



WESTDALE

SECONDARY SCHOOL

Preparing Students and Families for Grade 12

April 9, 2024



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Land Acknowledgement



The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board acknowledges our presence on ancestral Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Confederacy land as determined by the Dish with One Spoon treaty.

The intent of this agreement is for all nations sharing this territory to do so responsibly, respectfully and sustainably in perpetuity.

We respect the longstanding relationships with the local Indigenous communities, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River.

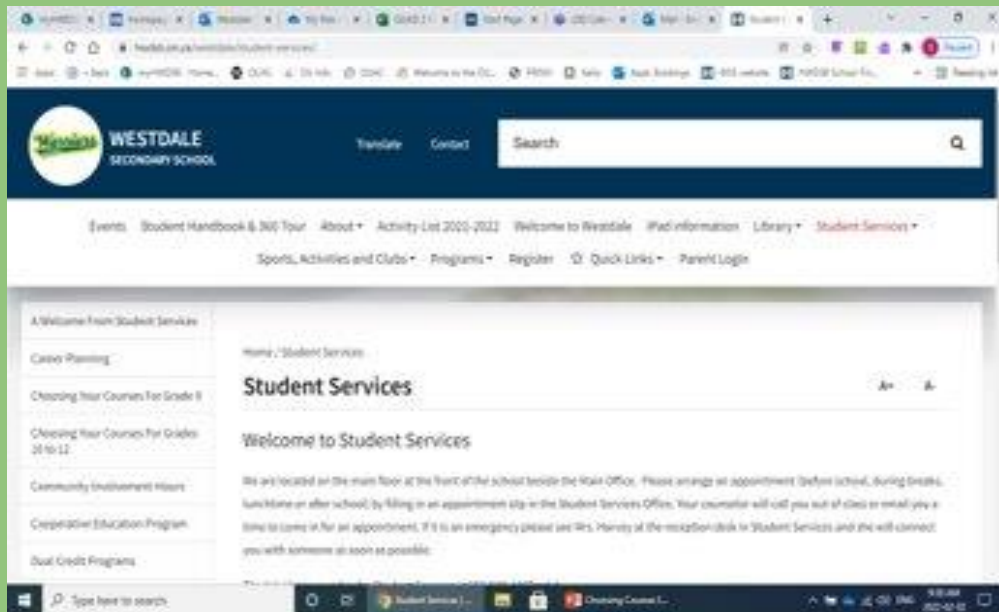
Welcome & Agenda

- Planning for Grade 12 option selections
- Agenda:
 - Graduation Reminders
 - High School Pathways
 - Planning for College
 - Planning for University
 - Planning for Apprenticeships
 - SHSM
 - Summer School
 - Questions

