completed Literacy Requirement;
- Online Graduation 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 2024 GRADS**
- Policies and processes for Community Involvement Hours have returned to pre-COVID-19 practices

### Ineligible Activities

- Any duty/services that would normally be performed for wages in a workplace;
- Requirement for a class, course, or program;
- Takes place during class instructional time;

Students attending school in the 2021-2022 school year may include 10 hours of paid work or duties performed in the home completed during the 21-22 year.

## Online Graduation Requirement

- Two-credit online graduation requirement can be earned in the following ways:
  - selecting eLearning as a day school student at Westdale
  - Summer School
- Current Grade 12 students are credited with having earned one eLearning credit through remote learning during COVID-19 school closure

### IMPORTANT

- Families can now opt out of the Ministry of Education's online learning graduation requirement. The "eLearning Opt Out for Families" form can be found in Parent Portal. There is currently no expiration date or deadline to submit



# What's Next?

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- Apprenticeships
  - Colleges
  - University
  - Work
  - Community Living



- Combines on the job training with classroom instruction
- Takes 2–5 years to complete depending on the skilled trade
- Canada has a large demand for people in the skilled trades and technologies
- For more information on apprenticeships and how to get started go to the Guidance Course on the Hub & contact your Guidance Counsellor and/or Co-op Teacher

- Allows students to earn high school credits while participating in apprenticeship training in a skilled trade
- Full day co-op placement
- Semester 2 Accelerated OYAP opportunities available - see your Guidance counsellor if interested
- Signed apprentice = Paid employment + 4 credits + apprenticeship hours earned towards certification

PROGRAM	LOCATION	Applications Due	Format	START DATE	END DATE
<b>Automotive Service Technician (AST) (Level 1)</b>	Mohawk College (Fennel Campus)	Friday, November 24	Monday to Friday 8 Weeks	April 2024	June 2024
<b>Electrician (Level 1)</b>	Mohawk College (Stoney Creek Campus)	Friday, November 24	Monday to Friday 8 Weeks	April 2024	June 2024
<b>Plumber (Level 1)</b>	Mohawk College (Stoney Creek Campus)	Friday, November 24	Monday to Friday 8 Weeks	April 2024	June 2024
<b>Construction Craft Worker (CCW) (Level 1)</b>	LIUNA Local 837 LIUNA Training Centre 260 Hunter Rd. Grimsby	Friday, November 24	Monday to Friday 8 Weeks (no training during March Break)	February 2023	May 2024
<b>Welder (Level 1)</b>	Mohawk College (Stoney Creek Campus)	Friday, November 24	Monday to Friday 10 Weeks	April 2024	June 2024
<b>General Carpenter (Level 1)</b>	Mohawk College (Stoney Creek Campus)	Friday, November 24	Monday to Friday 8 Weeks	April 2024	June 2024
<b>Truck &amp; Coach Technician (Level 1)</b>	Mohawk College (Stoney Creek Campus)	Friday, November 24	Monday to Friday 8 Weeks	April 2024	June 2024

**Note:** Students must provide their own transportation to and from these programs.

**Note:** All assigned dates and locations are tentative!  
Programs may be cancelled by Training Delivery Agent if minimum enrollment is not met.

- Earn money and gain independence
- Get real life experience, build resilience, confidence and social skills by working in the real world
- Work experience makes you more employable for future jobs
- Get a taste for a career in a specific industry
- A job in a skilled trade could lead to apprenticeship training
- Some companies help employees pay for college & university tuition costs

### Employment Resources:

1. [www.indeed.ca](http://www.indeed.ca)
2. [www.monster.ca](http://www.monster.ca)
3. [www.youth.gc.ca](http://www.youth.gc.ca)
4. [YMCA Employment Hamilton](#)
5. [Employment Hamilton](#)
6. [www.mohawkcollege.ca/community-employment-services](http://www.mohawkcollege.ca/community-employment-services)
7. [Goodwill Halton and Hamilton](#)

Find opportunities to network – friends, family members, part-time employers, co-op employers are all people who can help.

- Do research and apply online at [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca) starting in early October
- Obtain OEN (Ontario Education Number) from any report card or by contacting the Guidance office
- Instructional videos will be posted on the Guidance Hub page under “applying to college and university”
- Deadline to apply to college is February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024
- \$125.00 application fee
- 5 choices—no more than 3 programs at any one college

- 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



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

College Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas can lead to the world of work, apprenticeships, or university

- Students interested in skilled trades, but who do not have prior experience or an employer sponsor for an **apprenticeship** can apply to college and pursue an apprenticeship after college
- Students earning a college diploma or advanced diploma can pursue a **university** degree (or bachelor's degree) after earning their diploma. Some colleges and universities have articulation agreements where students can complete their degree after earning their diploma

