Grade 12 Year at a Glance: 2019-2020

Information presented here is for guidance only. Please confirm first-hand the requirements, due dates, standards, etc., for the programs of interest to you. It is the responsibility of each student to plan and execute all aspects of application process in a thorough and timely fashion.

Where Can I find the most accurate information?

There is an extensive volume of information from each psi and program. In all cases, the best source of information is first-hand communication directly with psi or program representative.

How do I contact a representative?

Either by attending information sessions, consulting their printed resources, consulting psi websites and speaking with or e-mailing an advisor directly.

How can I stay informed and up-to date?

Read the **Student Bulletin**, read my **Gr. 12 email updates**, attend **psi information sessions** inside the school and out, visit the Counselling Suite and consult the bulletin boards, and participate in Gr. 12 Guidance activities when they are scheduled.

When and how do I start the application process?

Most if not all application platforms are open by the end of September. When you apply to a psi, you will usually **create an on-line account** where you will provide demographic information (basic details about yourself) and pay an application. This will begin an exchange of information that may require updates. Check your account regularly and/or e-mail regularly in order to access information about next steps, deadlines and to address any gaps that you are asked to fill.

*Because initial application to psi's is at first a general process, there are web services that allow you to apply to numerous institutions at one time. In BC, go to https://apply.educationplannerbc.ca/ (UBC, UVic, and BCIT are not yet included, so you still have to apply directly on their websites). In Ontario there is OUAC, through which you apply to any Ontario university (https://www.ouac.on.ca/).

Apply early to give yourself time to complete all aspects of the application thoroughly and accurately, and to provide any documentation requested. In some cases, applying early increases your chance of getting into programs that tend to fill more quickly than others.

Where can I find out more information about scholarships?

For scholarship information, go to: https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/point-grey/Teaching-and-Learning/Classes-and-Departments/Counselling/Pages/Scholarships.aspx. Application deadlines span the months of October through to June. Special requirements may apply, see below if you need a reference from the school.

What if I am applying outside of Canada and/or need a reference for a scholarship?

If you are applying to international psi's, there is a process you must follow if you need the school (your counsellor or teachers) to provide reference information. For details, go to: https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/point-grey/Teaching-and-Learning/Classes-and
Departments/Counselling/Documents/sbfile/190927/Special%20Applications%20Checklist 1.pdf.

Are the deadlines for PSI applications and scholarships flexible?

No. Be aware of the variety of different deadlines per institution and per program. There will be an application deadline, perhaps a deadline for supplemental information, a deadline for scholarship applications, a deadline for submission of grades, a deadline to apply for housing, a deadline for accepting an offer and paying a deposit, etc. **The first important date is the application deadline**, and after you apply you will become more familiar with other important dates related to your application.

September 2019

- If you haven't done so already, ensure you have all **credits required for graduation** including the courses you are currently taking. If in doubt, consult the checklist available at:
 - http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/pointgrey/departments/Counselling/courseplanning/Documents/Graduation%20Course%20Checklist%202018%2019.pdf, or see below.
- Ensure you have the **courses required for admission** to the programs to which you intend to apply. This means checking psi websites and contacting psi admissions advisors/recruiters directly if you have specific questions.
- Confirm that your MyEd BC Student/Family portal account is active. If not, visit the
 office when appropriate to resolve this. This will allow you to view an unofficial
 transcript and your term report cards when they are released, which you may need to
 provide for some applications. Counsellors will not provide documents that you can
 access yourself.
- Create an account with Student Transcripts Service (STS). This will allow you to direct an interim and final transcript to the psi's to which you applied. It will also allow you to check that transcript information is accurate. Go to https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates for information and to create an account. You will need your PEN (Personal Education Number, to be found on your report cards), and will first need to sign up for a BCeID.
- Plan to which psi's you think you may apply and become familiar with their websites.
- Late September UBC's on-line application for the 2020 year is open.
- Mid-September OUAC is open for your Ontario university applications.

- The Common Application opens- this platform is an application hub to hundreds of American colleges/universities. Note: the process and deadlines are There are early deadlines and regular deadlines to be aware of.
- September 16 CLC Mandatory Start up Assembly
- September 17 **Special Applications Meeting** for students applying to PSI's outside of Canada and scholarships that requite a teacher reference.

October 2019

- Consider going on-line and do an internet search if you're still unsure about your options for
 next year (example, 'career interest inventory', or something similar). myBlueprint,
 https://myblueprint.ca/, is accessible to P.G. students. Please take advantage of the many tools
 available on myBlueprint, talk to friends, family, teachers and others to learn about careers.
- October 1 Application period opens for Langara College, Sept. 2020 intake.
- October 1 Application period opens for SFU, Sept. 2020 intake.
- October 4– Deadline for students interested in becoming school-sponsored applicants to the Loran Scholarship (http://www.loranscholar.ca/) to submit package to Mr. Agius by 9:00 am.
- October 10 Deadline for students interested in applying for school nomination to the
 University of Toronto's National Book Award to submit their application package to Ms. Agius.
- October 17 Deadline for school-sponsored Loran Scholarship applicants to apply on-line at https://apply.loranscholar.ca/candidate_profiles/new.
- October 24 Deadline for direct pool applicants to the Loran Scholarship(http://www.loranscholar.ca/).
- Late October/early November **Transcript Verification Reports (TVRs)** are printed and distributed to students through a Guidance visit. This allows all students to confirm transcript data is complete and accurate for graduation and psi application purposes.
- PSI Information sessions scheduled at P.G. Consult schedule sent to you for specific dates.

