

Grade 12 Assembly September 2021

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Who is your Guidance Counsellor for the 2021/22 school year?

Students are assigned to a Guidance Counsellor based upon their last name:



Important Resources: Student Services D2L Class

- This is our virtual office
- You should check D2L daily for updates
- Always refer to the Student Services D2L page for the most up to date information and notifications
- All information from Student Services can be found here, including
 - Important dates
 - Graduation updates
 - College, university and GAP year fairs
 - Community service
 - Scholarships/awards
 - Enrichment opportunities
 - Appointment booking
 - And more

Important Resources: MSD Student Services Channel, Twitter,

Instagram



@brstudentservices



@BishopReding_SS

Our class can be found by clicking the waffle

 Download App
Click Follow Channels
Select Student Services Grade 12 Channel



Transition Plans and Meetings

- What is a Grade 12 Exit (Transition) Plan?
- All Grade 12s are expected to complete a transition planner, outlining their research of post-secondary pathways of interest
- Counsellors review each transition planner
- What is a Transition Meeting?
- Counsellors will meet with each Grade 12 student in the fall to review:
 - the student's exit/transition plan
 - graduation requirements
 - post-secondary application process

• Students MUST SIGN UP for their transition meeting no later than Oct. 15th. Sign up on D2L



Graduation Application and Ceremony



- Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for June 27, 2022 (format TBD)
- All Grade 12s who will be graduating in June of 2022 MUST complete the Graduation Application that is now posted on Student Services D2L class. Deadline is Oct. 15th
- Counsellors are waiting for updates for the graduation and corresponding fees. This will be communicated later. In the past the fee has covered:
 - Gown and sash
 - Diploma cover
 - Brunch
 - Flowers
 - Hall rental
 - Other graduation ceremony expenses

Graduation Requirements

30 credits (18 compulsory, 12 elective) See your myBlueprint graduation indicator and be sure you see 30 credits completed!

20 hours of Community Service

Literacy Test: The literacy graduation requirement for all students graduating during the 2021-2022 school year has been waived



| Graduation Indicator | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------|--|
| 30/30 REQUIRED CREDITS | | \bigcirc | |
| 22 Planned | 8 Earned | 30 Total | |
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Ontario Scholar Candidates

- The honour roll for your grade 12 year
- Awarded by the Province of Ontario
- To be an Ontario Scholar, you must have:
 - 6 grade 12 courses, any level (40, 4E, 4C, 4M, or 4U)
 - 80% in your top 6 grade 12 courses (4E,4O,4C,4M,4U)
 - averages are not rounded up
- If you do not have <u>6 grade 12 classes</u> (40/E/M/C/U) you are not eligible to be an Ontario Scholar.
- Cooperative education IS NOT considered a grade 12 course



Counsellors are waiting for information about the following:



Graduation ceremony format



Ontario University and College Information

For information on College & University webinars/info sessions, open houses and viewbooks:

 look under the "Post-Secondary Information" tab on the BR Student Services D2L page

Visit individual school websites

- **ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca** to sign up to receive information from specific universities.
- **ontariocolleges.ca** to explore by college





ONTARIO **COLLEGE VIRTUAL** FAIR

Ontario Colleges Fair

Will be organizing a series of smaller virtual events – stay tuned!

Bishop Reding College Information Sessions

- Virtual College Week (October 25-29th from 3:30pm- onwards)
- Registration and Join Links to be posted on D2L, MSD, Twitter & Instagram



University Information Program



Ontario Universities Virtual Fall Fair:

- Saturday, September 25, 12-2 pm (ET)
- Tuesday, October 26, 5-7 pm (ET)
 - All Ontario universities will participate. Events are free no pre-registration.

Bishop Reding University Info Sessions:

- Virtual University Week (October 18-22nd from 3:30pm- onwards)
- Registration and Join Links to be posted on D2L, MSD, Twitter & Instagram





Grades Submission to Ontario Universities and Colleges

ALL grade 11 and grade 12 marks are sent electronically to OUAC and OCAS. You DO NOT provide a transcript.

