



MRSS GRAD 2012 NEWSLETTER

September 2011

GRAD 2012

Mr. Beale is the staff contact for all information pertaining to Graduation 2012. He can be contacted by phone at 604-463-4175 local 1117, by email at Mark_Beale@sd42.ca or in his room 1117. Following are important dates to make note of:

- Oct. 17-19: Grad photo appointments to be made daily in Room 1117
- Oct. 24 & 25: Grad photos at MRSS. There is a \$20.00 sitting fee payable to Mountain West Studios due at the camera (make your appointment for buddy photos at this time)
- Oct. 26-28: Grad photos continue (make your appointment for buddy photos at this time)
- December 8: Buddy photos. There is a \$30.00 fee per group that needs to be paid at time of individual photos. If you wish to join our Student Grad Committee, meetings are held every Monday at lunch in Mr. Beale's room. Everyone is welcome!

DRY GRAD 2012

Mr. Watt is the staff contact for all information pertaining to Dry Grad 2012. He can be contacted by phone at 604 463-4175 local 4126, by email at Dylan_Watt@sd42.ca or in the Main Office.

October 24th is the first Dry Grad parent-organizing meeting at 7:00 pm in Room 1110.

COUNSELLING UPDATES

Mr. Page is the counsellor responsible for all Grade 12 students. He can be contacted by phone at 604-463-4175 local 4159, by email at Sacha_Page@sd42.ca or in his office in the counselling department. Mr. Page will keep you updated on all requirements for graduation including transcripts, credits, assessment tests, PSI forms, and any other issues that may impact students' success this year.

POST SECONDARY INFORMATION AND UPDATES

Mrs. Huber in the Career Centre is available from Monday-Thursday to assist you with your post secondary options, admission applications, etc. Following are some very important dates.

- The Study and Go Abroad Fair is coming to Vancouver on October 4th at the Vancouver Convention Centre. Students will have an opportunity to meet directly with universities and colleges from around the world, as well as with organizations offering internships, volunteer programs, work abroad and adventure and language travel. Admission to the fair is free and visitors can register for the event at www.studyandgoabroad.com.
- Vancouver Community College is hosting an Information Night on October 19th from 4-6 pm at the downtown campus. 140 programs. One night. Everything you need to know.
- The University of Alberta will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, October 22 from 9 am-4 pm on their campus in Edmonton. Visit www.ualberta.ca/openhouse for more information.

Genius is nothing but labour and diligence.

~William Hogarth

POST SECONDARY INFORMATION AND UPDATES (contd)

- BCIT Big Info session . This free session happens November 2 from 5-8 pm. Every program, all in one place.
- The JIBC (Justice Institute of BC) invites students and families to their Open House on November 5th from 10 am-5 pm at their campus in New Westminster. The JIBC offers hands-on programs in law enforcement, fire fighting, and paramedic and emergency medical response.
- Wednesday, November 16 from 6:30 -8:15 pm is our Post Secondary Evening. Parents and students will be able to sit in on presentations by recruiters from the BC colleges and universities. Students will need to sign up for these sessions in the Career Centre closer to the date.
- UNBC will be offering “on the spot” admissions during the Post Secondary Evening on the 16th. Admissions at this time are “FREE”.
- The University of Toronto is coming to Maple Ridge on Thursday, November 24 at 7:00 pm. This event is being hosted by Meadowridge School. Mark this date on your calendar.
- Are you a student that will be applying to an American 4 year college or university? You will want to check out the “Common Application Form” that is used by over 100 American institutions, to simplify the application process. For a complete list of those institutions, please visit the Career Centre to pick up the information package and application.
- The University of Alberta has announced that starting 2012, the Bachelor of Education degree will no longer require a pre-professional year of study. The Faculty of Education now offers a direct-entry program, allowing students to apply directly from high school.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

Numerous scholarships and bursaries are available to students to wish to take the time to research and prepare for them, with over 50% of the available scholarships not being applied for. Students are encouraged to visit the following websites for scholarship opportunities:

- www.studentawards.com
- www.scholarshipscanada.ca
- www.studentscholarships.org
- www.canlearn.ca
- www.sd42.ca- SD42 District Scholarships & Bursaries

Upcoming scholarships are listed below.

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| • The Loran Award (Sponsored by MRSS) | Due: October 19, 2011 |
| • The Loran Award (Direct Pool) | Due: October 26, 2011 |
| • TD Scholarships for Community Leadership | Due: October 31, 2011 |
| • University of Toronto National Scholarship Program | Due: November 11, 2011 |
| • University of Guelph National Scholarship Program | Due: January 25, 2012 |
| • University of Alberta Scholastic Distinction Scholarship | Due: February 15, 2012 |
| • University of Alberta Entrance Leadership Scholarship | Due: February 15, 2012 |

Please visit the Career Centre to keep updated on all scholarships and bursaries as they are received throughout the year.

GRADUATION TRANSITION

MRSS's Graduation Transition season is once again upon us! This year's presentations are scheduled for February 14, 2012 and April 18, 2012. Unlike past years where you were scheduled based on the number of provincially examinable courses you were enrolled in, this year it will be alphabetical. The first 140 students in the alphabet based on last names, will present on February 14, while the remaining students will present on April 18. The exception to this will be for those music/band students who will be away on April 18. You will present in the first round.

Pre-presentation meetings for first round students will begin in late October. In the meantime, you should be starting to collect evidence around the areas that you will be talking about at your presentation. Pre-presentation meetings for second round students will begin in late February.

We are confident that MRSS students will once again demonstrate to the community, why Ridge is a special place to do Graduation Transitions. Complete GTP requirements are available on the school's website. If you have any questions, please drop by Mr. Kowal's office.