WGSS

Gator News for Grads

Newsletter #2 *Follow us* @**GatorFutures** September 26, 2016

GT Visits

From October 11-14, ALL grade 12 students will have the opportunity to meet with counsellors for two presentations. One presentation will be in the library annex; students will receive their Diploma Verification to check marks and credits to ensure graduation. The second presentation will be in the Computer Lab; students will do the BC PSI Transcript Release. Please see the schedule which is the last page of this document. Students who have Grad Trans in second semester need to especially take note of the times of their workshop sessions. The information counsellors are sharing is time-sensitive and thereby cannot wait until GT classes second semester.

Graduation Documents

The Ministry of Education provides two documents to Grade 12 students and their families. The documents outline information about graduation requirements, transcripts, awards, and job prospects in BC.

Grad Planner 2016-2017

BC Dogwood Planner - Companion Document to Grad Planner 2016-2017

Graduation Information

Remind – Many of you signed up to receive messages from Christy, our Career Advisor. If you haven't joined yet, we welcome you to see Christy for more information on how to sign-up.

Newsletter – Ensure we have your up-dated email address and your parent's email in our school records in order to continue to receive bi-weekly newsletters

Twitter – join @GatorFutures – information about up-coming opportunities

Website - **wgsscounselling.weebly.com/**

Applications

You can apply to all public post-secondary schools in BC through this application service: https://apply.educationplannerbc.ca/

Many universities have already begun accepting applications for next September. Some institutions (like BCIT and Kwantlen) fill programs on a first applied, first enrolled basis for limited enrolment programs.

Starting Dates:

TWU	August
UBC	August
VCC	Applications accepted on on-gong basis
UVIC	September
Capilano U	September
Emily Carr	September
Douglas College	October 1st
SFU	October 1st
TRU	October 1st
UFV	October 1st
BCIT	November 1st
Kwantlen	November 1st

Note: Every Thursday, the Canadian Armed Forces has information sessions in New Westminster. RMCC offers a fully subsidized education for successful applicants into a wide range of career opportunities. There are 365 spaces available each year. Students considering RMCC or the Armed Forces should talk with a recruiter this fall.

Information Sessions

WGSS Scholarship Information Session

- The scholarship workshop on Sept. 27 focuses on national scholarships which require school nomination. The presentation will be available in the "Scholarship" section of the WGSS Counselling & Careers website on Wednesday, Sept. 28.
- The District Scholarship Website, includes a comprehensive database, scholarship handbook, and sample documents.
- The District Scholarship Handbook was up-dated last week. Families are encouraged to download a copy to review at home.

Canadian University Event (C.U.E.) - Langley

- Approximately 50 universities from across Canada are part of the C.U.E. tour
- When: **Thursday, September 29**
- WGSS will have two buses (12:00 – 1:00; 12:45 – 2:00) available for students who wish to participate in this event. A number of students have already signed-up with Christy (our Career Advisor) and need to return their Field Trip permission form, with parent and teacher signature by **Wednesday, Sept. 28 by 10:30 am**
- Students may also accompany a parent to this afternoon event any time between 12:00 – 3:00 pm
- Where: **Langley Events Centre,** Building B, across from the tennis courts by REMSS

C.U.E. Public Event - Burnaby

- When: **Monday, October 3**
- Time: 6:00 – 8:30 pm
- Where: Hilton, Metrotown
  6083 McKay Avenue
  Burnaby
- Who: Open to all students and parents
- Free event admission, no registration required.