Transmission Timeline

| October | ALL grade 11 & 12 final marks & courses on your timetable this school year |
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| November | Quad 1 final marks |
| February | Quad 2 final marks |
| April | Sem 2 midterm marks/Quad 3 final marks |
| Farly July | Sem 2/Quad 4 final marks |

<u>YOU</u> must provide mid-term and final report cards to your guidance counsellor for all courses being taken <u>outside of Halton</u> <u>Catholic District School Board</u>



University Applications: How to Apply and Fees



So, you have done your research and you are ready to apply! What's next?

- Apply online through the Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC) <u>www.ouac.on.ca</u>
- Require a **PIN** from OUAC to apply
 - you will receive in early November
 - be sure your address on file at BR is correct!
- Base application fee \$150 (includes 3 program choices)
- Additional Program fee \$50 per choice
- International Service Fee \$10
- Supplemental fee for some programs <u>https://www.ouac.on.ca/guide/101-fees/</u>
- Fees are non-refundable

University Applications: Deadline



Deadline to apply to Ontario universities is **JANUARY 13, 2022**

HOWEVER ...

Bishop Reding counsellors expect that your application is submitted **BEFORE** the Christmas Break.

Note:

- Degrees that grade 12s can apply to include:
 - 3-year Bachelor Degree (General)
 - 4-year Bachelor Degree (Honours)- recommended
- You can apply to a maximum of 3 programs at one university (including its affiliates)
- Some universities may further limit the number of programs you can apply to
- Once you have submitted your application, there will be a \$50 fee to change a program (unless it is at the same university)

University Applications: Admission Average and Supplemental Applications

Admission Average

- Your admission average will be calculated using your "top 6" 4U/M marks, including prerequisite courses.
- Prerequisite courses are listed on OUINFO and university websites
- <u>You do not choose</u> the courses used for your "top 6" admission average
- Some universities (not all) will use a grade 11 grade for a <u>prerequisite course</u> if the grade 12 final grade is not available
- Check policy on failed/repeated courses on OUINFO/Admission tab

Supplemental Applications

Some universities, for certain programs, will also require an application outlining your activities, other than academics.

See OUINFO and university sites for details.



University applications: What is an Early Admission Offer?



Conditional offers of admission are sent out in "ROUNDS"

- There is NO separate application for early admission. **One application for all applicants starting in November**
- All offers are **conditional** based upon Grade 12 final marks received at end of June
- Must accept offers no later than June 1st

Each university has its own timeline for sending conditional offers. See OUINFO (Admission tab). **Generally:**

Round 1 November to early February

- sent out <u>before</u> quad 2 finals are transmitted to university in February
- Average WELL ABOVE anticipated admission average

Round 2 early February to late April (largest round)

- sent out after quad 1 & 2 final marks are received, and possibly quad 3 final marks (sem 2 midterms)
- most Ontario students receive a conditional offer during this round

Round 3 late April to late May

- Universities send offers based on Quad 3 final marks (sem 2 midterms)
- Students may receive a waitlist offer (speak to your counsellor)

Round 4 early June and summer

- Students may receive a seat in program after June 1st
- Waitlist offers may open in summer. Contact university

Ontario College Applications: Do Your Research!

• www.ontariocolleges.ca

- Multiple programs & diploma types offered:
 - **Certificates** require the completion of two semesters (or one year) of study in College
 - **Diplomas** require the completion of at least four semesters (or two years) of study.
 - Advanced Diplomas- is granted after six semesters (three years) of study.
 - **Degrees** require four years of study, as well as U/M level high school prerequisites.



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- Multiple programs & diploma types offered:
 - **Collaborative & Joint Degree:**-made through a college and partnering university. May earn either one or two credentials-one from the college and/or one from the university.
 - **CO-OP:** include scheduled periods of employment in related industries. Placements are typically paid.
 - **Apprenticeship**: enables you to learn a skilled trade on the job, under the supervision of an experienced tradesperson.



Ontario College Applications: How to Apply and Fees



Apply through <u>www.ontariocolleges.ca</u> by "Creating An Account"

• You can apply to 5 colleges (no more than 3 at one college). Non-refundable processing fee of \$95.00.

• In early October: access to online applications open. There is no PIN (personal identification number) required to apply.

