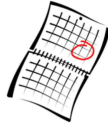


Grade 12 Newsletter

October 10, 2025



Weekly Calendar



Monday Oct. 13	
Tuesday Oct. 14	TMU (Aud—Period 3)
Wednesday Oct. 15	Exploring Out of Province University Applications (Aud—Period 3)
Thursday, Oct. 16	Trent University (LIB Seminar Room Period 3)
Friday, Oct. 17	
Upcoming:	Oct 20: OCAD—9:00 am Room 4004X Oct 21: College Fair—morning in library

Upcoming Opportunities



Grad Photos

1) Scholarships

Two scholarships of note with upcoming deadlines:

- i) The [U of T Wolf Scholars](#) nomination packages are due 8:00 am Mon. Nov. 3 in the Hub for students interested in the school nomination. This scholarship is open to all students to apply to U of T with a deadline of Friday, November 14. Information is posted under Scholarships and Awards in the Hub.
- ii) [Loran Scholars](#) Application are due directly to Loran on **October 16**.

2) Grad Photos

Students can now book grad photos at bookmygrad.ca. Grad Photo sittings are available at Westdale from November 24 to December 12. The code to book grad photos is “WHS”.

Information For You

1) **OUAC Application for Universities Open**

Applications for Ontario Universities via OUAC are now open. Here is [the link to the presentation from Guidance](#) about how to apply to university through OUAC including navigating the OUAC website and application strategies.

2) **College Applications Open**

Applications to Ontario Colleges are open now. Please consider applying soon if applying to highly competitive programs (e.g. practical nursing, dental hygiene, paramedic)

Information For You

3) Applying Outside of Ontario

Ms. Parkes-Hallmark will be conducting a presentation on how to apply to university outside of Ontario. You can find the information in the presentation [through this link](#).

4) Skilled Trades Information

Here are some reasons why you may wish to learn more about opportunities in the skilled trades:

- There are [144 Skilled Trades](#) in Ontario in four different sectors: Motive Power, Service, Construction, and Industrial
- 40% of Canada's workforce is in skilled trades
- There will be an estimated shortage of 1.2 million workers in the skilled trades by the end of 2025
- Salaries in the skilled trades are increasing. There are many well-paying jobs in skilled trades, often including benefits and pensions
- Post-secondary education is not linear—people often enter skilled trades after college or university

How To Get Started in the Skilled Trades

- Take courses in Technologies (or other areas leading to your chosen skilled trade) to develop skills that apply to skilled trades
- Take co-op courses to test out career pathways, gain real-world experience and form relationships with potential employers
- Leverage co-op experience and relationships to explore an apprenticeship opportunity OR apply to a college program where you will develop skills and be connected with an employer

Resources

- [Skilled Trades Ontario](#)
- [Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program](#)
- **Trades Report— check for updates in the Guidance Hub course throughout the year**
- [Apprenticesearch.com](#)