PSIBC

- WGSS will be hosting 17 institutions
- Grade 12 students will have the opportunity to visit the mini-fair during FLEX
- There will be two groupings of students:
  A – K 9:40 – 10:05
  L – Z 10:06 – 10:26
- When: **Thursday, October 3**
- Mini-Fair will be in the Small Gym
- Parents are welcome to attend the mini-fair
- During first period, the Grade 11 students will be in sessions with our post-secondary reps. If Grade 12 students have a Study Block in 1-2, they are permitted to sign-up for a session with Christy starting this **Thursday, Sept. 29**, after the Grade 11s have chosen their workshops
- This year 17 institutions have indicated that they will be coming to Walnut Grove: BCIT, Capilano University, Corpus Christi College, Douglas College, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Justice Institute, KPU, Langara, Royal Military/Armed Forces, SD 35 Trades, SFU, TRU, TWU, VCC, UFV, UNBC, and UVIC
- See the end of this newsletter for additional information about this event

Post-Secondary Information Evening

- When: **Wednesday, October 12**
- Time: **7:00 – 8:15 pm**
- Where: **WGSS Library**
- Grade 11 and 12 parents and students are invited to come to the WGSS library on **Wednesday, October 12**, 7:00 **pm** for a Post-Secondary Information presentation
- The Counsellors will be reviewing graduation requirements, university entrance requirements, and scholarship information
- The Counsellors will be presenting this information to Grade 11s during an up-coming English class and to Grade 12s

during their Grad Trans class (during the week of Oct. 13-16.)
- There will be an opportunity to ask questions. The presentation will be available on the WGSS Website on October 16.

University of British Columbia (UBC)
- **Wednesday, November 2, 3:10 – 4:15 pm**
- **WGSS Library**
- There will be a presentation by a UBC recruitment advisor followed by an opportunity to ask specific questions about UBC-V or UBC-O
- Senior students (and their parents) are encouraged to attend if they have questions about UBC's application process

Kwantlen Polytechnic University
- Brittany McNeill, Student Recruitment Coordinator, Future Students' Office will be with us to share with Grade 12 students about the programs available at KPU and will answer questions about the application process.
  t 604.599.3019 **f** 604.599.2498
  e brittany.mcneill@kpu.ca
- **Wednesday, October 19, 9:35 (FLEX)**
- **WGSS Library Annex**

Unlocking Your Future
- **Thursday, October 20, 7:00 pm**
- **DW Poppy Dramnasium**
- **Brittany Palmer** is a well-respected workshop presenter for students (and parents) interested in learning how to successfully complete scholarship applications
- Brittany went through the scholarship process herself in 2005 during her Grade 12 year and was awarded $56,000. After graduating debt-free from SFU with her B.A. in Communication, she created UYF to help other students learn about various funding opportunities. Her website is: www.keytoscholarships.com
- This comprehensive presentation covers topics ranging from building your scholarship foundation to crafting a strong personal statement. Contrary to popular belief, students do not need 95% averages or international achievements to win scholarships. Through this seminar followed by a question and answer session, Brittany debunks common scholarship myths and breaks down the complex process into a manageable form. Using this program, Brittany and her younger brother Bo collectively won 35 scholarships totalling over $125,000
- Tickets can be purchased online through the link below and will also be available at the door.
  http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2627809
- The Unlock your Future Scholarship Workbook ($25) and Scholarship Kit ($30), which are accompaniments to the program, will be available for purchase

Western Ontario University
- **Wednesday, October 26 – 3:00 – 4:00 pm**
- **WGSS Library Annex**
- Lauren Castle, Western Recruitment Advisor, will be sharing information about the programs, entrance requirements, and scholarship opportunities at Western
- If you are considering attending an Ontario university you would likely find this presentation to be helpful

University of the Fraser Valley
- **Thursday, October 27, 9:00-11:00 am**
- Two UFV advisors will at WGSS in the Counselling and Career Centre meeting with students (and parents) the morning of Oct. 27
- Appointments are 15 minutes in length
- This will be an excellent opportunity to talk with a UFV advisor about the program you are interested in. Many students have found it helpful in the past to have reviewed the UFV application

form (on-line) in preparation for this appointment
- Sign-up sheets will be available in the Counselling Department, starting Oct. 5
- ufv.ca/admissions/

