

BISHOP REDING CSS – 2020-2021 GRADE 12 NEWSLETTER

Students, visit the **Student Services D2L class** for the most up to date information
Parents/Guardians, visit the BR website for the most up to date information

Important Facts about Post-Secondary Admission Requirements

- Universities calculate the 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.
- 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 college programs 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.**
- Many colleges and universities have transfer agreements. This is helpful for students who are not eligible to apply to degree programs directly from high school, and who may have option to complete a diploma and transfer to a degree. Visit www.ontransfer.ca for details.

Communication of Important Dates, Updates & Reminders to Gr. 12s/Parents

- Guidance counsellors will communicate with grade 12s through the **Student Services D2L class**. Pay close attention to the **Post-secondary Planning and Information section**. Ensure that you see the class when you log into D2L. If not, contact your guidance counsellor immediately.
- Parents, guardians and students should subscribe to **Student Services Gr12 Channel** in MySchoolDay for important reminders and updates pertaining to Grade 12s.
- Follow BR Student Services on **Twitter** and on **Instagram** (Inst is coming soon).

Important Dates 2020-2021

September 22	Request information from Ontario universities @ https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/universities (direct link for info)
September 22	Request information from Ontario colleges if the college provides a request for information https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/colleges/contact-the-colleges
September 23	Watch the Grade 12 Information video presented by Mr. LoPresti
Sept-Nov	Attend virtual information sessions that are offered by colleges and universities. See the Student Services D2L class for Ontario sessions
Early November	University application PINs go out to university applicants (minimum of 6 Gr. 12 "U" or "M" courses)
January 15	Last day to submit completed university applications
February 1	Last day to submit completed college applications for equal consideration
April 8	Community service hours due

Your counsellors are waiting for dates for the following:

- 1) Bishop Reding's online graduation application due date
- 2) How to Pay for Post-Secondary virtual presentation, guest speaker
- 3) Grad photos
- 4) Prom
- 5) Valedictorian applications, speeches, and voting
- 6) Grad Mass
- 7) Grad brunch
- 8) Grad gown pick up
- 9) Graduation Ceremony

College and University Info Sessions

1. See posted session dates on the Student Services D2L calendar.
2. Check the individual school websites for university and college virtual information sessions running through the fall.

Scholarships, Awards, Bursaries

Major scholarship information will be posted on the Student Services D2L page and posted on the Student Services website under the Scholarship link as it becomes available.

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 subscribed to the Gr. 12 Student Services channel in MySchoolDay.
- I have confirmed that I have access to the Student Services D2L class.
- I have checked my Graduation Indicator in myBlueprint and my credit summary on SIS to make sure I have enough credits to earn my high school diploma by the end of June.
- I have submitted 40 community service hours to my guidance counsellor.
- I have passed the Grade 10 Literacy Test (OSSLT), or I have taken the Literacy Course (OLC40), and this is reflected in myBlueprint.
- I have confirmed that any night school, summer school, e-learning or independent courses are included on my credit summary on SIS.
- I have the correct number of courses and the correct level ("U", "M", "C") in order to apply to my programs of choice.

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 (Students)
<https://hcdsb.elearningontario.ca>
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)
<https://www.futurefurther.ca/> Ontario Universities' **Indigenous Student** Resource Portal
www.ontransfer.ca (college-university transfer opportunities)
<https://www.transitionresourceguide.ca/> Resource guide for students with disabilities
www.scholarshipcanada.com (student awards)
www.studentawards.com (scholarship and award search)
www.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)
<https://www.osca.ca/students/2013-11-07-06-58-16/gap-year.html> (GAP year ideas)