

Soaring to New Heights

Guidance Newsletter – September 2009

Welcome to your graduating year at H.H.S.S. You should be very proud of your accomplishments so far and most likely are beginning to feel excited about your years beyond the doors of H.H.S.S. It is, therefore, very important that you research carefully how you plan to get to that next stage. Whether you intend to go to work, start an apprenticeship, attend college or university, you must have a plan. Mrs. Duchene and Mr. P. Morissette are here in Guidance to help you achieve your post-secondary goals.

In the next few weeks, we will be meeting with all graduates to discuss post-secondary plans and help with research.

The following is a list of dates, tips, and important websites that you will find useful in your planning and research.

1. Always listen to announcements and read the Guidance bulletin board – it is the only way we can get information to all of the graduates.
2. Use your Student Planner – write in the dates of all of the College visits and plan for tests and assignments. It is a good practice regardless of your post-secondary destination.
3. Take time each week to research post-secondary and financial options.
4. Complete your community hours and hand in your card as soon as possible.



5. COLLEGE VISITS

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| Tues., Sept. 22 nd | Georgian College | Period 2 | Library Sem Rm |
| Thurs., Oct. 1 st | Loyalist College | Period 3 | Library Sem Rm |
| Tues., Oct. 6 th | Canadore College | Period 1 | Library Sem Rm |
| Tues., Oct. 20 th | Cambrian College | Period 1 | Library Sem Rm |
| Wed., Oct. 21 st | Fleming College | Period 2 | Library Sem Rm |
| Tues., Nov. 3 rd | Niagara College | Period 4 | Library Sem Rm |
| Wed., Nov. 4 th | Durham College | Period 2 | Library Sem Rm |
| Tues., Nov. 10 th | Algonquin College | Period 2 | Library Sem Rm |
| Fri., Nov. 27 th | Lambton College | Period 2 | Library Sem Rm |

* Others may be added at a later date – listen to announcements.

6. College Information Program – All colleges will be represented at Fleming College in Peterborough on Monday, November 2nd from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – sign the list in Guidance if you wish to attend – listen for announcements.

7. Students will apply to college on-line.

- College application cost is \$95.00 and Mrs. Duchene will also be doing a presentation in October on how to apply on-line.
- College Application Deadline: February 1, 2010 – we will be encouraging students to apply by December 18th to avoid system slowdowns.
- To research colleges go to www.ontariocolleges.ca

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

All students should register on StudentAwards.com to receive the latest information on available scholarships, bursaries and contests.

Other helpful websites:

1. ScholarshipsCanada.com – scholarship finder
2. www.osap.gov.on.ca – Ontario Student Assistance Program
3. <http://www.ocutg.on.ca> – College to University Transfer Guide
4. Career Colleges – www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/private.html

Please feel free to make an appointment with any of the Guidance Counsellors as you navigate through the process of planning for next year. We wish you luck and we challenge you to keep soaring to new heights.

“When we do the best that we can, we never know what a miracle is wrought in our life, or in the life of another.”

Helen Keller