Post-Secondary University Evening for *Parents*
- **Tuesday, November 15, 7:00 pm**
- **WGSS Library**
- Parents will be given the opportunity to sign-up to attend sessions about the following four institutions: KPU, SFU, UFV, UVIC and TWU
- Additional information will be available in October

University of Alberta (U of A)
- **Monday, November 17, 9:44 – 10:30 (FLEX)**
- **WGSS Library Annex**
- David McNicoll, National Student Recruiter, will be sharing about the opportunities available to students at the U of A. He will also discuss scholarship opportunities and answer application questions

University of Guelph Humber
- **Wednesday, November 16 – 3:00 pm**
- **At MOUNTAIN SECONDARY, not at WGSS**
- Hilton Liu, Academic Advisor will be with us to share about the unique programs at UGH
- At Guelph Humber you can earn a university honours degree and a college diploma concurrently and graduate in 4 years with two credentials
- Their programs are designed to integrate academic studies with hands-on experience

McGill University
- We are pleased to be able to host McGill at WGSS this year. Students in Grade 11 or 12 who are considering attending this institution are welcome to attend this presentation
- When: **Wednesday, November 23**
- Time: **9:44 – 10:30 (FLEX)**
- Where: **WGSS Library Annex**

Scholarships

Loran Scholars
- Leadership, Character, Service
- 32 Loran Awards, each valued at up to $100 000 are available for students studying at 25 partner universities
- The Loran is Canada's most comprehensive competitive merit award. It comprises of living stipend, tuition waiver, summer program, mentorship and annual scholar forums
- WGSS is able to sponsor three applicants; other applicants are welcome to submit to the "direct pool"
- Students who wish to be considered as a '*sponsored applicant*' must have their full completed application and a copy of their Student Profile to Ms. Kifiak by Tuesday morning, **October 4**
- Minimum cumulative average of 85%
- Sponsored Applicants Due Date: **Oct. 19**
- Direct Pool Applicants Due Date: **Oct. 26**
  loranscholar.ca/

2017 Horatio Alger Canadian Scholarship
- Awarded to BC students pursuing full-time studies with critical financial need ($65,000 or less net family income or extenuating circumstances)
- Student has demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity; strength of character, a good academic record, a commitment to pursue a post-secondary education, and a desire to contribute to society.
- **Deadline: October 25**
  horatioalger.ca/en/scholarships/

U of T National and Arbor Scholarship Program

- Recognizes the very best Canadian students who demonstrate superior academic performance, original and creative thought, and exceptional achievement in a broad context
- Students must excel in academic pursuits, demonstrate enthusiasm for intellectual exploration & have a strong involvement in the lives of their schools and communities
- Students who wish to be considered as the WGSS nominee should provide Ms. Kifiak with a copy of their Comprehensive resume by **October 19**
- Application **Due November 4**
- www3.adm.utoronto.ca/National/index.php

Scotia National Scholarship

- 12, $2,500 scholarships
- To apply, you need to submit a short essay of 150 words or less on how you will "Fund Your Future"
- **Deadline: November 2**
- http://www.fundyourfuture.ca/nationalscholarship/Terms.aspx

TD Leadership Scholarship

- TD Leaders award is seeking students who have demonstrated ***outstanding*** and ***consistent*** dedication to solve a community problem or make their community better.
- Application Due: **November 18**
- They require two letters of support, one from community group, one letter from school; also required: essay + transcript
- tdcanadatrust.com/scholarship

ENTRANCE EXAMS

SAT

- Those students who are considering attending an American Institution, or who will be playing on an NCAA team (e.g. SFU) must have written the SAT and have those results by December
- Information Packages are available in the Counselling Centre or speak to one of the counsellors for additional information
- **School Code is: 821161**
- Register at: http://sat.collegeboard.org

