

# Post-Secondary Information Session September 2017

## Information for Grade 12 Students

Do Your Research

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Make Decisions

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Be Prepared

# Options for Next Year

- \* Apprenticeship
- \* College
- \* University
- \* Workplace
- \* 5<sup>th</sup> year/Gap Year – 5<sup>th</sup> year application due March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

# Apprenticeship

- High School Diploma not always required, but preferred
- Prerequisites depend on the skilled trade
- Students must find their own employer
- Pay while in training
- 75- 90% of time on the job training 10-25% studying at college or training facility
- Typically do not apply directly to college (except Co-op Apprenticeships at Centennial)
- Apprenticeship workshop scheduled for late Nov

# Timelines: Apprenticeship

- Application is completed with employer except for some Centennial College programs)
- Typically begins when student finishes high school

More details at

[www.apprenticesearch.com](http://www.apprenticesearch.com)

[www.tcu.gov.on.ca](http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca) - Employment Ontario

Trade Unions – LIUNA, electrical, carpentry, etc

[www.collegeoftrades.ca](http://www.collegeoftrades.ca) - Ontario College of Trades



## College Option

- ⑩ Certificate program  
– 1 year
- ⑩ Diploma – 2 years
- ⑩ Advanced Diploma  
– 3 years
- ⑩ Applied Degree – 4  
years
- ⑩ Graduate  
Certificate – 1 year

# College Admissions

- ⑩ High school diploma/Mature student
- ⑩ Non-academic criteria often required
- ⑩ # of courses/prerequisites required varies
- ⑩ Gr. 11/12 courses may be considered
- ⑩ U vs C &/or M type courses
- ⑩ [ontariocolleges.ca](http://ontariocolleges.ca) provides info on programs offered
- ⑩ Consult specific college calendars/website for admission requirements

# College Admissions

- Cost to apply to college - \$95  
(some colleges may charge additional testing fees)
- OCAS – how to apply
- Number of Choices
- What information is sent and when

# College Timelines

- ❖ Application Workshop: late Nov
- ❖ College Fair – Oct 24-25<sup>th</sup> - See newsletter for details
- ❖ Application due February 1, 2018
- ❖ admission decision dates – see newsletter

# University Option

Four ways to achieve this goal:

- Direct Entry Degree - typically 4 years
- Applied Degree option offered at many colleges
- Joint/Collaborative Degree (receive a university degree and college diploma)
- College to University Transfer



# University Admissions

- High school diploma required
- \*\*Minimum Requirements in Ontario - 6 Gr. 12 “U” or “M” courses
- Average depends on the university and program
- All admission information is found on [electronicinfo.ca](http://electronicinfo.ca) and in individual university calendars & websites
- Non- academic criteria is required for some programs

# University Admissions

- Cost to apply - \$150 for first 3 choices. \$50 each additional choice; ANY changes will incur an additional charge, unless it is a program change at the same school
- OUAC – how to apply
- Number of choices
- What information is sent and when



# University Timelines

- ⑩ Application Workshops:  
Mid Nov
- ⑩ Application due mid  
January 2018
- ⑩ Admission decision dates –  
see newsletter
- ⑩ Ontario Universities' Fair –  
Sept 22-23<sup>rd</sup> - See flyer

# Summer School Upgrading

- Students **MUST** be aware that most schools will accept the greater of two marks; However, **ALL** upgrades will require a **FULL** month of summer school

# Scholarships

Check out the St. Mary website → Guidance webpage under “Getting Ready for Post-Secondary” for links to Scholarship info

Sign in to Career Cruising for access to “The Scholarship Report”, an online publication that highlights various scholarships with links at different times of the year, includes criteria, deadlines, etc

Ensure a correct email in Career Cruising – plenty of communication through Guidance about upcoming Scholarships and bursaries

# OSAP

Everyone should apply to OSAP!

40% - grant/bursary opportunities (FREE money)

60% - loan option

\*students may opt out of the loan option and ask to only be considered for a grant

OSAP Workshop – Thursday, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Pope Francis Centre (back of Board office) from 7-8pm

# What should you be doing now?

- ⑩ Consider attending college/university fairs
- ⑩ Attend St. Mary Post-Sec Fair Oct 12 6:30-9pm
- ⑩ Campus visits are essential. Open Houses, tours, etc...
- ⑩ Attend our November workshops!
- ⑩ Research – start with eINFO and/or [ontariocolleges.ca](http://ontariocolleges.ca), then individual calendars and websites
- ⑩ Self – assessments
- ⑩ Talk to others about your plans, including your Guidance Counsellor
- ⑩ Work hard and be optimistic about your future!

# Your ReSEARCH tools

(in addition to those already mentioned!)

## ❖ Career Cruising:

- main source of communication from Guidance
- provides access to your FULL academic record
- great site for planning purposes, self-assessments
- email correspondence regarding scholarship info and other opportunities
- sign on to CC → check your student profile → ensure that your email address is accurate – DO THIS TODAY!!

## ❖ St. Mary Website (Guidance page):

- main source of communication from Guidance
- provides up to date info regarding timelines, scholarship info, etc





# Post-Secondary Fair

## St. Mary Catholic Secondary School

Thursday October 12, 2017

6:30 – 9:00pm

**6:30-8pm** - students and parents will attend three apprenticeship, college and university presentations of their choice.

**8pm** - walkabout around gym to speak with our reps

The walkabout will allow for students/parents to obtain literature and to talk to the representatives individually.

Over 39 Schools and Community Partners in Attendance!  
We are pleased to announce that reps from UBC, McGill, Dalhousie, UOttawa, and more will be attending this year.

Ask questions...  
Seek answers...

The End