**GRADE 12 STUDENT INFORMATION:**

**HOW TO APPLY TO COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY**

***It’s that time of the year….time to start thinking about post-secondary options and applications. Here are a few tips, things to think about, and some important dates:***

**COLLEGE AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTION APPLICATIONS:**

Most colleges operate on a “First Come - First Served” basis so early application is very important. Applying early may mean that you have a better chance of being accepted into a program. Another advantage of early application is that you will have an earlier course registration date. Even if you plan to attend university, it is a good idea to apply to a couple of colleges and/or BCIT this fall as a back up to your university application. If you would like to apply to a college/BCIT for September 2018 admission, these local colleges/BCIT will start accepting applications soon:

* **Langara October 1st**
* **Douglas October 2nd** (8:30 am)
* **\*BCIT\* Ongoing** (There are often wait lists for many of their programs.)

**UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS:**

Each university (and sometimes different programs of study within each university) may have different application deadlines and requirements. Please refer to the universities’ websites for specific information.

* **UBC:** **Dec 1, 2017** (Major Entrance Scholarship application deadline)

**January 15, 2018** (Final Admission deadline for September 2018 start)

* **SFU:** **January 15, 2018** (Major Entrance Scholarship application deadline)

**February 28, 2018** (Early Admission deadline for September 2018 start)

* **CAPILANO**: **March 31, 2018**
* **EMILY CARR: January 15, 2018** (Final portfolio deadline **Feb. 1, 2018**)
* **KWANTLEN: March 1, 2018** (Some programs have earlier deadlines)
* **UVIC: Jan 2, 2018**
* **EASTERN UNIVERSITIES Usually sometime in January – check websites**

**BEFORE YOU APPLY: Visit websites and get details about your program**

* Does your program have specific admission requirements in addition to the general admission requirements?
* When does it start and when is the application deadline? Does the program have a wait list?
* How long does the program take to complete?
* What is the application fee and what are the tuition fees?
* What courses will you need to take and do any of the courses have prerequisites?

**BEFORE YOU APPLY: Things to consider**

* See if you meet the general admission requirements. If not, speak to your high school counsellor or academic advisor at the post-secondary institution about your next steps.
* Attend an info session at the post-secondary institution to learn more about your selected program.
* Choose a program of study.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

* Go to the https://apply.educationplannerbc.ca/ website. This website allows you to apply to most public BC institutions.
* Follow the steps to apply.
* You will need the following information:
* Permanent mailing address and telephone number(s)
* Emergency contact name and telephone number(s)
* Email addresses
* Social Insurance Number (SIN)
* Personal Education Number (PEN) (Your PEN number is listed on your report card)
* Names and dates of high schools attended
* A credit card for payment

**HOW DOES THE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY GET MY MARKS? YOU NEED TO DO SOMETHING. SEE BELOW…**

If you are graduating this school year and are applying to a post-secondary institution for September 2018 admission, you must complete the online Student Transcripts Service (STS) application to indicate where you want the Ministry of Education to send your marks and transcript information. Failure to complete this online form may delay a student’s acceptance to post-secondary studies! The Student Transcripts Service (STS) is currently available to you online.In order to complete your Student Transcripts Service (STS), go to the link below and follow these simple steps:

**http://www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca**

* Create your account **Sign Up for BCeId**
* Once your account is created, you can log in and select post-secondary institutions you have applied to

**To send / order transcripts**

* Go to Transcript / Certification Page
* Select Send / Order Transcript
* Give electronic consent to have transcripts sent
* Select institutions you have applied to and move selections to list
* Select **“Send Transcript Now”** or **“Send Interim and Final Marks”** when available
* Confirm and add to cart
* Click Review course information
* Confirm your selections, submit and then log off

**STILL UNSURE?**

If you are still unsure of what you want to study or where you wish to apply, the following websites can help get you started by investigating which post-secondary institutions offer programs in your chosen post secondary path:

[**www.careercruising.com**](http://www.careercruising.com) username: Burnaby password: Central

[**www.schoolfinder.com**](http://www.schoolfinder.com)[**www.educationplanner.ca**](http://www.educationplanner.ca)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Date:** October 4th Grade 12 Parent Evening (Post-secondary information presentation)

**Date:** November 22nd Post-Secondary Information Evening

Many post-secondary institutions will be here (Fair 6:00-7:30 in the Commons area);

SFU presentation at 7:00-7:45 pm; UBC presentation 7:45-8:30 pm