PSAT Exam

- Application forms are available from Ms. Docherty in the Counselling Centre
- Cheques for $40 should be made payable to R.E. Mountain Secondary school
- *Due to limited spaces, exams will be available for the first students who pay in full*
- The exam will be at **Mountain Secondary** on **Wednesday, October 19**
- Note: Please note the revised test time: **4:15 pm - 8:30 pm**

Language Challenge Exam

- Students who came to Canada before completing Grade 9 and who cannot claim Grade 12 Language Credit are encouraged to consider taking the Language Challenge Exam.
- The Delta School District in collaboration with the Coast-Metro Challenge Consortium offers students the opportunity to write Language Challenge Exams.
- Note: The Language Challenge Exam will meet the Language Entrance requirement for university. However, not all institutions will use it in the calculation for your entrance GPA (e.g. UBC and U of T will not use it in the calculation of your Academic GPA).
- The application form is available at this time to be downloaded: http://web.deltasd.bc.ca/files/3950__ChallAppPkg2016.pdf
- See Ms. Gambrel in the Counselling Centre for additional information or to hand in your application

- Your completed form, payment and picture must be received by noon on **October 5, 2016** as we forward it to Langley School District for processing and they in turn send it on to the Delta School District

Volunteer Opportunities

WGSS BC PSI Morning

- Some student volunteers are needed for8:00 on Thurs., Oct. 6 to help our PSI recruiters to set up in their classrooms (and the small gym) for our Post-Secondary event. If you can help out, check in with Ms. Kalynn in counselling – leaving your name and email. Thank you!

Langley Rotaract Club

- Are you a passionate individual who cares about making a difference in your community?
- A WGSS graduate, Malavan (Grad 2014), is now at UBC studying Engineering. He wrote to us and wanted Grade 12s to be aware of the Langley Rotaract Club
- This club focuses on community support and involvement: 'This is definitely a great opportunity for Grade 12 students', Malavan stated.
- Website: Langleyrotaractclub@outlook.com
- If you have questions or would like to consider being involved, please contact Malavan directly: malavan11@msn.co

Other Opportunities

WE FOR SHE: Championing the Next Generation

- **Friday, October 14, 2016,** Vancouver
- WE FOR SHE is one of North America's largest gatherings of women's organizations, companies, experts, business leaders, advocates and young women. Their goal is to advance gender equality and grow the provincial economy, by giving students and young women a greater understanding of their career options and potential, expanding their confidence in what they can achieve and giving them a chance to meet dynamic and successful role models.
- Speak to Christy, our Career Advisor, **this week** if you are interested in being part of this field trip.

Outbreak Sessions Include:

- Genome, BC
- What I Wish I Knew: A Short Intro to the BC Tech Industry
- Navigating Your Finance Career
- Women Can Build Anything
- Skills BC: INSPIRE 4Her
- The Magic of Mentoring
- Create a Better Future: Engineer Your World

Keynote Speakers:

- Honourable Christy Clark
- Janet Kennedy, President, Microsoft Canada
- Jill Krop, News Director and Station Manager of Global BC
- Karina LeBlanc, Retired Canadian Goalkeeper, UNICEF
- Emily Naing, Co-Founder, Swave

2016 CPA Career Connections | University Fair + Panel Discussion

- CPABC is proud to host our inaugural *Career Connections | University Fair + Panel Discussion* to engage high school students and provide them with insight into future career opportunities.
- Attendees will have the chance to meet with local universities and to investigate different business and accounting programs. Later, students will learn from a panel of young CPA professionals about different careers in accounting, how to be

successful, and what skills and knowledge will be critical to their careers.
- **Where:** Marriott Hotel | 1128 W Hastings St, Vancouver, BC V6E 4R5
- **When: Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016**
- **Time:** 6 pm – 8:30 pm
- See Christy to register before **Nov. 8**
- Students are permitted to bring 1 parent or guardian
  https://www.bccpa.ca/become-a-cpa/cpabc-events/high-school-events/

