

ST. MARY GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

POST-SECONDARY NEWSLETTER 2023-2024

Planning Resources for Pathways

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

Thursday, October 5 @ St. Mary CSS (6:30 - 9:00 p.m.):

Representatives from 30+ Colleges, Universities and Apprenticeships will be available in small group presentations and gymnasium fair. See St. Mary Guidance webpage for more details.

Post-Secondary Planning Session for Parents

Parents of Grade 12 students will have the opportunity review post-secondary planning information via Grads Group on Edsby throughout the school year.

Apprenticeships

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

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/prepare-apprenticeship>

Ontario Colleges

Students can research information about Ontario Colleges at www.ontariocolleges.ca

Ontario Universities

Students can research information about Ontario Universities at www.ontariouniversitiesevents.ca, www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca, OUAC

ONTransfer

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

Links

For useful Pathways Planning links please go to:

stmary.dcdsb.ca >

Programs and Services > Guidance

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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 and parents 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

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 provide a list of pertinent data necessary for referees.

Studying in U.S.A.

Please be aware that the SAT or ACT evaluation may be required if you want to study in the United States. Information is available in the guidance office or at www.collegeboard.org or 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

Deadline to submit university applications for equal consideration to all programs.	January 15, 2024
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, 2024
Recommended last date to submit changes to university applications . Pay attention to individual university deadlines.	January 23, 2024
College Decisions – Offers of acceptance dates vary among colleges.	Offers begin February 1, 2024
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 29, 2024
Deadline for responding to an offer.	College: May 1, 2024 University: June 3, 2024

	In the Community	@ St.Mary
College	- Ontario College Information Fair: Oct 19-20th – this year’s fair is in person at the Enercare Centre, check https://ontariocollegefair.ca/ for details	Workshops: September November
University	- Ontario Universities Fair: Held in-person at the Metro Convention Centre on October 21-22 from 10-5pm, www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca - Virtual Information Sessions on Sept 26, Nov 22 both 5-7pm, https://www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca/virtual/ International University Fair: Held in-person at the Metro Convention Centre on Oct 1st from 1-5 pm, www.studyandgoabroad.com	Workshops: September November
Other Post-Secondary Options	- Canadian Colleges and Universities Fair: Virtual www.ccuf.ca - Macleans Student Life Expo: November 18 th 12-5pm, at the Metro Convention Centre www.studentlifeexpo.com	

