# **Planning Resources for Pathways**

***Links***

**For useful Pathways Planning links please go to:**

**stmary.dcdsb.ca >**

**Programs and Services > Guidance >**

**Getting Ready for Post-Secondary**

**Here you will find information about apprenticeships, colleges, community living universities scholarships, and more!**

***myBlueprint***

***Edsby***

**The Guidance department will be communicating with Grade 12 students through Edsby by providing information such as dates of post-secondary workshops, application procedures, and scholarships.**

**Login to Edsby (in your Gr 12 year) and accept your invitation to join “Grade 12 Grads”**

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There are many ways to journey toward work. The journey involves the transition from grade-to-grade and to life after high school to one of the post-secondary destinations of: Apprenticeship, College, Community Living, University or the Workplace.

## ***Post-Secondary Fair for Parents & Students***

Unfortunately, our Post-Secondary Fair has been cancelled due to Covid-19. Representatives from 30+ Colleges, Universities and Apprenticeships will be available for virtual sessions throughout the year. See St. Mary Guidance webpage/Edsby group for more details.

## ***Post-Secondary Planning Session for Parents***

Parents of Grade 12 students will have the opportunity to participate in a post-secondary information session.

## ***Apprenticeships***

Students can research information about careers in the Skilled Trades at [***www.apprenticesearch.com***](http://www.apprenticesearch.com) and Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities (MTCU):

[***https://www.ontario.ca/page/prepare-apprenticeship***](https://www.ontario.ca/page/prepare-apprenticeship)

## ***Ontario Colleges***

Students can research information about Ontario Colleges at

[***www.ontariocolleges.ca***](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)

***Ontario Universities***

Students can research information about Ontario Universities at

[***www.ouinfo.ca***](http://www.ouinfo.ca)(formerly einfo)

***ONTransfer***

Students can research information about transfer pathways (i.e., bridging and collaborative programs) between Ontario Colleges and Universities at [***www.ontransfer.ca***](http://www.ontransfer.ca)

***Scholarships and Financial Assistance***

Links for Scholarships and Financial information can be found on the St. Mary Guidance Post-Secondary Planning webpage. Be sure to check criteria, dates for submission and other pertinent information when completing applications. If a letter of reference from the Principal or a teacher is required, students should complete a **Student Reference Form** which provides pertinent data necessary for referees.

***Studying in U.S.A.***

Please be aware that the SAT or ACT evaluation must be written if you want to study in the United States. Information is available in the guidance office or at [***www.collegeboard.org***](http://www.collegeboard.org) or [***www.act.org***](http://www.act.org)

***New to Canada***

TOEFL, Michigan and YELT (English Proficiency tests), may be required of some immigrant students who have been in Canada less than four years. Consult individual university websites for testing information. All students must pass the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test to be eligible for an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

***College/University Timelines***

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| Deadline to **submit university applications** for equal consideration to all programs. | January 15, 2021 |
| Deadline to **submit college applications** for equal consideration. Applications will be accepted after this date with the exception of many highly competitive programs. | February 1, 2021 |
| Recommended last date to submit **changes to university applications**. Pay attention to individual university deadlines as some may be earlier than Feb 3. | February 5, 2021 |
| **College Decisions** – Offers of acceptance dates vary among colleges.  | Offers begin February 1,2021 |
| **University Decisions** - There will be a limited number of acceptances sent to students before mid-April. Most will be received after April midterm grades have been reviewed. | March to May 27, 2021 |
| Deadline for responding to an offer. | **College:** May 1, 2021**University:** June 1, 2021 |

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|  | **In the Community** | **@ St.Mary** |
| **College**  | - **Ontario College Information Fair**: Nov 4th & 5th – this year’s fair is virtual, check [***www.ocif.ca***](http://www.ocif.ca)for details | Workshops: SeptemberNovember |
| **University**  | **- Ontario Universities Fair:** Held virtually at [***www.ouf.ca***](http://www.ouf.ca) **International University Fair:** Virtual Fair, September 24th [***www.studyandgoabroad.com***](http://www.studyandgoabroad.com) | Workshops:SeptemberNovember |
| **Various Post-Secondary Options** | **- Canadian Colleges and Universities Fair:**  Virtual Fair, November 6th and 7th – register at [www.ccuf.ca](http://www.ccuf.ca) **-Study and Go Abroad**: Virtual Fair, September 24th [*www.studyandgoabroad.com*](http://www.studyandgoabroad.com)- **Macleans Student Life Expo**: Postponed until 2021 [***www.studentlifeexpo.com***](http://www.studentlifeexpo.com) |  |