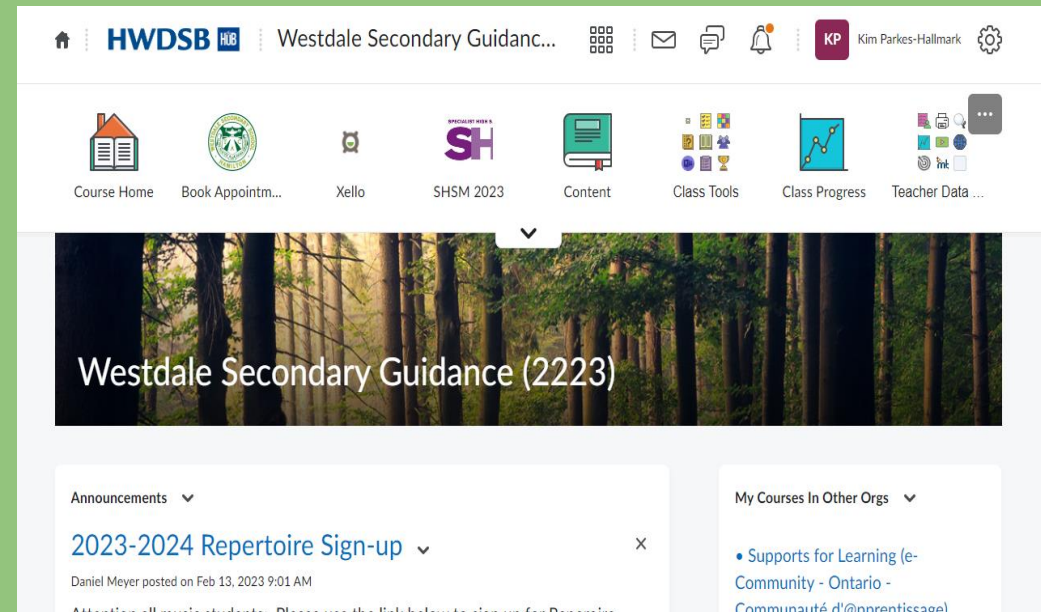


Communicating with You

Student Services Section of Westdale website



The Guidance Course on The Hub



Grad Checklist

- 30 credits (18 compulsory, 12 elective)
- 40 community involvement hours
- Successfully completed Literacy (OSSLT) requirement;
- Online learning 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 ALL GRADS**
- At the principal's discretion, the following activities will be deemed eligible for all secondary students for their community involvement activities completed prior to June 2022:
 - 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)

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

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

Important Dates

- May 22, 2024 – Ontario University Virtual Information Session
- September – Grade 12 Information Session, appointments with counsellors
- October – Ontario University Fair (Oct. 5-6, Metro Toronto Convention Centre), College Information Program (Oct 16-17, Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place),
 - Applications open, university and college open house events begin
- Fall – various post-secondary schools visit Westdale
 - Ontario colleges visiting Westdale May 16, 2024
- Early December – target to submit OUAC application
- Mid - January – OUAC applications due
- February 1 – OCAS applications due
- May 1 – deadline to accept college offer
- June 1 – deadline to accept university offer

OCAS – Ontario College Application Service

- www.ontariocolleges.ca
- To apply for college in Ontario
- Graduate with OSSD
- English mark is critical
- Programs have specific prerequisites
- Most Colleges view marks in “U” and “C” courses equally – check admission requirements on College websites
- It is your responsibility to research your post-secondary pathway and be aware of program prerequisites

www.ontariocolleges.ca

The screenshot shows the homepage of ontariocolleges.ca. At the top left is the logo 'ontariocolleges.ca' with a social media icon and 'OCAS'. To the right are navigation links: 'Applying', 'Colleges', 'Programs', and 'FAQ'. Further right are 'APPLY / LOG IN' and 'FRANÇAIS'. The main visual is a large image of three students looking at a laptop. A large, rounded 'APPLY NOW' button is centered over the image. Below it, text reads 'Already have an account? [Log in.](#)'. A blue banner at the bottom of the image area says 'AVAILABLE NOW – Programs starting August 2022 - July 2023'. At the bottom of the page are four navigation links: 'WHY COLLEGE?', 'COLLEGE IS...', 'HOW DO I...', and 'NEWS & EVENTS'.

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Search Programs

PROGRAM SEARCH 

Program information reflected below is related to Canadian applicants. international applicants should check the college website to confirm program availability, application requirements, and other information.

Explore by category:

Agriculture, Animal &
Related Practices

Arts & Culture

Business, Finance &
Administration

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ontariocolleges.ca + OCAS		Applying ▾	Colleges ▾	Programs	FAQ ▾	Q
College ▾	Business (0306X09F) ▾					▾
Campus ▾	Algonquin Campus: AC Online Full Time May 2023 ● Open Website 🔗					
Program Category ▾	Business (0306X09F) ▾					▾
Program Length ▾	Algonquin Campus: AC Online Full Time Sep 2023 ● Open Website 🔗					
Start Date ▾	Business (0306X09F) ▾					▾
Credential ▾	Algonquin Campus: AC Online Full Time Jan 2024 ● Open Website 🔗					
Language of Instruction ▾	Business (0306X09F) ▾					▾
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Program Level ▾	Business (0306X09F) ▾					▾
Program Type ▾	Algonquin Campus: AC Online Full Time Jan 2023 ● Closed Website 🔗					
Program Delivery ▾	Business (0306X01F) ▾					▾
Highly Competitive ▾	Algonquin Campus: Ottawa Full Time May 2023 ● Waitlisted Website 🔗					

Business (320) ^

Mohawk | Campus: Fennell (Hamilton) | Full Time | May 2023 | ● Open | [Website](#) 



Program Details

[APPLY NOW](#)

Program Length:	2 Academic Years (Periods Of 8 Months)
Program Code:	320
Credential:	Diploma
Program Level:	Post-Secondary
Program Type:	Regular
Language:	English
Entry Level:	Semester 1
Highly Competitive:	No
Program Status:	● Open

Overview

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Program Highlights

- Courses span all of the functional areas of business.
- Ideal for future entrepreneurs.
- With program starts in either September or January, upon completion of a common first semester you may choose to transfer into second semester of one of the following programs:
 - [Business - Accounting](#) (non co-op 316 or co-op 356)
 - [Business Administration \(632\)](#)
 - [Business Administration - Accounting \(364\)](#)
 - [Business Administration - Human Resources \(363\)](#)
 - [Business Administration - Marketing](#) (non co-op 362 or co-op 366)
 - [Business - Financial Services \(303\)](#)
 - [Business - Marketing \(319\)](#)
 - [Insurance](#) (non co-op 318 or co-op 368)

Note: An additional requirement based on overall grades may be required to proceed into some programs.

