

WELCOME BACK GRADE 12's!

- *FOLLOW YOUR HEART*
- *ACCESS YOUR ALLIES*
- *CHANGE IS CONSTANT*
- *LEARNING IS LIFELONG*
- *FOCUS ON THE JOURNEY*

I hope that you enjoyed your holidays and are starting back well rested and ready to begin preparing for your final year of high school. I am looking forward to meeting with each of you and to continue to discuss your future plans.

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<http://www.pvsd.ca/ProgramsServices/CareerServices/Pages/Career-Counsellors.aspx>

MyBlueprint

MyBlueprint is a powerful internet-based career exploration and planning tool PVSD students can use to explore career and education options and to develop a career plan. MyBlueprint can be used anywhere with internet access and is affiliated with the Ministry of Education-developed saskcareers.ca website.

Features of the program include the following: the **Who Am I** section featuring surveys and assessments; high school course planner; post-secondary information; work section including occupations and a job search engine; a money section focusing on budgeting; and many other features to help students with career exploration and development.

SaskCareers.ca

Saskatchewan's career development website is still up and running. The site is a joint effort between the Government of Saskatchewan's Ministries of the Economy, Education and Advanced Education, in partnership with the Saskatoon Industry-Education Council (SIEC).

Users of the saskcareers.ca site will have access to a one-stop-shop to discover and explore career paths and learn about training opportunities in the province. The goal of the integrated site is to meet the career planning needs of all Saskatchewan residents from kindergarten to retirement, with an initial focus on youth in both provincial and federal schools, and those transitioning beyond high school.

Check it out by logging in to saskcareers.ca. A valid email will be necessary in order to use all the site's features and to save personal information.

CONSIDERING UNIVERSITY?

SEPTEMBER 2017

When can a student apply to University? You can apply anytime during the school year. However, deadlines for specific programs and/or scholarship opportunities may fall earlier (i.e. to be eligible for the Best and Brightest Entrance Scholarships at the University of Saskatchewan, apply for admission by December 1 and apply for scholarships by December 15) and universities always encourage students to apply early. For example, the University of Regina now runs Admission on the Spot days, with the first one taking place in October

If you are considering “out-of-province” please inform me as soon as possible so that deadlines for application and scholarships will not be missed. Every province runs their own timetable, so “the earlier the better!!” (i.e. U of A begins accepting scholarship applications in December.)

Make sure to refer to attached 2017-2018 Event Timeline often and confirm upcoming deadlines directly on the institution’s website.

More and more post-secondary institutions are requesting that applications be made online as they can be processed more quickly and you will be able to log in and check the status of your application. To submit an online application, an e-mail address and valid credit card number are usually required. If you are unable to supply a valid credit card number it is possible to apply with a paper application printed off the institution’s website. Note: If applying online don’t forget to send any necessary documents by mail immediately after completing the application.

CONSIDERING Saskatchewan Polytechnic?

Most courses offered through Saskpolytech (except specific “*high demand courses*” - *Medical Radiologic Technology, Dental Hygiene, Practical Nursing, Power Engineering Technology & Psychiatric Nursing Diploma*) are **NOW** accepting application forms on a “First Qualified First Admitted” basis. Any Grade 12 student who wishes to attend a **Sask Polytechnic** program in the fall after graduation should be applying immediately!

CONSIDERING A TRADE?

Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship – SYA Program: High school students 15 years or older gain information about apprenticeship trades. There are many benefits of completing this non-credit program which includes waiver of apprenticeship registration fee and first level of technical training tuition. 100 hours of trade time credit is given for each of the three levels completed. For more information see Mr. Bohay or go online at: www.saskapprenticeship.ca/youth_apprentices/

Apprenticeship Credits: Students may earn up to four high school level apprenticeship credits if they are employed under the supervision of a tradesperson in a job. The hours worked are eligible for apprenticeship time credit through the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission. If you will be working with a tradesperson throughout the school year, please contact Mr. Bohay.

CONSIDERING A TRADE? - continued

Regina Trades and Skills Centre (RTSC) – High School Program: The TASCAP program provides grade 11 and 12 students with the opportunity to learn basic skills needed for entry-level work in the construction field. Student enrolling in the full-time semester long program will earn five high school credits, post-secondary recognition, apprenticeship hours and the potential for summer or full-time employment after graduation while helping to build a home for Habitat for Humanity. For more information: www.reginatradesandskills.ca



PLANNING TO ENTER WORK FORCE IMMEDIATELY UPON GRADUATION?

