

BISHOP REDING CSS – 2019-2020 GRADE 12 NEWSLETTER

Visit the Student Services page on the BR website for the most up to date information

Applying to college or university can be a daunting experience; however, by taking advantage of the many tools and strategies offered by Student Services the process can be a great deal easier.

Important Facts about Post-Secondary Admission Requirements

#1: Universities calculate admission average using a student's **top six Grade 12 credits at the "M" or "U" level**, including the program's required courses. One credit must be ENG4U. **You cannot use "O" level or "C" level credits to apply to university.**

#2: Colleges calculate admission average based on the program's required courses. This may be the average of one or more courses. One of these credits must be ENG4C or ENG4U (**very few** colleges also accept ENG4E). Some colleges do not accept Coop or Physical Education credits because they are at the open level. **Check college websites to verify program requirements.**

#3: Many colleges have transfer agreements with universities. This is helpful for students who are not eligible to apply to university directly from high school. Visit www.ontransfer.ca for details.

Important Dates 2019-2020

September 9	Grade 12 Assembly (Period 1)
September 27-28	Ontario University Fair, Metro Toronto Convention Centre
October 1	Ontario University Information Program at Jean Vanier (for BR and JV community), 6:30-8:30pm, parents welcome!
October 8	College Information Program at Bishop Reding (for BR and JV community), 6:30-8:30pm, parents welcome!
October 11	Online Graduation application and Graduation fee due, \$95, (Student Services website for application), schoolcashonline only
October 23-24	Ontario College Fair (CIP), Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place, Toronto
November 28	<u>How to Pay for Post-Secondary</u> presentation (Period 1), guest speaker
January 15	Last day to submit completed university applications
February 1	Last day to submit completed college applications for equal consideration
Feb 10-Mar 6	Grad photos-Edge Imaging – bookmygrad.ca – get flyer in guidance office
April 8	Community service hours due
April 28-May 1	Prom tickets on sale in the Piazza - \$82.40 (40 hours of community service must be submitted before you can purchase a prom ticket)
May 11	Valedictorian applications available (Student Services)
May 28	Valedictorian application due (Student Services)
June 1	Grad ticket distribution (Student Services), 3 guest tickets per graduate
June 2	Mandatory graduation meeting (Period 1), valedictorian speeches/voting, Prom information
June 3	Grad Mass (period to be determined)
June 15-18	Grad gown pick up AFTER gr 12 exams only, Tuck Shop
June 19	Prom, Oakville Convention Centre, 5:30pm
June 24	Grad Rehearsal/Breakfast, Caf, 8:30-11:00am
June 24	Graduation Ceremony, Milton Velodrome, 7:00pm <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check in for attendance and flowers/boutonnieres, 6-6:20pm• Ceremony begins promptly at 7:00pm

Subscribe to Student Services - Gr12 Remind Channel for important reminders throughout the year

To do this- install MySchoolDay app (free)

Scholarships

Major scholarship information will be announced as it becomes available and posted on the Student Services website under the Scholarship link. Books and a binder outlining various scholarship opportunities are available in the Student Services office.

Open Houses

Check the individual school websites for university and college open houses running through the fall.

School to Career Information

Students interested in pursuing one of the School to Career programs offered through the Halton school boards are encouraged to visit <https://studentsuccess.hcdsb.org>, <https://www.haltonpathways.ca> and www.oyap.com, & follow up with a counsellor.

My Grade 12 Checklist

- I have checked my Credit Counselling Summary (available in Student Services) to make sure I have enough credits to earn my high school diploma by the end of June.
- I have submitted my record of 40 community service hours and this is reflected on my Credit Counselling Summary.
- I have passed the Grade 10 Literacy Test (OSSLT), or I have taken the Literacy Course (OLC40), and this is reflected on my Credit Counselling Summary.
- I have confirmed that any night school, summer school, e-learning or independent courses are included on my Credit Counselling Summary.
- I have the correct number of courses and the correct level ("U", "M", "C") in order to apply to my programs of choice.

Tutoring – Looking for Tutors!

Tutoring Services (L2L Program) will begin in early October. This is a great way to earn community service hours and leadership experience. Sign up in Student Services.

Ontario Scholars

Ontario Scholars must have a minimum 80% average in their **top six (6) Grade 12 courses (any level)**. You **must** have at least six Gr 12 level courses to be eligible. Students taking Co-op in Gr 12 should speak to their guidance counsellor to determine if they are eligible.

Important Websites

www.werbr.ca/student-services-2

www.ouf.ca (university fair)

www.ocif.ca (college fair)

www.myblueprint.ca (post-secondary & occupation planner, interest surveys, resume templates)

www.ontariocolleges.ca (Ontario college research AND applications)

www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca (Ontario university research)

www.ouac.on.ca (Ontario university applications)

www.ontransfer.ca (college-university transfer opportunities)

www.scholarshipcanada.com (student awards)

yconic.com (student awards)

studentsuccess.hcdsb.org (OYAP & specialty program information)

www.skilledtrades.ca

www.oyap.com (Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program)

www.apprenticesearch.com

www.studyandgoabroad.com

www.mygapyear.ca (Canadian Gap Year Association)