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The Graduation Centre staff help provide relevant information and guidance about post-secondary education, training and scholarships.

Please note that Mr. Durvin will be away in Japan and South Korea from October 26 until November 8.

Graduation Transition Standards

30 Hour Work Experience

Mr. Dendes, and Mr. Durvin are the advisors for this program. Students have been assigned to one advisor who will guide them through the process. There are 4 components of graduation transitions :

- Personal Health
- Community Connections
- Career and Life
- Interview

Students should make sure that they complete the Graduation Transitions package as soon as possible, especially those students who wish to graduate in January. At this point you should have handed in proof of 30+ hours of paid work or volunteer experience. GTS forms are available in C100 or by accessing the website:

www.dovergts.pbworks.com

Daily Physical Activity Requirement:

All grade 10-12 students need to show they are physically active at the rate of 150 minutes per week. Please see Mr. Dendes or Mr. Durvin in C100 for support in making healthy choices and how to log your hours.

Career Explorations 12

We are pleased to report that many grade 12 students have registered for the elective Career Exploration Program this year. It will be a challenge to ensure they all complete their 100 hour work experience assignments, as well as 30 hours of work experience for the grad transitions program. Students are encouraged to pick up the course outlines and get started on this early in the year.

Graduation Information

Grad Fees are now overdue. The \$60 fee covers the cost of the Graduation Ceremony, rental of VIU gym, cap and gown, programs, etc. If you have not given your height to Mrs. Innes in the office, please do so asap. If paying your Grad Fee is a problem for you, see Mr. Christianson in the Counselling office.

Grad Write Ups accompany your grad photo in the year book. Forms are available in the main office. Please hand your form in to Mrs. Domino asap.

Post Secondary Planning

Early Registration at Vancouver Island University.

Applying to V.I.U. early is the best way to ensure your seat is reserved for September 2010. Apply online from their website. To apply on line, go to www.viu.ca and hit the "become a student" link. You will need your PEN# (not your student#.) PEN numbers are on your report card. Have a credit card number ready to pay the \$35 application fee.

The final application deadline is March 31, unless otherwise indicated by a particular program. However, those who apply at the deadline are given a late course registration date, and therefore are less likely to get many of the courses they want.

If you are VIU-bound, we suggest you stay informed by logging onto www.viu.ca where you will find the current calendar, information about courses, admissions, campus life as well as the *What's New* section.



University of Victoria Admissions

Current Grade 12 students are able to report their final Grade 11 marks *from September to November 30, 2009 and potentially receive a conditional offer of admission for September 2010.* For complete details log on to:

www.uvic.ca/self-reporting Don't forget to also apply for housing if you want to live on campus. Check out their entrance scholarship information by clicking on Student Awards & Financial Aid.

Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards

Scholarship information is displayed throughout the year in the Graduation Centre and is publicized through the Dover Bay newsletter and the grade 12 newsletter "*Fish Bits*". Senior students should get into the routine of checking the scholarship board weekly. Competition for financial awards is intense so it is recommended that students get involved in a variety of volunteer activities, especially new initiatives, and that they assume leadership roles wherever possible.

Grade 11 students are reminded that this year's marks impact their grade point average (GPA) and will be important when the time comes to apply for scholarships and college/university entrance.

Mr. Durvin is available for scholarship information in the Graduation Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunchtime.

Several National scholarships have due dates in the next few weeks:

Loran Award – October 27 (for Direct Applications)

TD Canada Trust – October 30

Wendy's Classic Achiever – November 2

Check out the binder in the Graduation Centre for more scholarships.

S.A.T./A.C.T.

These scholastic aptitude testing programs are for students planning to attend university in the United States. Students taking the College Board exams should be aware of upcoming test dates.

The **A.C.T.** test can be written at Wellington Secondary School on February 6. Deadline to register is January 4. See Mr. Christianson for information.

The **S.A.T.** can be written at Vancouver Island University. Registration deadlines are October 30 for the December 5 exam and December 15 for the January 23 sitting. Students can register online for **S.A.T.** exams and will also find practice tests at www.collegeboard.com. We also have registration booklets and practice materials in the Graduation Centre. Fees for writing the **S.A.T.** exams are \$45 plus a \$26 international fee. **Fees are in US dollars.**



Upcoming Events

Fresh Minds Symposium “Bones, Brains and Batman” – November 9, 2009

This Youth Conference on Health for grade 9 and 10 students from across BC will take place at the University of Victoria. Dover Bay is allowed to send up to 10 students where they will learn basic tools that will help them become effective leaders, supporting healthy practice in their schools and communities. Students will also get an early taste of university life, making connections and interacting with UVic faculty, staff and students. Please see Mr. Dendes in C100 if you are interested in this event.

C.U.E. “Canadian University Event” – November 23

Representatives from over thirty universities from across Canada, including McGill, Queen's, Univ. of Waterloo, Emily Carr, etc. will be at the new Vancouver Island Convention Centre on the above date from 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM. This is a great chance for you to get up-to-date information. Dover Bay will be taking one bus load of qualified students in the afternoon.

Grade 12 students taking part in this field trip **MUST** have **English 12, 3 other Provincially Examinable grade 12 courses and a grade 11 second language** in their timetable to be eligible to attend during school hours. Other grade 12's may attend after school or in the evening as it is open until 7:00 pm. See Mr. Durvin or stop by the Graduation Centre to sign up and obtain a permission slip.

Vancouver Island Education & Career Fair – “Your Future Begins Now” - December 3

This event will also take place at the Vancouver Island Convention Centre from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm and is designed to introduce senior secondary students to a variety of post-secondary education choices, career and employment options and labour market information to assist them with career planning. The district is planning to transport all grade 10 and 11 students to this Fair. Sign-up and permission slips will be available closer to the date.

Post Secondary Institute Day- December 8

Several BC universities, colleges and institutes will be sending representatives to Dover Bay to speak to grade 12 students. They will follow the same arrangement as last year which features a mini fair, followed by 2 sessions of presentations in various classrooms. Again, more information about this event will appear in our next newsletter.

Encounters with Canada

Spend a week with Encounters with Canada - Canada's largest youth forum! Every week of the school year, 120 to 138 teens from across Canada (ages 14-17) come to Ottawa, where they discover their country through each other, learn about Canadian institutions, meet famous and accomplished Canadians, explore exciting career options, develop their civic leadership skills and live an extraordinary bilingual experience. Over 81,000 youth have lived the EWC experience so far! Four students from Dover Bay have already been accepted to attend during this school year. They are Tamara Dawes, Byron Miller, Will Pinnegar and Mitchell Read. Check with Mr. Durvin in the Graduation Centre if you are interested in attending EWC.



Opportunities

Contacts for student volunteering opportunities:

Loaves and Fishes: 250-754-8347
Leaders in Training-Nanaimo Parks
And Recreation: 250-756-5200
Boys and Girls Club: 250-754-3294
United Way: 250-729-7400
Canadian Cancer Society: 250-741-8180
Heart and Stroke Foundation: 250-754-5274

Dover Bay Feeder Schools: –

McGirr Elementary: 250-758-8946
Pleasant Valley Elementary: 250-390-4027
Seaview Elementary: 250-390-4022
Randerson Ridge: 250-758-5076
Frank J. Ney: 250-729-8045