

ST. MARY GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

POST-SECONDARY NEWSLETTER 2025

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

Our Post-Secondary Fair will take place on **Thursday, October 9th from 6:30-9pm**. Various representatives from several Ontario colleges, universities and community partners will be available at this year's evening event. 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 post-secondary planning alongside their child this year. Please contact your child's guidance counsellor with any questions you may have.

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.ouinfo.ca

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 >
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 stay connected through "Grads Group 2026"

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** OR 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, 2026
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, 2026
Recommended last date to submit changes to university applications . **Pay attention to individual university deadlines**.	January 31, 2026
College Decisions – Offers of acceptance dates vary among colleges.	Earliest Offer date Nov 1, 2025 Offers begin February 1, 2026
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, 2026
Deadline for responding to an offer.	College: May 1, 2026 University: June 1, 2026

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College	- Ontario College Information Fair will not take place in 2025. Students are invited to attend one of the College Information Program opportunities offered at colleges and polytechnics throughout Ontario: https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/news/cip	Workshops: September November
University	- Ontario Universities Fair: Held in-person at the Metro Convention Centre on September 27-28 from 9:30-5pm, https://www.ouevents.ca/ouf/ - International University Fair: Held in-person at the Metro Convention Centre on Sunday, October 26 th from 1-5 pm, details at https://www.studyandgoabroad.com/toronto/	Workshops: September November
Various Post-Secondary Options	- Canadian Career Fair and Expo: In-Person on Oct. 2nd– register at https://careerfaircanada.ca/events/toronto-10-02-2025 - Macleans Student Life Expo: November 15 th 12-5pm, at the Metro Convention Centre https://studentlifeexpo.com/	

