



Student Services Newsletter

Nelson High School – Guidance Department

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On October 13th, we celebrated Awards Night here at Nelson. Congratulations to those of you who were honoured. As you know, your hard work in classes completing homework, seeking extra help from your teachers and Departmental Clinics or working with a tutor pays off. Graduation, Awards Night, Nelson Medals and Scholarships are just some of the rewards. The feeling of being the best student you can possibly be is a reward in itself!

If you need a timetable change for Semester 2 or if you are not sure you are in the right level of program, come down and see Mr. Bird, Mrs. Raithby, Mrs. Victorino, or Mrs. Hall in Student Services. If you received any 5th Week Progress Reports, pay close attention to the comments and any advice that was given so that you can work towards improving on your mid-term report.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Continue to look at the Student Services Calendar in Chatt for upcoming University and College Liaison visits. Most visits take place at lunch hour in Room 101.
- Early November: Sign up for a College Application Seminar in Student Services. Dates TBA.
- Nov. 2: Take Your Kids To Work
- Nov. 7 – 23: Graduation Photos
- Nov. 8: Last Day Term 1
- Nov. 9: First Day Term 2
- Nov. 17: Mid-Semester Reports
- Nov. 18: Professional Activity Day and “Get It Done” Day
- Nov. 22: Full Disclosure Date (any courses for Sem. 1 dropped after this date will show on your transcript)
- Nov. 24: Parent-Teacher Interviews
- Dec. 2: University Application Assembly and PIN distribution
- Dec. 15: In Danger of Failing Reports
- Dec. 22: Holiday Homecoming for 2011 Graduates
- All Dec.: Recommended submission date for University & College applications
- Jan. 9 –20: EQAO Gr. 9 Math Assessment
- Jan. 11: Deadline for University Applications to OUAC

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports were just issued. All Grade 9’s received Markbook printouts. Students in Grades 10-12 would have received a Progress Report for any course with a mark of 60% or below. If you need help, see your teacher, visit the Departmental Clinics or come to Student Services to find out how to get a tutor. For more information on Departmental clinic hours, go to the Student Tab on Nelson’s Homepage.

MY BLUEPRINT EDUCATION PLANNER

On October 6th, all Grade 9 students were introduced to My Blueprint Education Planner. All students and parents are encouraged to utilize this tool when planning for post-secondary programs. If you were absent for this session or you are a senior student who does not have an account with My Blueprint, you can print off a copy of the “Introductory 3 Step Activity” at the end of this newsletter or follow these simple steps to get started:

- Visit www.myBlueprint.ca
- Enter Nelson’s Activation Key: nelson4181
- Create Your Own Account: username and password
- Complete the Hello, Student screen, “My Profile”
- Build Your Personal High School Plan(s)
- Explore Your Post-Secondary Options

“Watch your thoughts they become your words
Watch your words they become your actions
Watch your actions they become your habits
Watch your habits they become your character
Watch your character it becomes your destiny”

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Pathways Information Evenings 2011-2012

School to Career Programs are operated by both Catholic and Public School Boards along with the Halton Industry Education Council. These programs give you an opportunity to experience the workplace, help you discover your options and gather the information you need to make decisions about your post-secondary future and beyond. You can pursue these options in Grades 10, 11 & 12

so you need to plan for them. You will have a chance to hear about School to Career Programs at our assembly on Oct. 19th. For further information and details about the variety of programs, please visit www.schooltocareer.ca or <http://www.hdsb.ca/pathways>

Pathways Programs at Nelson

Specialist High Skills Major –
Transportation: Mr. Assenza,
Program Leader

Specialist High Skills Major – Arts
and Entertainment: Ms. King,
Program Leader

If you are interested in any of the programs, bring your parents to a local Pathways Information Evening on one of the following dates from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.:

- Nov. 22: Milton District H.S., Milton
- Nov. 24: M.M. Robinson H.S., Burlington
- Dec. 1: White Oaks S.S., North Campus, Oakville
- Jan. 26: New Street Ed. Centre, Burlington
- Jan. 31: E.C. Drury H.S., Milton
- Feb. 2: Galaxy 707 Banquet Hall, Oakville



Community Involvement Hours

Remember that you need to complete 40 hours of community involvement in order to graduate from high school. Please be sure to submit your hours to Mrs. Pemberton in Student Services as soon as you have completed a volunteer experience.

American Schools Anyone?

If you're thinking of going to an American University or College, you'll have to write the SAT or ACTs. Ideally these should be written towards the end of Grade 11 or early Grade 12.

Take a look at the SAT/ACT section on the bulletin board outside Student Services or in the University bookcase in Student Services for more information on these tests and preparation courses.

To get started visit <http://www.collegeboard.com/>.

Potential NCAA Athletes should also visit <http://www.ncaa.org/>

UPCOMING REGIONAL INFORMATION PROGRAMS

Ontario College Information Fair 2011

Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place
Tuesday, October 25: 10 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Visit www.collegefair.ca for more information.

and/or

College Information Program

Thursday, October 27: 5- 7 p.m.
Friday, October 28: 9-11:30 a.m.
Mohawk College, Hamilton

Speak to representatives from all of the Ontario Colleges and learn more about their Certificate, Diploma, Bachelor's Degree, Apprenticeship, Co-op and Collaborative/Joint Programs. Grade 10 and 11 students are welcome to attend so that they can start learning about all of the opportunities that are available to them after high school.

University Information Program

Thursday, October 27: 1:00 pm
Corpus Christi Catholic S.S., Burlington
or
Thursday, October 27: 7:00 pm
Holy Trinity Catholic S.S., Oakville

Speak to representatives from all of the Ontario Universities to learn more about their programs, campus life, extra-curriculars, scholarships and bursaries, financial planning, etc. Grade 10 and 11 students are also welcome to attend this event.

3. Pick **TWO (2)** opportunities that interest you and Favourite them.

What are the FOUR (4) Destinations you can choose from?

What is the Admission/Education Requirement for ONE (1) of your Favourites?

What is the Tuition or Average Hourly Wage?

Compare opportunities to find which ones match your interests!

Goal Setting

1. Select **Goal Setting > Start** from your Profile and **Add a Goal**.
2. Add **ONE (1) Goal** and include an Action Plan for how you intend to achieve it.

What is your goal?

How do you plan on achieving your goal?

THAT'S IT!

Be sure to check back to update your Profile and follow us on Facebook to let us know what you think!

www.facebook.com/myblueprint