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Domestic and International student admission requirements

- OSSD or equivalent ([Mohawk Academic Upgrading](#), [GED](#)) including:
 - Grade 12 English, C or U or equivalent
 - Grade 11 Mathematics, C, M or U level or equivalent (M or U level recommended)

Note: An additional requirement based on overall grades may be required to proceed into some of these programs.

Options are available for [mature applicants](#).

Western Region Colleges: May 16th 10am

Spring Pathways Panel Tour

- **Grade 11 students will be invited Period 2 to attend the Panel Presentation.**
- **Western Region Colleges (Fanshawe, Lambton, Mohawk, Niagara, St. Clair and Conestoga) and the University of Guelph-Ridgetown**
- **A 5-minute overview of Ontario Colleges (general overview from benefits to admission requirements).**
- **Each college gives a general overview for 5 minutes, highlighting their unique programs and pathways options.**
- **Followed by a fair/walkabout, where students can ask questions to the college representatives**

OUAC – Ontario University Application Centre

- www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca
- To apply for university in Ontario
- Minimum of 6 Grade 12 4U or 4M courses, including ENG4U1
- All programs have specific prerequisites
- It is your responsibility to research your post secondary pathway and be aware of program prerequisites
- COOPERATIVE EDUCATION and “OPEN” credits will NOT be used for your average for university admission

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ONARIO UNIVERSITIES INFO

PROGRAMS **UNIVERSITIES** **FINANCE** **APPLICATIONS**
WHAT INTERESTS YOU? WHERE ARE YOU GOING? FEES & SCHOLARSHIPS WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Get to Know Ontario's Universities

Select an Ontario university to find useful information about the university and its programs. Remember, OUInfo is a starting point for your research. The best sources of information are the universities themselves.

GET INFORMATION FROM UNIVERSITIES

Algoma University SULT SITE MARIÉ AND BRAMPTON 53 PROGRAMS	OCAD University TORONTO 17 PROGRAMS	Trent University PETERBOROUGH 184 PROGRAMS ORNAVA 75 PROGRAMS
Brock University ST CATHARINES 76 PROGRAMS	Université de l'Ontario français TORONTO 4 PROGRAMS	University of Waterloo WATERLOO 45 PROGRAMS WATERLOO - CONRAD GREDEL
Carleton University	Ontario Tech University	

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www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca

The screenshot shows the website ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/programs. The navigation bar includes links for HIGH CONTRAST, FRANÇAIS, ABOUT, CONTACT, FAQs, and HELP. The main menu features four categories: **PROGRAMS** (WHAT INTERESTS YOU?), **UNIVERSITIES** (WHERE ARE YOU GOING?), **FINANCE** (FEES & SCHOLARSHIPS), and **APPLICATIONS** (WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW). The **PROGRAMS** link is circled in red. Below the navigation is a banner image of diverse students. The 'Browse by Category' section lists 'Agriculture, Food, Forestry, Resource Management, Vet Sciences' with 83 programs. A 'Find a Program' search box is also circled in red, containing a text input field for 'Program Code or Keyword' and a checkbox for 'Show Advanced Search Options'. A 'TOP' button is located to the right of the search box. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 9:36 AM on 2020-12-17.

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Business Economics (Courses in English or French as per student's preference)

Compare



York University – Glendon Campus

English & French | YGE | Exp. learning: Practicum or internship option available | Enrollment: 400 (total for all programs)

Business I

Compare



McMaster University

English | MB | Exp. learning: Co-op or internship application available at the university after registration | Enrollment: 800

Business - International Dual Degree (Renees)

Compare



Lakehead University

English | AZI | Exp. learning: Co-op option available with this program | Enrollment: 10 Limited Enrolment

Business Management (Honours) (Co-op Available)

Compare



Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson University)

English | SBE | Exp. learning: Co-op available by application after first year of studies | Enrollment: 1,549

Business & Society (BA)

Compare



York University

English | YFD | Exp. learning: Co-op or internship option available | Enrollment: 200 Open

Business I

McMaster University

✓ Compare

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Program Summary

University	McMaster University
Degree	Bachelor of Commerce, BComm Bachelor of Commerce, BCom
OUAC Program Code	MB
Grade Range	High 80s to low 90s
Experiential Learning	Co-op or internship application available at the university after registration
Enrollment	800
Instruction Language	English
Notes	Students apply to the BCom with Internship degree program in the summer following Level 2 and search for an internship throughout Level 3 academic year with the support of the Career & Professional Development team. Internships begin anytime between May and September following the third year of studies.

