

# Welcome to Grade 12

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MRSS GRAD NEWSLETTER

## Important Staff Members to Know

Mr. Raible: Grade 12 Administrator

Mr. Beale: Graduation Photos, Caps & Gowns, Ceremonies, Banquet & Dance. Grad Committee

Mr. Watt: Dry Grad Festivities & Fundraising

Mr. Page: Grade 12 Counsellor, Transcripts, External Credits, Graduation Requirements, Course Changes

Mr. Kowal: Graduation Transition Programs and Work Experience

Mrs. Huber (Career Centre): College & University Admissions & Applications, Post Secondary Evening, Volunteer Connections, Grad Newsletters and Updates



## Graduation Transition Program

The Graduation Transition Program is a Ministry of Education graduation requirement. Students must complete a GTP plan that consists of three components and present their plan an external panel. The three components are Community Connections, Career and Life, and Personal Health.

Students are encouraged, through meetings at the beginning of the school year, to complete the Community Connections and Personal Health sections and submit that evidence. Once you have documentation to support both of these areas, please submit it to Mr. Kowal.

During the remainder of Grade 12, students will be supported in the entire process through assemblies, small seminar groups, and one-on-one meetings. In addition, students should pay close attention to announcements each morning, read the Grad Newsletters, and posted notices in and outside of the Career Centre.

The dates for this year's **Grad Transition Presentations are February 14 and April 18, 2012**. The Graduation Transition Coordinator (Mr. Kowal) determines which students present on which days.

More information on the Graduation Transition Program may be found on the school website: [mapleridgessecondary.ca](http://mapleridgessecondary.ca)

## Work Experience 12A & 12B

Any students who signed up for work experience or are interested in the program are reminded that there will be a mandatory meeting in the second week of September. Please check with the work experience coordinators (Mr. Kowal and Mr. Mike Oliver) to confirm your interest in the program. In addition, if you have completed any volunteer work or other types of employment over the summer, please bring in documentation to verify these, as they may be applicable for credit toward your work experience program. Work Experience 12A will include a minimum of 100 hours of work/volunteer experience plus all appropriate paper work while Work Experience 12B will include the completion of an additional 100 hours of work/volunteer experience. For clarification or more information please visit with your Work Experience Coordinator.

### Websites of Interest to Grade 12 Students

[www.educationplannerbc.ca](http://www.educationplannerbc.ca)

- Post secondary options in BC
  - Financial planning
  - Admission requirements

[www.applybc.ca](http://www.applybc.ca)

- BC online university & college admission application service

[www.ouac.ca](http://www.ouac.ca)

- Ontario University online admission application service

[www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com) Scholarships & bursaries

[www.scholarshipscanada.ca](http://www.scholarshipscanada.ca) Scholarships & bursaries

[www.studentscholarships.org](http://www.studentscholarships.org) Scholarships & bursaries

[www.sd42.ca](http://www.sd42.ca)- SD42 District Scholarships & Bursaries

### Career Centre: Your One-Stop-Shopping for Grade 12

The Career Centre is open Monday to Thursday from 8:15 am-3:00 pm to provide all students with information regarding colleges and universities across Canada as well as the USA. The white board in the Career Centre will list the most current information on a monthly basis regarding everything you could possibly think of related to grade 12 and graduation. If students wish to access this information please stop by. If you wish to speak with Mrs. Huber on a more formal basis, please make an appointment with her.

The Career Centre is here to assist you with having a successful grade 12 while looking forward to your future whether it include college or university, the world of work or travel or time off.

A monthly Grade 12/Graduation Newsletter is available online at; [www.mapleridgessecondary.ca](http://www.mapleridgessecondary.ca) under “Newsletters” and “Graduation” as well as limited hard copies available in the Career Centre for pick-up.

### Grade 12 Calendar

Please find attached, the Grade 12 calendar that will provide valuable dates and deadlines for September 2011 through to June 2012.

If you have any questions, please contact Val Huber @ 604-463-4175 local 4146 or by email at [Valerie\\_Huber@sd42.ca](mailto:Valerie_Huber@sd42.ca)



*"If you can imagine it, you can achieve it; if you can dream it, you can become it."*