It is important for students directly entering the work force upon high school graduation to have an updated portfolio including a resume and cover letter.

Go to www.saskjobs.ca for information about Saskatchewan job opportunities, labour market office information, a career centre, important links and other important job search information.

Transitions to Work Programs: There are a number of short term training options that are available to assist students in their transition to the work force.

- Construction Career Development Project targeting First Nations students:
<http://www.siiit.ca/pages/industrial-career-centres.html> (306) 721-4473.
- Regina Trades and Skills Adult Programming: <https://rtsc.org/index.php/programs/adult-courses>
- Saskatchewan Construction Association: www.scaonline.ca
- **Saskpolytech** short term training:
www.saskpolytech.ca/programs-and-courses/continuing-education/short-term-training.aspx
- Regina Trades and Skills 12 to Trades Program: www.rtsc.org/index.php/programs/courses
- Check regional colleges for possible transitional programs:
<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/education-and-learning/universities-colleges-and-schools/post-secondary-institutions#regional-colleges>

CAREER SPOTLIGHTS AND CONNECTIONS



"Career Spotlights" and "Career Connections" are organized by the Regina District Education Council of which PVSD is a member. These events provide an opportunity for interested Grade 10-12 students to obtain "first hand" information about a specific career area.. Presenters indicate to students what they do in their jobs, why they got involved in their profession and what they perceive to be the challenges and the rewards. These students then are involved in an activity which demonstrates some aspect of the presenter's work world. For information on upcoming Career Spotlights, Connections and other career events visit: www.rdiec.ca

Students interested in attending a specific RDIEC event should see Mr. Bohay to register and complete the necessary forms. These sessions tend to fill quickly!

UR Accelerated English 100

- Take U of R English 100 and get a jump on university and ease the transition.
- Get a dual credit - Credit for U of R course and English B30 credit (further details to follow).
- Take a challenging and unique course with a small class size. (*Note: U of R suggests that students be prepared to do 2 - 3 hours of homework/reading/etc. for each hour of class time. This means about 5 - 8 hours of homework will be required each week.*)

SK Polytechnic Dual Credits

- Students have the option to earn a high school credit and a Saskatchewan Polytechnic (Sask Polytech) credit simultaneously.
- Check out the following link to see a list of courses offered and what SK Polytech programs they apply to:
saskpolytech.ca/admissions/resources/dual-credit.aspx

University of Saskatchewan Dual Credits

- **Comm 101-Introduction to Business** is a new university course that students interested in pursuing a business degree can complete during the summer. Upon successful completion of the course students also earn an **Introduction to Business 30L** high school course.

Travel/Study Options

(Check out these websites)

travel.gc.ca/
www.studyabroad.com/
www.australearn.org/
www.agrventure.com
www.nacel.org/
www.ef.com
iiepassport.org/

Upcoming Career Events

University of Saskatchewan OPEN HOUSE!

On Friday, September 29th, students and parents will have the opportunity to attend the University of Saskatchewan Open House. This is a unique opportunity to meet students, attend informative sessions and become familiar with the campus. It's a day packed full of information and fun. For more info and to register go to:

http://explore.usask.ca/tours_and_events/openhouse.php

SK Polytechnic Events

Considering SK Polytechnic but don't know where to start? Sign up for a Campus Tour, Parent's Night, or attend an INSIGHT event (formerly CSI). This is the perfect chance for you to check it out. See back sheet for all events.

To set up an account in My-Path which allows viewing and registering for events visit:

<https://mypath.saskpolytech.ca/>

University of Regina UR FALL OPEN HOUSE

On Saturday, October 14th, students and parents will have the opportunity to tour the U of R campus and obtain information about programs, classes, residence and chat with faculty and staff. For more information and to register go to:

<https://urconnected.uregina.ca/events/index.do>

Careers Unlimited 2017

One November evening (Date: TBA) at the Conexus Arts Centre, Grade 10 - 12 female students will have an opportunity to meet with a number of resource women from various professions within the community to discuss specific career paths, education to reach this career goal, monetary expectations and basic pros and cons of choosing this type of occupation. More information to follow.

