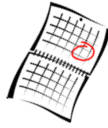


# Grade 12 Newsletter

September 30—October 4, 2024



## Weekly Calendar



<b>Monday Sept. 30th</b>	University of Kings College (NS) Period 3
<b>Tuesday Oct. 1</b>	Royal Canadian Navy/Canadian Armed Forces (Period 3 and 4)
<b>Wednesday Oct. 2</b>	
<b>Thursday Oct. 3</b>	Toronto Metropolitan University (Period 3)
<b>Friday Oct. 4</b>	University of Toronto (Period 3); U of T Nat's Scholarship/Book Prize Nom Due; Homecoming
<b>Upcoming:</b>	<b>Oct. 7</b> = Laurier (Per 3) <b>Oct. 8</b> = Brock (Per 3), <b>Oct. 10</b> = How to Apply To University Information Session (Per 3—Aud)

## Upcoming Opportunities



### Grad Photos

Students can now book grad photos at [bookmygrad.ca](http://bookmygrad.ca). Students considering having their photos done in studio must have them done by March 7 to appear in the yearbook.

### Ontario University Fairs:

The Ontario University Fair is held at the **Metro Toronto Convention Centre October 5-6 from 9:30 am to 5pm.**

Expect representation from every university in Ontario. This is a great opportunity for you to learn more about the locations and programs of universities in Ontario.

More information about the OUF and regional fairs can be found through [this link](#).

### Ontario College Fair:

The [Ontario College Fair](#) is October 15-16 at the Enercare Centre in Toronto. This fair will include representation from every college in Ontario. This is a great opportunity to learn about college programs and pathways.

### University of Kings College:

University of Kings College (Halifax) is visiting this coming Monday, September 30. We apologize for the confusion with the incorrect date last week.

### Last Week's Grade 12 Newsletter

[Last week's Grade 12 Newsletter](#) included information about applying to UBC, an experiential learning opportunity for Black/Latin American/Latinx students interested in McMaster Arts and Science, and post-secondary resources



### Skilled Trades Information

We are dedicating this week's information section to skilled trades. Here are some reasons why you may wish to learn more about opportunities in the skilled trades:

- There are [144 Skilled Trades](#) in Ontario in four different sectors: Motive Power, Service, Construction, and Industrial
- 40% of Canada's workforce is in skilled trades
- There will be an estimated shortage of 1.2 million workers in the skilled trades by the end of 2025
- Salaries in the skilled trades are increasing. There are many well-paying jobs in skilled trades, often including benefits and pensions
- Post-secondary education is not linear—people often enter skilled trades after college or university

### How To Get Started in the Skilled Trades

- Take courses in Technologies (or other areas leading to your chosen skilled trade) to develop skills that apply to skilled trades
- Take co-op courses to test out career pathways, gain real-world experience and form relationships with potential employers
- Leverage co-op experience and relationships to explore an apprenticeship opportunity OR apply to a college program where you will develop skills and be connected with an employer

### Resources

- [Skilled Trades Ontario](#)
- [Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program](#)
- **Trades Report—can be found in Guidance Hub course**
- [Apprenticesearch.com](#)

### School Supports

- Guidance counsellor
- Technologies Teacher
- Co-op Teacher