INFO SESSIONS/ OPEN HOUSES

TRU Open House
- **Saturday, October 22**
- **9:00 am to 3:00 pm**
- Featuring over 50 booths, displays, information sessions and tours
  tru.ca/openhouse.html

TWU Preview Weekend
- **Friday/Saturday, Oct. 21-22**
- Discover what it's like to be a TWU student! Stay overnight in dorms, attend lectures, and meet professors and current students. You'll also learn about our academic and student life programs.
  twu.ca/undergraduate/visit/preview-weekend-schedule.html

KPU – Surrey – Open House
- **Friday, Oct. 21 – 11:00 – 3:00**
- **(Provincial PD Day)**
- Surrey Campus
  Visit KPU Richmond, to learn about exciting and diverse program offerings. KPU would like to share with you about their many university Arts, Science and Business courses, and their innovative Design programs.
- Register to attend:
  https://connect.kpu.ca/events/index.do

Experience VCC
- **When: Wed., Oct. 26, 4:00 – 7:00 pm**
- VCC Downtown Campus
- Don't just visit, come and "Experience" the programs at VCC

KPU – Langley – Open House
- **Wednesday, November 9 – 4:00 – 7:30 pm**
- Langley Campus
- Visit KPU Langley and learn about their exciting and diverse program offerings. They welcome you to visit their Nursing, Science, Brewing, and Horticulture labs and tour their Music studios.
  https://connect.kpu.ca/events/index.do

BCIT Big Info Session
- **November 16, 5:00 – 8:00 pm**
- Burnaby Campus
- **Register online:**
  http://commons.bcit.ca/biginfo/

Explore Capilano
- **Wednesday, November 23 – 6:00 – 8:30 pm**
- North Vancouver Campus
  capilanou.ca/future/visit-cap/Explore-Capilano/

UBC – Vancouver – Speciality Program Day
- **November 26, 10:00 – 3:00**
- Vancouver Campus
- Register online:
  http://you.ubc.ca/tours-info-sessions/campus-tours-events/on-campus-events/

SFU – Surrey – Open House
- **Wednesday, November 30 – 5:30 – 8:00 pm**
- Surrey Campus
- Tours, information sessions, talk with current students

Canadian University Event
Sponsored by SD 35
Langley Event Centre
September 29, 12:00 – 3:00

2016 CUE Participating Institutions

Acadia University
Ambrose University
Bishop's University
Brock University
Capilano University
Carleton University
Concordia University
Dalhousie University
Emily Carr University
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Huron University College
King's University College
Kwantlen Polytechnic University
MacEwan University
McMaster University
Mount Allison University
Mount Royal University
Nipissing University
Queen's University
Quest University Canada
Royal Military College
St Francis Xavier
Saint Mary's University
Simon Fraser University
The King's University
Thompson Rivers University
Trent University
Trinity Western University
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia
University of Calgary
University of Fraser Valley
University of Guelph
University of Guelph-Humber
University of King's College
University of Lethbridge
University of Manitoba
University of New Brunswick
University of Northern BC
University of Ottawa
University of PEI
University of Saskatchewan
University of Toronto
University of Victoria
University of Waterloo
Vancouver Island University
Western University
Wilfrid Laurier University
York University

Walnut Grove Secondary

B.C. POST SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

Thursday, October 6, 2016

Grade 12s – Mini-Fair during FLEX

Small Gym

A – K – 9:40 – 10:05

L – Z – 10:06 – 10:26

Participating post-secondary institutions include:

BCIT	– British Columbia Institute of Technology
CAF / RMC	– Canadian Armed Forces / Royal Military College
CapU	– Capilano University
CCC	– Corpus Christi College
Douglas	– Douglas College
FDU	– Fairleigh Dickinson University
JIBC	– Justice Institute of British Columbia
KPU	– Kwantlen Polytechnic University
Langara	– Langara College
NVIT	– Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
SD35/ITA	– Langley District Apprenticeship Programs & Industry Trades
SFU	– Simon Fraser University
TRU	– Thompson Rivers University
TWU	– Trinity Western University
UFV	– University of the Fraser Valley
UNBC	– University of Northern British Columbia
UVic	– University of Victoria
VCC	– Vancouver Community College

(Please note: Certain institutions, like UBC and Emily Carr, do not participate in this event. We have made arrangements for them to come to WGSS at another time).

