

ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE WINDSOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Student Services E-Bulletin – October 2025

Thank you for your patience through a very busy start to September. As your counsellors, we are here to help with mental health support and resources, course programming, graduation and post-secondary information. Here is our monthly E-Bulletin with information for your family.

Please bookmark this Windsor Counselling website for all of your questions and references, for grade 8 through to graduation information:

Counselling - École Windsor Secondary

Counsellors:

Grade 8 and 9 students – Megan Brady – mbrady@sd44.ca

Grade 10 and Choices students – Sue Maquignaz – smaquignaz@sd44.ca

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Grade 12 students – Chris Barnes – <u>chrisbarnes@sd44.ca</u>

General Info

Numeracy and Literary 10 Assessments are Graduation requirements, normally written in grade 10. If you are in grade 11 or 12 and have NOT written this, the assessment will occur in the first week of November. Literacy 12 Assessment will be written in November. Literacy 10 is in January, Numeracy 10 is in April. French Immersion will be in June.

To see and download a copy of your child's results for either the Gr10 or Gr12 Assessments -

Go to <u>www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca</u> (don't be thrown by the info re: transcripts, you are on the right page)

Click on Current Student. Then either Register for a Basic Account, or Login if you already have one. You will need your child's information as noted on the page.

You will receive an email via the email you entered (should be child's). Click the link in the email to confirm. Then you can login and you will see Assessments and Results among other items in the Dashboard. You can view or download PDF.

- 1. Students may re-take the Numeracy Assessment to improve their score (out of 4), and the best level achieved will be counted as the final results. Here is a parent brochure if you wish further information: graduation-numeracy-assessment-brochure.
- 2. Looking for some academic support? Please see your teacher in tutorial time, from 8:30 9:10. Windsor also has Peer Tutors, students who are offering free tutoring in exchange for Service Hours. Please see your counsellor for more information, whether you wish to have or to BE a Peer tutor. There is also a website that can link you to a certified teacher tutor: <u>Teachers' Tutoring Service | Helping you find tutors</u>
- 3. "Education PlannerBC" is the website used for researching career paths including trades, admission requirements and for applying to universities in BC. There is a virtual presentation for parents and students on Wed Oct 15th from 6:30 pm 7:45. Click here to register. For more information, contact support@educationplannerbc.ca
- 4. Language Challenge Exams if you are fluent in another language from your family background (French, Farsi, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Punjabi, Spanish), you may write an exam through the Delta School District. The exam mark becomes a full credit mark for that course on your transcript. Applications are due by **Friday Oct 17th, 2025**, to Ms. Maquignaz. Please include a recent photograph (a photocopy is not acceptable). We recommend that you write the exam in your grade 10, 11 or 12 year. The exam costs \$50, refundable if you write the exam. Please either see Ms. Maquignaz or visit Challenge Exams Delta School District (deltasd.bc.ca)
- 5. The Parkgate library is launching their Teen Advisory Group, offering volunteer hours to students who want to contribute ideas to shape library programs and gain leadership experience. Check out: <u>Teens | NVDPL Public Library</u> for monthly meeting info.
- 6. For information on university fairs and volunteer opportunities, please see the Windsor Work Experience Blog here: www.windsorworkexperience.blogspot.com
- 7. The Youth Mental Health Association is looking for students to (virtually) volunteer to raise awareness and destigmatize mental health amongst youth. Please see link and click on "Join" or "Projects" for more information to become a youth leader. www.ymha.org
- 8. Lions Gate Hospital Foundation is seeking artwork from students in Grades 4-12 to be featured on their official Christmas Cards, helping raise funds for LGH Foundation. The winning artist will receive a gift card prize. See this link: https://lghfoundation.com/xmas-card-2025/
- 9. Looking for something to do on the Oct 24th Pro D Day? SFU is hosting its Discovery Day in the Faculty of Environment. <u>Discovery Day Faculty of Environment Simon Fraser University</u>

10. VersaFi (formerly Women in Capital Markets) will be hosting <u>Vancouver's Job Shadow</u> <u>Day</u> which is open to young women and gender-diverse senior high school students. It will take place on **October 29**th, 8:30 – 3:30 and features careers in finance and an afternoon of job shadowing with a mentor who works in the industry. Register on the link above.

Post-Secondary Information

- 1. We are pleased to present to you the Grade 11/12 Post Secondary Pathways Windsor Parent Info Night: **Thurs Oct 16th at 6:30 pm** in our multipurpose room. Find out about various Post Secondary options, admissions updates from the universities, Graduation, Scholarships and Career Life Connections 12. Presented by Mr Barnes, Ms So and Ms Misceo. Recommended for grade 11 and grade 12 parents.
- 2. **Post Secondary BC Fair** representatives from 30 universities/institutes in BC. **Thurs** Oct 30th 6 pm 7:45 pm @ Seycove Secondary. All grade 11's and 12's are invited with their parents. Very interactive opportunity to hear from the reps and to ask questions.
- 3. BCIT is hosting their Big Info Night on **Wed Oct 8**th from 4-7 pm on their Burnaby campus. Find out about all the programs from business, computing, health, engineering and trades. Have a chance to win one of 3 prizes of \$1,000 in tuition. Register at www.bcit.ca/biginfo Parking is free after 3 pm. 3700 Willingdon Ave.
- 4. Capilano University is hosting their Open House on **Saturday Nov 8th**, **10:30 am 2:30 pm** at Capilano U's campus. Over 100 programs to explore. New programs this fall: Bach of Environment and Society, Bach of Arts in Writing & Literature, plus the only one in Western Canada: Bachelor of Music Therapy. The Squamish Campus just opened Sept 2025 and has housing for ANY student who applies (even in upper years).
- 5. National Portfolio Day **Saturday Nov 8th** hosted at Emily Carr but attended by 18 other Fine Arts universities. Admissions are 50% based on your portfolio, so this gives you an opportunity to have your portfolio reviewed before applying. 11am 3 pm. Register ahead of time: National Portfolio Day | Vancouver | Emily Carr University of Art + Design | Vancouver, Canada
- 6. If you are considering applying to UBC, here is information on the Personal Profile, a major part of your admission process: Write your personal profile UBC | Undergraduate Programs and Admissions. UBC has removed the Dec 1st requirement to apply for early admission, and students can apply as early as Oct 1st until Jan 15th. The Dec 1st deadline is only for major awards.
- 7. University of Victoria The UVIC Campus Open House is **Saturday Nov 29th**, 2025.

Grads

- Please book your Grad Photo session through Grads BC! Individual sessions are scheduled to come to Windsor Dec 4th, Dec 5th, Dec. 8th 13th. Sign up here: www.gradsbc.com/school/wsr Get your photo for the grad wall composite, the yearbook and for your own purchases. Group sittings are separately booked on Dec 11th on your own.
- 2. Scholarships are beginning to become available. Please refer to the scholarship link on our website Scholarship Resources École Windsor Secondary for upcoming external (non-Windsor) scholarship deadlines, or see your counsellor. The exclusive Loran scholarship is due Oct 16th, 2025
- 3. Grad Gowns are being ordered now. Students were given the QR code at the meeting on Sept 24th to order the desired size, and can be found in the counselling suite, or on the slide 29 on the power point sent to parents Sept 24th.