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McMaster University

✓ Compare

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Requirements



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Prerequisites

- ENG4U
- MHF4U
- MCV4U

IB and AP Requirements

- [IB Admission Information](#) 
- [AP Admission Information](#) 

Additional Admission Criteria

An optional supplementary application form is available for applicants who feel that their admission average might be close to or below the quoted range. [Details are available on the McMaster website](#) . Optional Supplementary Application Deadline: February 1, 2024.

Scholarships

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, Loran Scholarship)
- Additional Scholarships are available but may require school nomination with your application (Queen's Chancellor's, Schulich Leader, Western National)
- Scholarship information is available on ontariocolleges.ca, 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

Applying Outside Ontario/Canada

- 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 in October at lunch (date for 2024 tbd)

Ontario Learn and Stay Grant

- Covers the cost of tuition, books, fees, direct educational costs
- Students must work in the region they studied for 6 months for every year they are funded by the grant
- Regions: Eastern Ontario (includes Ottawa, Kingston), Northern Ontario, Southwestern Ontario (includes London, Windsor)
- Eligible University Programs: Nursing BSN, Nursing MSc, Nursing Post-Graduate
- Eligible College Diploma Programs: Practical Nursing, Med Lab Tech, Paramedic

Student Accessibility Services

- Provided at each post-secondary school
- Offer a variety of academic supports
- Students accessing Learning Resource in high school and students with IEPs should explore Student Accessibility Services when touring post-secondary schools
- Post-secondary schools may request recent psychological assessment (assessment conducted during high school); refer to post-secondary school for additional information

OYAP - Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program

- 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

Accelerated OYAP

- Program that Grade 12 students can participate in during Semester 2 of their graduating year
- Student is registered as an apprentice
- Student can finish their Level 1 Apprenticeship training at Mohawk College
- Student earns hours towards their apprenticeship
- After completing Accelerated OYAP, a student is ready to enter Level 2 of their apprenticeship

Accelerated OYAP Programs (subject to change)

Level 1 Automotive Service Technician

Level 1 Cook

Level 1 Child and Youth Worker

Level 1 Early Childhood Educator

Level 1 Hairstyling

Level 1 General Carpenter

Cooperative Education (Coop)

- Earn 2 credits in a half-day placement (morning or afternoon) in any semester
- Earn 4 credits in a full-day placement in any semester
- Requires an application and interview
- Central Coop Placements
 - Competitive programs that all HWDSB students can apply for
 - Hamilton Police Service, Cable 14, Hamilton Health Sciences, etc.
 - Requires additional application and interview
- System Programs
 - ArtSmart, Building Careers from the Ground Up, Healthcare Support, etc
 - Requires an additional application and interview

SHSM PROGRAMS

Arts and Culture

(Ms. Vivian/Ms. Rikic-McCarthy, Mr. Iachelli, Mr. Abell)

Construction

(Mr. Kipp)

Health and Wellness

(Ms. Taylor)

Information and Communication Technologies

(Mr. Wilson)

Achieving SHSM

- FOUR Major Credits (at least one Gr. 11 and one Gr. 12)
- ONE Additional Credit as determined by SHSM
- Grade 12 English
- Some SHSM require Grade 12 math – check with Guidance or SHSM teacher
- Certifications – organized by SHSM teacher
- Experiential learning and Reach-ahead experiences
- TWO credits of co-op related to SHSM sector

SUMMER SCHOOL

- Use summer school to
 - Get ahead in credits
 - Make up missed credits
 - Upgrade your foundational skills and upgrade your mark
- Summer school registration will be available April 1
- Link to summer school registration available on Westdale website
- [Summer School On-Line | Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board \(hwdsb.on.ca\)](http://hwdsb.on.ca)
- [Summer Co-op | Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board \(hwdsb.on.ca\)](http://hwdsb.on.ca)

Questions