Note: Grade 11's sign up for two sessions: Session 1: 8:30 – 9:05am Session 2: 9:07 – 9:37am

Grade 12s who have a Study Block (or teacher/parent permission in 1-2) may sign up to attend one of these sessions. See Christy to see after Wed, Sept. 28 to see if there is room in the session you are interested in attending.

Some other events for you to be aware of:

Thursday, September, 29 ..... Canadian University Event (CUE) – 48 institutions from across Canada
Langley Event Centre 2:00 – 3:00 pm – see Christy de Bulnes for sign-up
Wednesday, October 12 ..... Post-Secondary information evening for Parents – WGSS Library - 7:00pm
Wednesday, October 19 ..... Kwantlen Polytechnic University – WGSS Library Annex - FLEX
Wednesday, October 19 ..... UBC - WGSS Library - 3:00 pm
Thursday, October 20 ..... Unlock Your Future – Scholarship Presentation – DW Poppy - 7:00pm
Purchase Tickets: Unlock Your Future
Wednesday, October 26 ..... Western Ontario University – WGSS Library Annex - 3:00 pm
Monday, October 31 ..... Emily Carr University – Mr. Gordon's Art Room – 8:30am – 12:15pm
Friday, November 4..... Trades Expo – Tradex Abbotsford – see Christy de Bulnes for details
Tuesday, November 15 ..... Parent Post-Secondary Evening–KPU, SFU, TRU, UFV & UVIC 7:00pm
Wednesday, November 16..... University of Guelph-Humber – RE Mountain Secondary Library - 3:00pm
Thursday, November 17..... University of Alberta – WGSS Library Annex – FLEX
Wednesday, November 23..... McGill – WGSS Library Annex – FLEX

GT Counsellor Visit Schedule

Date	Computer Lab	Library Annex
Tues., Oct. 11	1-3 (Radford) – Term 1 10:32 – 11:05 - Alexander – Douglas 11:07 – 11:41 – Drewitt - Hu 1-2 (Kozlovic) – Term 1 12:20 – 12:50 – All Students 1-2 (Gibson) - Seminar 12:54 – 1:29 – All Students 1-1 (Kozlovic) - Term 1 1:35 – 2:10 – all in Computer Lab	1-4 (Radford) – Term 1 10:32 – 11:05 – Drewitt – Hu 11:07 – 11:41 – Alexander – Douglas 1-2 (Gibson) - Seminar 12:20 – 12:50 – All Students 1-1 (Kozlovic) – Term 1 12:54 – 1:29 – All Students
Wed., Oct. 12	2-4 (Stubbings) – Term 1 8:30 – 9:05 – Abou-Harir-Epp 9:06 – 9:39 – Fiddler - MacPhail 2-2 (Hoodikoff) – Term 1 12:20 – 12:50 – Alstad - Ewin 12:54 – 1:29 – Frayne- Kwon	2-4 (Stubbings) – Term 1 8:30 – 9:05 – Fiddler - MacPhail 9:06 – 9:39 – Abou-Harir - Epp 2-2 (Hoodikoff) – Term 1 12:20 – 12:50 - Frayne - Kwon 12:54 – 1:29 - Alstad – Ewing
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Opportunity to receive information if above session was missed:		
Wed., Oct. 19	**FLEX** – Kozlovic/Radford/Gibson	
Thurs., Oct. 20	**FLEX** – Hoodikoff/Stubbings	