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Student Services E-Bulletin – January 2025

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[Windsor Counselling - Home \(weebly.com\)](http://WindsorCounselling-Home.weebly.com) Counselling and  
Graduation Info website

General Information

1. Course Programming begins! The Parent Course Programming presentation will be in the multipurpose room on **Thurs Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm** for families to garner information on Course Info and basic university requirements.

Grade assemblies also will be held at **8:30 am** with the same power point information plus the Course Selection sheets:

- a. **Grade 11 into 12 – Mon Jan 20<sup>th</sup>**
- b. **Grade 10 into 11 – Tues Jan 21<sup>st</sup>**
- c. **Grade 9 into 10 – Wed Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>**
- d. **Grade 8 into 9 – Thurs Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Please take the time to inquire and explore your course planning options by then in order to make good decisions. Counsellors are here to help. The timetable is built around those selections, and we cannot always accommodate changes later in the spring or in the fall if courses fill up.

All **grade 9-11 students** will input the courses **on their own by Fri Feb 28<sup>th</sup>**. The window for course selection input online opens on **Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>**. **Grade 8's** will use class time during Period 6 from Feb 24, 26 and 28 to input their courses to the computer, with support. All students need to hand in their Course Request forms AFTER they have input their own course selections into the computer, by Feb 28<sup>th</sup> at the latest. If students need help, they can bring their forms to the Review/Completion Day on March 4<sup>th</sup> and staff will

help them input courses in the Library Lab from 10 am – noon. We keep the forms on file for reference. Students will receive instructions closer to the input window.

2. Looking to do some self reflection in time for course programming? Do some exploring on this link: [WorkBC - Explore Careers](#)
3. Literacy 10 Assessment: **Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> - Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Numeracy 10 – **April 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Grade 12 French Immersion Assessment – **June 12<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>**  
Students who missed, or wish to rewrite any Assessments, must see their grade counsellor. Assessment results are not used for university admissions (with the exception of UBC which looks at Lit 12 Assessment) and are reported on a scale of 1-4.

### Post-Secondary

1. Looking for pathways beyond secondary school? Check out the Education Planner website: [EducationPlannerBC](#) After exploring the “Plan” feature, you can now explore the “Search” feature to see all 35 Post Secondary Institutes in BC and their programs. There are 6 different criteria to find a program most in line with your goals. This is a great time of year to explore, since course programming is due soon! You can click links to bring you to “Admissions Info” such as this for Human Kinetics: [Human Kinetics \(Cap\)](#) or this for Architecture at BCIT: [Architecture BCIT](#) Grades 12’s can use this Education Planner site to apply to post secondary schools directly.
2. Thinking about doing a Trade/Apprenticeship program? You do not need to go directly to BCIT ... you can get Trades info and training through the College of the BC Building Trades [College of the BC Building Trades](#) It is an association of training providers, with more than a dozen trade-specific schools. Explore the different trades online. Excellent resource and excellent job prospects in this area.
3. UVIC is offering virtual sessions for Parents to answer questions about admissions, scholarships and deadline, and helping students transition to life in university: Jan 12 @4 pm, or Jan 21 @ 6 pm. Click here to register: [Parent Nights](#)

4. Interested in Engineering, Architecture and Construction? BCIT offers a 14 month 'ACE' Certificate to blend the 3 fields with learning and paid internship placements. Applications open Jan 6<sup>th</sup>. For more info, see [www.BCIT.ca/ACE](http://www.BCIT.ca/ACE)

## Grads

1. If you missed the booking for your Grad photo, Grads BC will open one more date in the New Year, but a **retake** session is Jan 6<sup>th</sup> for those of you who already did one sitting.
2. Transcripts Site: [www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca](http://www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca) This was your assignment in your CLC Course, **Unit 4.1**. Click on "Current Student" and follow instructions to create an account. No matter where you apply, you MUST GIVE CONSENT on the STS site **by Jan 31<sup>st</sup>** to "Send Interim and Final Marks **when Available**", for anywhere in North America to ensure that your official marks get sent in February (term one) and July (final marks). Otherwise, you will lose your offer. See your full transcript with interim marks under "Preview" where you chose the PSI's to receive your marks. (It is a confusing site, since those grade 12 marks do not show up under "View My Transcript" for some strange reason). If a university requires a paper or digital copy from the school, students should see your counsellor. All information regarding this process is on the Counselling Website: [www.dukescounsellingonline.weebly.com/sending-transcripts.html](http://www.dukescounsellingonline.weebly.com/sending-transcripts.html)
3. Please refer to the updated website for all external scholarships: [www.dukescounsellingonline.weebly.com/external-scholarships.html](http://www.dukescounsellingonline.weebly.com/external-scholarships.html) .
4. Important Application Deadlines for BC Post Secondary Schools:
  - UBC – Jan 15<sup>th</sup> (for eligibility for Entrance scholarships was Dec 1<sup>st</sup>)
  - Emily Carr U of Art/Design – Jan 15<sup>th</sup>
  - SFU – Jan 31<sup>st</sup>
  - UVIC – Jan 31<sup>st</sup>
  - UNBC – Jan 15<sup>th</sup> for Entrance Awards, otherwise Feb 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Capilano U – depends on the program
  - BCIT – Jan 15 – April 30<sup>th</sup>, depending on program. Gr 11's can apply now though! Some programs have waitlists of 18 months.
  - Kwantlen Polytechnic U – March 1<sup>st</sup>

- Thompson Rivers University: Jan 31<sup>st</sup>(Nursing) or Feb 1<sup>st</sup> (Resp. Therapy/Vet Tech) or May 1<sup>st</sup> for other programs.