- Be sure to check the program start date (Sept 2024 vs Jan 2025)
- Use all 5 choices
- Keep track of your logins and passwords
- Be sure that your program choices are entered in order of preference
- Westdale Guidance will conduct a "How to Apply to College" information session in October, date and time to be announced

## **Ontario College Information Fair**

- **Enercare Centre, Toronto (Exhibition Place)**
- **Wed, Oct 18 5 – 9 pm and Thurs, Oct 19 9 am – 2 pm**

## **College Information Program**

- **Mohawk College - Tues, Oct 17 9:30 am – 12:30 pm**
- **Conestoga College - Mon. Oct. 30 5:30pm – 7:30 pm**

## **Mohawk College Open House Dates**

### **Institute for Applied Health Science**

- **Saturday, October 28 9:30 am to 12 pm**

### **Fennell Campus (Main Campus)**

- **Saturday, November 4 10 am to 1 pm**

The HWDSB has a partnership with Mohawk College where students can earn credits that count toward their high school OSSD and college. Many of these programs are offered at the Mohawk campus or elsewhere in the community. Here is a sample of Semester 2 offerings:

- Positive Psychology & Movies, Identity and Culture
- Community Services – Intro to Social Work & Rec Therapy
- Developmental Psychology & Health and Wellness
- Computer Technology – HTML and CSS & Hardware/Software
- Aviation (located at Hamilton Airport)
- Welding (located at Stoney Creek campus)

- Use [www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca](http://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca) to research
- Use [www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca) 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

- 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

- OUAC Platform opened for applications as of Thursday, September 21
- OUAC Applications no longer require PIN to begin process; students can apply, independently, using their OEN
- Westdale Guidance will conduct an information session on Wednesday, October 4 during Period 3 in the Auditorium for students applying to university
- Deadline to apply is January 15, 2024



- OUAC fee is \$156 for 3 choices
- \$50 for each additional choice beyond the first 3
- Some schools have supplemental fees:
  - McMaster Engineering \$50
  - U of T Architecture \$45, Commerce \$50, Computer Science \$50, Engineering \$42, Medical Radiation Sciences \$47
  - Waterloo Accounting \$53.25, Engineering \$53.25
  - York (some programs in School of Arts, Media, Performance & Design) \$25
- Supplemental fees will be paid to OUAC at the time of application
- All fees are non-refundable

- 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](http://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
- You must provide information about ALL institutions where you have registered in 1 or more high school courses. Institutions may include but are not limited to:
  - regular day schools
  - night schools
  - private schools
  - summer school
  - virtual schools
  - community college/CEGEP
  - universities
  - junior college
  - graduate schools
  - work taken on letter of permission
- You DO NOT need to include institutions where your home school registered you for courses (e.g. board virtual school, dual credit, SHSM, consortium eLearning)
- It is YOUR responsibility to ensure that Westdale Guidance is aware that you are taking that course so it may be added to your historical grades

Advice from one post-secondary representative:

- 1) Check to be sure that programs and/or schools align (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 very confident you will receive an offer of admission.
- 4) Consider applying by December 1; add more programs before the January 15 application deadline as necessary.

- **Ontario University Fair:**  
**October 21-22 at Metro Toronto Convention Centre**
- **Regional Fairs:**  
**November 7 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in London**  
**November 9 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in St. Catharines**
- **OUAC Virtual Events: September 26 & November 22**

## UNIVERSITY VISITS

\*All presentations will take place in PERIOD 3 (10:40-11:55)

DATE	INSTITUTION	LOCATION
Friday, September 22, 2023	University of Waterloo	Auditorium
Friday, September 29, 2023	McMaster University	Auditorium
Friday, October 6, 2023	Toronto Metropolitan University	Library Seminar Room
Wednesday, October 11, 2023	University of Ottawa	1024
Tuesday, October 17, 2023	University of Toronto	Library Seminar Room
Tuesday, October 24, 2023	University of Guelph	Library Seminar Room
Friday, October 27, 2023	Brock University	Library Seminar Room
Friday, November 10, 2023	University of King's College (Halifax)	Library Seminar Room
Wednesday, November 15, 2023	University of Western Ontario	Library Seminar Room
Monday, November 20, 2023	Queen's University	Library Seminar Room
Tuesday, November 28, 2023	Trent University	Library Seminar Room

- 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 receive 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.
- Information session Oct 18 at lunch

## 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 2024-XXXXXX 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 2024XXXXXX0 (no dash and an 11<sup>th</sup> number which is ALWAYS zero)
- For this reason, we always recommend completing the OUAC application first

## UBC ([www.ubc.ca](http://www.ubc.ca))

Dec 1: first round offers & major awards  
Jan 15: final deadline  
\$74.25 (domestic) or \$125.25 (international)

## McGill ([www.mcgill.ca](http://www.mcgill.ca))

Feb 1: deadline for applications  
\$129.52 application fee

## Dalhousie ([www.dal.ca](http://www.dal.ca))

Feb 15: deadline for applications  
\$70 application fee



McGill



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## Many Types...