• Colleges will use **both grade 11 and 12 marks** in C, M or U level courses to determine admission.

· Some Colleges will use OPEN courses in admission calculations.

• ENG4C1 is a minimum prerequisite for every program.

Ontario College Application: Important Dates



- Feb 1st 2022: Complete your application and pay by this date to be eligible for equal consideration. Apply well before this date as website volumes are at their highest.
 - November 1 2021: first date that Ontario colleges can release admission offers to qualified applicants. Offers will continue after this date until programs are filled or wait-lists are established.
- May 1 2022: Deadline to Confirm Offers of Admission

*If you also apply to university, be sure to accept a college offer while waiting for university offer which may not come until end of May!

• June 2022: Tuition Deposit Due at the Colleges

REMINDER: Courses taken at other school boards or private schools

- <u>YOU</u> must provide mid-term and final report cards to your guidance counsellor for all courses being taken outside of Halton Catholic District School Board.
- These marks will be entered manually by your counsellor.





OYAP/Specialty Programs

- For more information about OYAP and SHSM programs throughout Halton Region, please visit the Student Services D2L site and <u>https://studentsuccess.hcdsb.org</u>
- Two OYAP programs and 8 SHSMs
- SHSM students: ensure you're satisfying all SHSM requirements!
- Red seal diploma and record card
- OYAP students: assigned a counsellor at BR
- Some colleges/universities give awards to SHSM students; talk about experiences on AIF



SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR

Returning 12s

You may consider returning to BR if...

- Short graduation requirements
- Need more/different courses for post-secondary program
- Improve marks
- Figuring out best pathway option
- Application available on D2L
- Must get counsellor and VP approval to return
- Courses must match pathway plan
- 1 or 2 semesters
- Thomas Merton Centre for Continuing Education: 18+



SCHOLARSHIPS

- Major scholarships and awards are posted to the Student Services D2L page.
- Check often; updated frequently!
- Posted on: BR announcements, Twitter, myschoolday app and Instagram
- We subscribe to *The Scholarship Report*.
- Many awards require an essay, short answer responses, transcript, references.
- Minimum 1 week notice to prepare a transcript (secretary).
- Minimum 2 weeks' notice for "referees."
- Nominated scholarships: school applications available on D2L; firm deadline; reviewed and selected by committee



OSAP: ONTARIO STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- Financial aid program to help pay for college or university
- Consists of grants and loans
- Amount given depends on various factors
- Website: how to apply; online
- Need to know programs you are applying to
- Can apply before you've accepted an offer
- Funds deposited into account/to school after school confirms your enrolment; usually 2 installments





OSAP: ONTARIO STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- Student Services hosts a Student Awards/ OSAP presentation every year.
- This year's "Paying for Post-Secondary" presentation will be virtual and be announced on our D2L page and MySchoolDay app.
- Check D2L for myBlueprint webinars on paying for postsecondary





Applying to a U.S. school



- Most students will apply directly to the school themselves through registration platforms like the "Common App" or "Coalition".
- Tuition can be expensive for international students (\$10,000 -\$40,000 US) per year.
- Most schools require standardize testing (i.e SAT, ACT). However, because of COVID, this year many schools are making testing optional.
- Scholarships are available (Academic and Athletic)
- To be eligible to play athletics in a D1 or D2 school, you must complete the following core courses:





Applying to Out-Of Province Universities

OUAC affiliated Schools

- Acadia University
- Bishop's University
- The University of British Columbia
- University of Calgary
- Concordia University
- Dalhousie University
- McGill University
- Saint Mary's University
- Simon Fraser University
- The University of Victoria

- The OUAC assists the following out-of-province universities with collecting academic data for Ontario high school students who have applied through the OUAC:
- Students who apply to these out-ofprovince universities can authorize the universities to request their academic information from the OUAC. To authorize them, the applicant must include their 11-digit OUAC Reference Number on the university's application form.
- All other out-of-province schools, students will apply to the institution directly and submit all necessary documentation on their own (i.e. transcripts)





We are here to help!

Book virtual an appointment with your counsellor on our D2L page!

We hope you have a great year!

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