See Your Future - CAREER FAIR

This annual career fair will be held on November 7th in Regina. Students and parents will have an opportunity to access information about future education and career choices. Participants can attend presentations, visit displays and ask questions of people from over 120 participating post-secondary institutes and employers from across Canada. For more information go to:

www.seeyourfuture.ca

Free Scholarship Databases

Sign up for Canadian database information on scholarships, bursaries, grants and awards at:

www.yconic.com

www.scholarshipscanada.com

Scholarship
Opportunities



Scholarships Open For Applications NOW

(Check out these websites for more info)

www.horatioalger.ca (National Entrepreneurial Scholarships, 5 @ \$10,000)

<http://www.coopag.ca/wps/portal/crs/coop/ag/more/excellenceinag> (Excellence in Ag Scholarship for students entering Agriculture or Business).

<https://yconic.com> (A number with September and October deadlines,)

<http://www.moreheadcain.org/apply/> (Students interested in attending U of North Carolina)

Grade 12 Career Timeline 2017-18

September

- Apply online for SK Polytechnic – starting September 1st (for all programs except the five high demand programs) at Wascana, Palliser, Kelsey & Woodland Campus
- Check and follow recommended application dates and processes for out-of province and out-of-country schools
- Create personal profile and start applications for awards/scholarships
<https://yconic.com/>
www.scholarshipscanada.com
- Register for various post-secondary open houses in October and November
- U of Regina Champion College Information Night – Thursday, September 28th
- Post-Secondary Information Night - LHS Library - Thursday, September 28 @6pm
- U of Sask – Open House – Friday, September 29th
- Apply for housing and residence for all post-secondary

October

- U of Regina / SK Polytech Nursing application begins – October 1st
- SK Polytech - High Demand Program application begins – October 1st
- (*Dental Hygiene, Medical Radiologic Technology, Power Engineering, Practical Nursing, Psychiatric Nursing*)
- U of Regina Luther College Information Night - Thursday, October 5th
- U of Regina – What is Engineering? - Wednesday, October 11th
- U of Regina - Fall Open House – Saturday, October 14th

November

- Apply for Residence at U of Sask – November 1st
- See Your Future Career Fair - Regina Evraz Place – Tuesday, November 7th
- SK Polytech INSIGHT - all campuses - Thursday, November 16th
- Continue applications for post-secondary institutions

December / January

- U of Sask “Best & Brightest” - apply for admission to U of S by December 1st
- U of Regina – Admission on the Spot – Thursday, December 7th
- U of Regina – What is Business Administration? – Thursday, December 7th
- U of Sask “Best & Brightest” Scholarship Application deadline – December 15th
- Submit U of S and U of R applications by the end of semester unless you have chosen to apply earlier.

February

- University of Regina Scholarship Workshop @ LHS – Feb. TBD
- Check deadlines for out of province schools
- Continue applying for scholarships
- Send midterm marks to institutions from the Ministry of Education:
<https://www.k12.gov.sk.ca/etranscript/>
- U of Sask Deadline for all competitive entry colleges – February 15th
- U of Sask Competitive Awards - apply for admission by February 15th
- U of Regina / SK Polytech Nursing application deadline – February 15th
- U of Regina – Admission on the Spot - Thursday, February 15th
- U of Regina - Gr.11 University Preview - Friday, February 23rd

March

- Continue applications
- Official Ministry Transcript due at SK Polytech for Nursing program – March 1st
- U of Sask Competitive Awards application & supporting documents deadline – March 1st
- U of Regina Faculty of Education high school applicant deadline - March 1st
- U of Regina Priority Deadline & Entrance Scholarship Deadline - March 15th

April

- Continue applications
- Apply for local scholarships

May

- U of Regina - UR Beginning (new students for Fall 2018) – TBD

June

- Deadline for U of Regina Residence - June 1st (Guaranteed Room)
- Students must complete a transcript request form to the Ministry of Education requesting that an official transcript of their marks be forwarded to the post-secondary schools they have applied to. Go to: <https://www.k12.gov.sk.ca/etranscript/>
- Student loan applications available on-line at
www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/education-and-learning/student-loans

August

- U of Sask Arts/Sciences deadline - August 15th
- Deadline for all University of Regina programs (excluding Education & Nursing) - August 30th
- Ministry of Education transcripts are due at all post-secondary institutions

NOTE: My scheduled Career Counselling times are:

Day 1: Period1, Day 2: Period 3, Day 3: Period 1, Day 4: Period 3, Day 5: Period 1

Parents can sign-up to receive important information that the graduating students receive throughout the year by text messages by an app called REMIND. Attached are the instructions to sign up. Rest assured that you will not receive advertisement texts.