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, provided you meet the program requirements. 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 as a backup to your university application. If you would like to apply to a college, these local colleges will start accepting applications soon:

- **Langara**   **Early October**
- **Douglas**   **Early October**
- ***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 1st**   (Entrance Scholarship application deadline -
                                                          *Must be checked off on your application)
                              January 15th   (Application deadline for September start)
                              January 31st   Deadline to authorize access to grades (STS)
                              March 15th   Online courses must be 50% complete by March 15th. The interim grade must also be submitted by March 15th and the course must be 100% complete by June 30th.

- **SFU:**   **December 15th**   (Entrance Scholarship application deadline)
                              January 31st   (Application deadline for September start)
                              January 31st   Deadline to authorize access to grades (STS)
                              Jan. 31st-March 31st (Program-specific deadlines for self-reporting grades)
                              June   (Deadline to complete online courses)

- **CAPILANO**:   **April 10th**
- **EMILY CARR:**   **January 15th**   (Final application & portfolio deadline **Jan. 15th**)
- **KWANTLEN:**   **March 1st**   (Some programs have earlier deadlines)
- **UVIC:**   **January 31st**   (Some programs have earlier deadlines)
- **EASTERN UNIVERSITIES**   **Usually sometime in December/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?
- Post-secondary institutions may have different admission requirements for the same program. Admission requirements often change from year to year. Be sure to visit the websites for up-to-date information.

BEFORE YOU APPLY: Things to consider.

- Attend online info sessions at the post-secondary institution to learn more about your selected program.
- Attend the Post Secondary BC Fair (November 22nd from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm) to learn more about programs and admission requirements. Representatives will be here to answer questions.

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 your Social Insurance Number (SIN), Personal Education Number (PEN) and a credit card for payment.

HOW DO YOU SEND COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES YOUR MARKS?

If you are graduating this school year and are applying to a post-secondary institution (PSI) for September admission, you must complete an online application. Failure to complete the online application may delay a student's acceptance to post-secondary studies!

 In order to send your school transcript electronically to post-secondary institutions, go to the Ministry of Education's Transcript and Certificate website (STS) at:

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

Follow these steps:

- Sign up for a BCeID and select your password reset questions and answers.
- Log-in to Student Transcript Service using your BCeID. You will be prompted to:
  - Enter your student information.
  - Read the personal data collection info and complete the process by clicking "submit"
  - An email will be sent to the email address you provided and must be activated within 24 hours.
  - Once activated, you will be able to log onto STS using your BCeID and password.
- From your STS Dashboard, you can choose your post-secondary institutions (PSIs) selections, preview, send and order transcripts, and even view exam results and scholarship information. You will need to consent to enable the ministry to send your transcripts to selected post-secondary institutions electronically or by paper. Set expiration date to one year from now so that the institution can see marks throughout the year.

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.schoolfinder.com   **www.educationplanner.ca**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Date: November 22nd Post-Secondary Fair at Burnaby Central from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm