



**ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE
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Student Services E-Bulletin – October 2024

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 Website](#)

Counsellors:

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

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Grade 9 and 11 students – Jay Prepchuk – jprepchuk@sd44.ca

Grade 12 and Choices students – Sue Maquignaz – smaquignaz@sd44.ca

General Info

Numeracy and Literary Assessments are Graduation requirements, normally written in grade 10. If you are in grade 11 or 12 and have NOT written this, please see your counsellor ASAP, as the assessment will occur in the first week of November. Literacy 12 Assessment will be written along with the French Immersion Literacy Assessment 12 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 www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca (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. If you are looking for a data driven book on the impact of smartphones on youth, please read “The Anxious Generation” by Jonathan Haidt.
3. Looking for some academic support? Here is a website that can link you to a certified teacher tutor: [Teachers' Tutoring Service | Helping you find tutors](#) Windsor also has Peer tutors, students who are offering free tutoring. Please see your counsellor for more information.
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. Applications are due by **Friday Oct 18th, 2024** 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: [Teens | NVDPL Public Library](#) 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. Minerva, the non-profit organization targets young women to explore their leadership potential, connect with mentors and increase their confidence. Next event: Saturday Nov 2nd, 9:30 am – 4 pm, held virtually. Events posted here: [Minerva BC Events - 5 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite](#)
8. 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

Post-Secondary Information

1. We are pleased to present to you the Grade 11/12 Post Secondary Pathways Windsor Parent Info Night: **Tues Oct 15th at 7 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 Ms Maquignaz and Ms Misceo. Recommended for grade 11 and grade 12 parents.

2. **Post Secondary BC Fair** – representatives from 30 universities/institutes in BC.
Monday Oct 28th 7 pm – 8:45 pm @ Windsor Secondary. 2 Info sessions plus mini fair. All grade 11's and 12's are invited with their parents. Very interactive opportunity to hear from the reps and to ask questions. Great opportunity!
3. Vancouver Film School is offering free Portfolio Review for students to approach their portfolio. Register here: [Creative Portfolio Development Session | Vancouver Film School \(vfs.edu\)](https://www.vfs.edu/creative-portfolio-development-session)
4. BCIT is hosting their Big Info Night on **Wed Oct 9th** from 4-7 pm on their Burnaby campus. Find out about all of 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.
5. Capilano University is hosting their Open House on Saturday Nov 30th, 11 a m – 3 pm at Capilano U's campus. Over 100 programs to explore.
6. National Portfolio Day – **Saturday Nov 16th** - 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 at ECU! | Emily Carr University of Art + Design \(ecuad.ca\)](https://www.ecuad.ca/national-portfolio-day)
7. SFU's Women in Computing Science (WiCS) is holding their annual event for girls to introduce them to computing science. It is free, held on Saturday Oct 26th at the SFU Burnaby campus. The event includes workshops, panels and keynote speaker. Register at <https://trycatch.cs.sfu.ca/>
8. The UBC Engineering Open House is accessed 3 ways:
 - Online Thursday Oct 17-Fri Oct 18 F or info and to register: <http://engineering.ubc.ca/openhouse>
 - Women in Engineering virtual panel Thursday Oct 17, 2024, 7 pm <http://engineering.ubc.ca/openhouse>
 - On campus in Vancouver AND in Kelowna. Explore the campuses: <http://engineering.ubc.ca/openhouse-oncampus>
9. 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](https://www.ubc.ca/undergraduate/programs-and-admissions/write-your-personal-profile)
10. University of Victoria – online “Discover UVIC” sessions, offered Oct 8th, Nov 12th, Dec 12th. Click to register: [Events - Undergraduate admissions - University of Victoria \(uvic.ca\)](https://www.uvic.ca/undergraduate/admissions/events) The UVIC Campus Open House is **Saturday Nov 30th**, 2024.
11. Are you interested in attending university in the USA or playing NCAA sports? There are several sessions that you can attend online, after you create an account. There is also an in-person Fair at Magee Secondary on **Oct 9th** from 6:30 – 9 pm to meet American

universities. [2024-25 CollegeTrackr Events \(swoogo.com\)](https://swoogo.com) All events go through the same registration account.

Grads

1. Please book your Grad Photo session through Grads BC! Individual sessions are scheduled to come to Windsor **Dec 6th, Dec. 9th – 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 12th.n your own.
2. Scholarships are beginning to become available. Please refer to the scholarship link on our website for upcoming external (non-Windsor) scholarship deadlines, or see Ms. Maquignaz. [External Scholarships \(weebly.com\)](http://External%20Scholarships.weebly.com) The exclusive Loran scholarship is due Oct 15th.
3. The first Career Life Connections 12 meeting is at **8:30 am on Wed Oct 2nd**. This is a mandatory session for all grads.