- Automatic Entrance Scholarships based on marks and no application is required (no need to apply separately)
- 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, Western National)
- Scholarship information is available on [ontariocolleges.ca](http://ontariocolleges.ca), [ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca](http://ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca), and under the Scholarships and Awards tab on the Guidance Hub page
- Westdale subscribes to The Scholarship Report which is also found on the Guidance Hub page

- **Understand your responsibility**
- **Research next steps and requirements**
- **Connect with your Guidance Counsellor**



<u>Counselor</u>	<u>Alpha by Last Name</u>	<u>Email</u>
Mrs. Girolametto	A – B, W – Z, graduating VISA students	kgirolam@hwdsb.on.ca
Mrs. Parkes-Hallmark	C - G + IB students	kiparkes@hwdsb.on.ca
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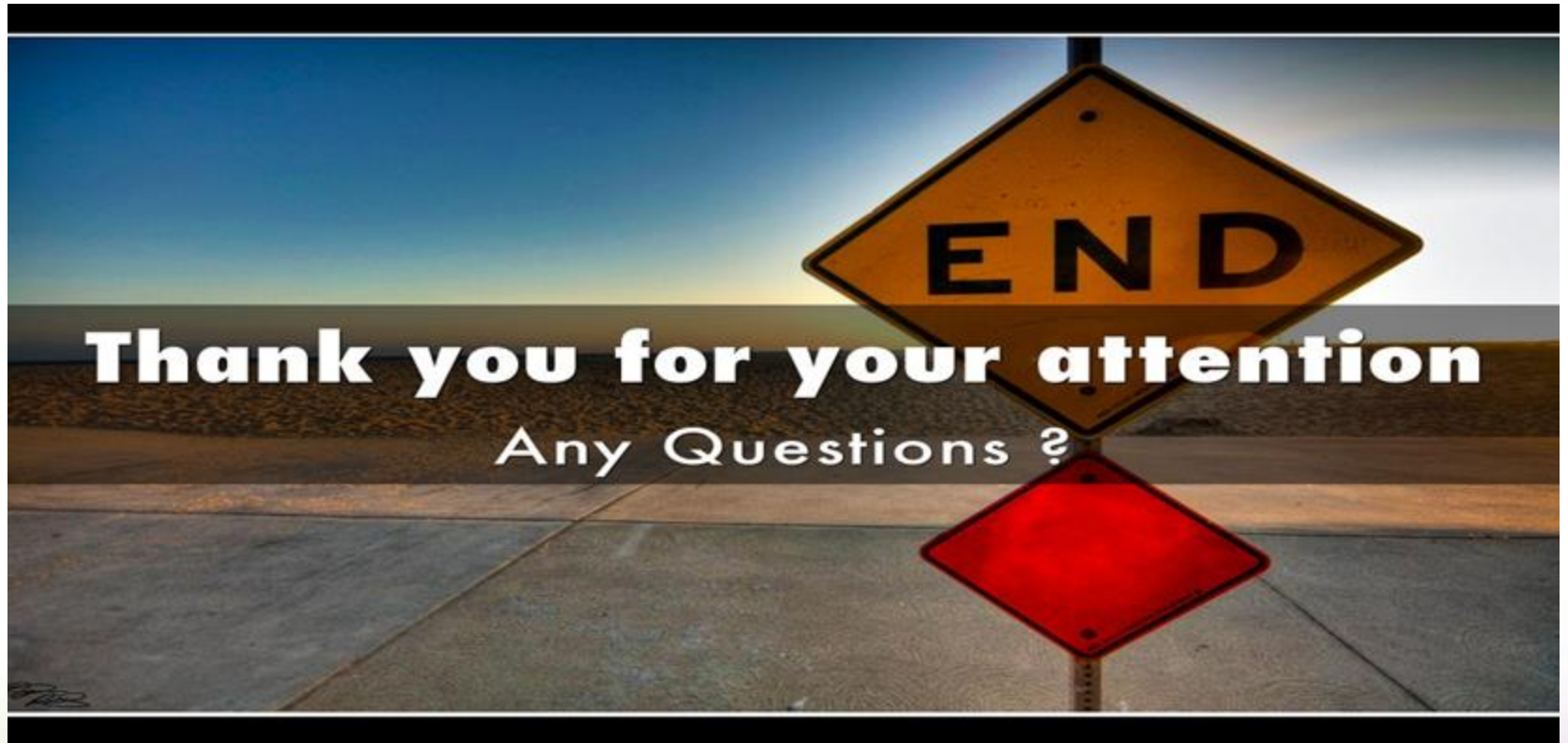


## Grade 12 Family Information Session

Thursday, October 26  
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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