November 2019

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- November 1 Recommended, but not final, deadline for U of Toronto applicants, Sept. 2019 intake.
- November 1 Deadline to apply to the U of Toronto National Scholarship (http://www.future.utoronto.ca/content/national-scholarship-program).
- November 1 Deadline for students interested in applying for school nomination to the
 Queen's Chancellor's Scholarship (https://www.queensu.ca/studentawards/admission-awards/ students to submit their application package to Ms. Agius by 9:00 am if they wish to be considered for a school nomination.
- November 6 **PSI Information Session, all Gr. 11 & 12 students attend** in Point Grey Auditorium, UBC, SFU, UVic and Langara present.
- November 15 **TD Community Leaders Scholarship** application is due—no school nomination needed.

- November 20 Deadline for application to Queen's through OUAC if you intend to apply for the Chancellor Scholarship (or other Major Admission Awards, see https://www.queensu.ca/studentawards/admission-awards/major-admission-awards). This will provide time to submit the award application by the Dec. 1 deadline. This scholarship requires nomination from P.G., so follow the process communicated earlier by your counsellor.
- Book individual photo sessions during January 12-14 for graduation photos with Artona if you haven't done so already. Book on line: https://artona.com/schools/PGRE/programs/graduation.

December 2019

- December 1 Deadline to apply to UBC if you wish to be considered for special awards (both domestic and international applicants), and to apply to be considered for first-round offers.
- Complete the **PSI selections** process from the STS Dashboard if you haven't done so already. You will preview and order transcripts to be sent to the PSI's to which you have applied. Ordering at this time can provide permission to send **interim and final transcripts**. Note: do this earlier particularly if you are applying for early admissions.
- December 10 Term I Report Cards available on MyEd portal at 3:00 pm.
- December 13 Deadline for students interested in being the **school nominee for the Schulich Leader Scholarship** to submit package to your counsellor (http://www.schulichleaders.com/).
- If you need to order 'secure' transcripts to reflect previously completed courses and Term I marks, there is a form for you to complete in the office. Allow at least three days for these to be available for you to pick-up.
- For some psi's/programs, self-report Term I marks or provide documentation showing previously completed marks and interim/in-progress marks for various psi's/programs/awards.
- The application process continues for some psi's/programs ensure you are mindful of upcoming deadlines.

January 2020

- Hard deadlines throughout the month for U of Toronto applicants to various programs.
 However, spaces in some programs fill quickly and may close before the posted closing dates.
- P.G. nominates one student for the **Schulich Leader Scholarship** (http://www.schulichleaders.com/about-scholarship).
- January 12-14 Individual photo sessions for graduation photos with Artona. Go on-line at https://artona.com/schools/PGRE/programs/graduation to book a time.
- January 15 Deadline to apply to UBC for Sept. 2020.
- January 15 Deadline to apply to U of Toronto for Sept. 2020 for many programs (some exceptions apply, please check program pages)
- January 29-31– CLC Capstone Presentations for semester one students Note: this is a requirement for graduation.
- January 31 Deadline to apply to S.F.U. Some programs may have an earlier deadline.
- Be aware that deadlines for many psi's/programs occur in January.

Write or re-write the Numeracy Assessment January 2020, exact dates TBA.

February 2020

- February 1 Deadline to apply to McGill for Sept. 2020 intake (Music Jan. 15)
- February 1 UBC's deadline for completion of on-line courses if the mark is to be used for admission decisions.
- February 15 UBC Deadline to submit documents showing you meet the English Language Admission Standard (ELAS).
- February 28 Deadline for application to UVic for Sept. 2020 intake.
- Complete the PSI selections process from the STS Dashboard if you haven't done so already.
 You will preview and order transcripts to be sent to the PSI's to which you have applied.
 Ordering at this time can provide permission to send interim and final transcripts.
- Be aware that deadlines (applications close) for many psi's/programs occur in February.

March 2020

- March 10 Term II Report Cards available on MyEd Portal at 3:00 pm.
- If you need to order 'secure' transcripts to reflect previously completed courses and Term II marks, there is a form for you to complete in the office. Allow at least three days for these to be available for you to pick-up.
- Self-reporting of marks for various psi's based on Term II marks.
- Offers of admission based on Term II self-reporting of marks will be made by various psi's.

April 2020

- April 29-31– **CLC Capstone Presentations** for semester two students Note: this is a requirement for graduation.
- April 23 Grad forms handed out by English 12 teachers for narration, valedictorian, grad song.
- Offers of admission continue to be made to students.
- Be aware of processes and dates to finalize offers, pay deposits, secure on-campus housing, etc

May 2020

- May 1 –Deadline to accept UBC's offer for admission for most programs. This is also the deadline to apply for housing and be eligible for the first-year guarantee.
- May 1 **Grad forms due** for narration, valedictorian, grad song.
- Early May International applicants apply for study permit as soon as you accept an offer of admission.
- Communication with PSI's about offers, deadlines to accept offers, payment of registration deposits and program planning.
- If you need to apply for a student loan, consult https://studentaidbc.ca/ for more information.

<u>June 2020</u>

June 5 – Mandatory grad assembly in the Auditorium, 9:00 AM.

- June 5 **Grad Breakfast** in the Cafeteria.
- June 23 Graduation Ceremony 2020, Chan Centre, 4:00 PM
- June 25– **Term III Report Cards** published on MyEd Portal, 9:00 AM.
- Late June Course registration at UBC and other psi's.

Summer 2020

- Continue checking communication with psi's from which you received an offer. There may be important messages or actions to take.
- Your final transcript will be available to check through STS.
- August 15 UBC's deadline to apply for deferred admission. Deferred admission processes exist at many psi's in the case you receive an offer then decide to take a gap year and resume your studies in Sept. 2021.