

# Welcome to Grade 12

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MRSS GRAD NEWSLETTER

## Important Staff Members to Know

Mr. Richardson: Grade 12 Administrator

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

Mr. Watt: Dry Grad Festivities & Fundraising

Counselling Team (Mrs. Bikic, Mr. Page, Mr. Wade): Transcripts, External Credits, Graduation Requirements, and Course Changes

Mr. Kowal: Graduation Transition Program and Work Experience A-L  
Mr. M. Oliver: Work Experience K-Z

Mrs. Huber (Career Centre): College & University Admissions & Applications, Post Secondary Evening, Career Fairs & Field Trips



### Graduation Transition Program

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

Students were encouraged through meetings at the beginning of the school year to complete the Community Connections and Personal Health sections and submit that evidence. If students did not complete one or both sections, they can still fulfill this requirement in their graduating year.

In their graduating year, students will be supported in this process through assemblies, small seminar groups, and one-on-one meetings. In addition, students should pay attention to announcements, read the Grad Newsletter, and posted notices to keep informed of requirements and approaching deadlines.

The dates for next year's **Grad Transition presentations** are **February 9, 2011** and **April 13, 2011**. The Graduation Transition Coordinator 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 and 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 school next year. Please check with the work experience coordinators (Mr. M. Oliver and Mr. A. Kowal) to confirm your interest in the program. In addition, if you will be doing volunteer work or other types of employment over the summer, please record these, as they may be applicable for credit toward your work experience program.

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## GRADE 12 CALENDAR

### September

- If you need to change any course selections for Grade 12, do this as soon as possible by visiting your counselor.
- Attend the Grad/Parent Information Evening on Wed. September 29<sup>th</sup>
- Be aware of the admission application dates for the post secondary institutions you are interested in attending.
- Check the admission requirements for the colleges and universities you plan on attending.
- Familiarize yourself with the Career Centre and what it offers you as a Grade 12 student.
- If you are enrolled in Work Experience 12A or B, attend the information session that will be offered by Mr. Kowal and Mr. Mike Oliver.
- Check out all of the scholarships that are available in September.

### October

- Grad photos will take place this month.
- Attend an information session on how to apply for admissions online.
- Become familiar with the following websites for admissions:
  - a) BC, create an account on: [www.pas.bc.ca](http://www.pas.bc.ca)
  - b) Ontario, create an account on: [www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca)
  - c) USA, create an account on: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- Many BC universities and colleges will begin online admissions on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of this month.
- Research the dates for the LPI, TOEFL, and any other English Language Assessment Test you may need to take.
- Mr. Kowal will be offering GTP seminars in preparation for the presentations in February.
- Check out the scholarships available for October.

### November

- Attend the Post Secondary Liaison Visit on Tuesday, November 16 @ 6:30 pm.
- Kwantlen Polytechnic University opens online admissions on November 1.
- Simon Fraser University opens online admissions on November 15.
- This is a good time of the year to start asking for letters of reference for the District Scholarship Applications and GTP.
- Be aware of scholarships available in November.

### December

- Career & Education Fair at the Tradex in Abbotsford on Thursday, December 2.
- Complete your “self-reporting” of grades as requested by some universities.
- Complete any “additional/supplemental applications required by some university programs.
- Make sure you know who your contacts are at the university or college you are planning on attending.
- Attend District Scholarship Information Sessions organized through the Career Centre.
- Work on your statement of application and your letters of reference over the Christmas break.
- Be aware of scholarships available in December.

### January

- The School District 42 Scholarships and Bursary Booklet will be available online at [www.sd42.ca](http://www.sd42.ca), go to “Students” and start reading.
- Some post secondary institutions will have a January deadline for housing registrations.
- Self-reporting of grades may be required by some of the universities.
- Be aware of scholarships available in January.
- Have a backup plan for your choice of institution just in case you don’t get into the first one.
- If you have not yet applied to a post secondary institution, it would be advisable to do so.
- Check out the dates for the information sessions on how to apply for the SD42 scholarships and bursaries offered through the Career Centre.
- Self-reporting of interim grades may be required by some of the universities.

### February

- Grads will be measured for cap and gown and the grad fee will be due.
- Counselors will have you completing the “Choices” form, which indicates what institutions you want your final marks sent to.
- Early Admissions usually close on February 28<sup>th</sup> for many of the universities.
- Prepare for your Graduation Transition Presentation scheduled for February 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Be working on your District 42 scholarship and bursary application packages, as they will be due in March.

- Check your emails and student accounts with the post secondary institutions regarding your application status and any missing documents.
- Apply now for colleges and universities if you have not done so.
- Be aware of scholarships available in February.

### March

- Those students presenting in 2<sup>nd</sup> round for GTP should be preparing.
- The District 42 scholarship and bursary packages will be due this month so be prepared
- The counselors will be finalizing all of the “Choices” forms not completed in February.
- Self-reporting of grades will be required by most post secondary institutions.
- Be aware of scholarships available in March.

### April

- Grad banquet and dance ticket sales will begin this month.
- The second round of GTP presentations will take place on April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Be aware of scholarships available in April.

### May

- This is the last chance to write any of the assessment tests that may be needed for September.
- Many of the universities and colleges will be making their offers of admission. Be sure to read all correspondence so you do not miss any important dates or deadlines.
- Universities and colleges will start sending out their course registration dates.
- There will be some scholarships still available.
- Check out any last minute scholarships.

### June

- Prepare for course registration at the post secondary institution you have been accepted you.
- Finalize any outstanding Work Experience or GTP paperwork.
- Start preparing to write provincial exams if necessary
- Grad and Dry Grad 2011.
- Make sure you are ready for September 2011!

