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Student Services E-Bulletin – January 2026

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[Windsor Counselling - Home \(weebly.com\)](http://Windsor.Counselling-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 22nd 6:30 pm** for families to garner information on Course Info and basic university requirements.

Grade assemblies also will be held with the same power point information plus the Course Selection sheets:

- a. **Grade 9 into 10 – Tues Jan 20th at 10:40 am**
- b. **Grade 11 into 12 – Tues Jan 20th at 11:45 am**
- c. **Grade 10 into 11 – Wed Jan 21st at 10:40 am**
- d. **Grade 8 into 9 – Wed Jan 21st at 11:45 am**

Please take the time to inquire and explore your course planning options by then 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, as many students found out this year.

All grade 9-11 students will input the courses on their own by Fri Feb 27th. The window for course selection input online opens on **Feb 2nd**.

Grade 8's will use class time during Period 1 from Feb 20th, 24th and 26th 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 27th at the

latest. If students need help, they can bring their forms to the Review/Completion Day on Fri Feb 27th 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. Thinking about Academies for next year in: Art, Basketball, Dance, Digital Media, Field Hockey, Hockey, rowing, Soccer Volleyball)? The North Van School District is hosting the Academies Info Night on **Wed Jan 14th at 6 pm** at Carson Graham Secondary School.
4. Trades Information Night: **Tues Feb 3rd**, at *Carson Graham Secondary*(not Sutherland as previously scheduled). District Careers Co-ordinator Jennifer Kinakin will present information on all the pathways that a career in the Trades would entail, and programs within our District that students can take. Here is the District Careers Website, containing info on programs and opportunities as well: [Career Pathways - Career Pathways 44 \(sd44.ca\)](#)
5. Thinking of a career in Geoscience? Participate in this free online speaker panel on **Feb 26th, 6-7 pm** with professionals in the field:
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=RtUantX4ek-GDic4Z6NT0KAhoBoDW3IKtpJuM3e9vNNUOVlaMFAwSE5GQjJRTQ4OVo4QII3Q0JJVS4u>
6. Literacy 10 and Lit 12 Assessments: **Jan 13th and Jan 14th (gr 10 and 12 classes cancelled)**
Numeracy 10 – **April 21st and 22nd (gr 10 classes cancelled)**
Grade 12 French Immersion Assessment – **June 12th -13th**
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”. Grade 12’s use this Education Planner site to apply to all BC 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 14th or 26th @ 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 2nd. For more info, see [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 6th for those of you who already did one sitting. Additionally, if you did not do a photo sitting individually, there still is an opportunity to have your photo in the yearbook. On Wednesday, February 18th, the photo company will be at Windsor all morning with a gown and stole.
2. Transcripts Site: [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 31st** 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.

3. Scholarships: External Scholarships (outside Windsor)

[ScholarshipsCanada - Find Scholarships, Student Awards, Bursaries & Financial Aid](#)

[Scholarships Made Simple | ScholarTree](#)

Please refer to the updated website for all external scholarships:

[Scholarship Resources - École Windsor Secondary](#)

4. Important Application Deadlines for BC Post Secondary Schools:

- UBC – Jan 15th (eligibility for Entrance scholarships was Dec 1st)
- Emily Carr U of Art/Design – Jan 15th
- SFU – Jan 31st
- UVIC – Jan 31st
- UNBC – Jan 15th for Entrance Awards, otherwise Feb 1st – March 31st
- Capilano U – depends on the program, but earlier is better
- BCIT – Jan 15 – April 30th, depending on program. Gr 11’s can apply now though! Some programs have waitlists of 18 months.
- Kwantlen Polytechnic U – March 1st
- Thompson Rivers University: Jan 31st(Nursing) or Feb 1st (Resp. Therapy/Vet Tech) or May 1st for other programs.