



THOROLD SECONDARY SCHOOL

PRESENTS

POST- SECONDARY OPPORTUNITIES

2015-2016

AN INFORMATION GUIDE FOR STUDENTS

General Information - 2015/2016

This information should be used in conjunction with www.electronicinfo.ca for university information; Ontario College Handbook or website www.ontariocolleges.ca for college information; and university and college calendars available in the Student Services' office. Parents/guardians, teachers and counselors are valuable sources of information and advice also.

Please, come visit us in Student Services if you have any questions. For regular updates and reminders, text 289-807-1417 and send the message: "@tss12"

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF VISITS TO THOROLD S.S. BY POST- SECONDARY REPRESENTATIVES:

All presentations will be held in the Conference Room, unless announced otherwise.

Tue. Sept. 22	12:00 p.m.	Brock University - Library
Tue. Sept. 29	1:00 p.m.	Kings University (WU)
Thu. Oct. 1	8:30 a.m.	Western University
Thu. Oct. 1	10:00 a.m.	D'Youville College (Buffalo)
Fri. Oct. 2	1:15 p.m.	University of Toronto
Mon. Oct 5	11:05 a.m.	Emmanuel Bible College (lunch display)
Wed. Oct. 14	8:30 a.m.	Niagara College - Library
Wed. Oct. 28	1:05 p.m.	University of Windsor
Mon. Nov. 9	8:30 a.m.	McMaster University
Tue. Nov. 10	8:30 a.m.	University of Guelph-Humber
Mon. Nov. 16	8:30 a.m.	Queen's University
Mon. Nov. 16	1:00 p.m.	Lakehead University
Wed. Nov.18	1:00 p.m.	U. of Ontario Institute of Technology
Thu. Nov. 19	8:30 a.m.	Ryerson University
Wed. Dec. 2	10:00 a.m.	University of Guelph

At this date, we may still receive notice from some schools as to when they will be visiting. Please watch the College/University Information Bulletin Boards outside of the Student Services' Office for notification dates and listen to morning announcements.

OTHER DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Sept. 19-20 **Go Global Expo**, Ryerson Mattamy Centre at Maple leaf Gardens, Toronto 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Showcasing international opportunities for students who are considering an exchange, a degree or semester abroad, international work or internships, volunteering abroad or gap year placements. For more information, visit www.letsqoglobal.ca

- Sept. 25-27** **Ontario Universities' Fair**, Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Visit university exhibits, attend information sessions, learn about undergraduate programs, and meet university representatives. Go to www.ouf.ca for more information.
- Oct. 4** **Study and Go Abroad Fair**, Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Meet directly with top-ranked universities and colleges from around the world, offering certificate and diploma programs, and undergraduate and post-graduate programs abroad. The expo will also include a Student Travel Pavilion, with organizations offering internships, volunteer programs, work abroad, and adventure and language travel. For further information, visit www.studyandgoabroad.com
- Oct. 17-18** **Student Life Expo**, Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Free for Graduating High School Students who pre-register online - information from Universities and Colleges across Canada, Government of Canada Agencies, Ministry of Education, Industry Associations, Volunteer Organizations and corporate sponsors with the latest in technology, prizes, giveaways and youth services. Go to www.studentlifeexpo.com for more information and to register.
- Oct. 19-20** **Ontario College Fair**, Enercare Centre, Toronto
Monday (5:00-9:00 p.m.) and Tuesday (10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)
See <http://www.collegefair.ca> for more information.
- Tues. Oct. 20** **University Information Fair** 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Welland Centennial S.S.
- Tues. Oct. 20** **University Information Program** 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - St. Michael High School, Niagara Falls
Each Ontario University will have representatives to give information and answer questions about admissions, scholarships, residences, costs and more. You will have an opportunity to attend two-forty minute sessions and have thirty minutes to roam amongst displays.
- Thurs. Oct. 22** **College Information Program and Niagara College Open House** - Welland Campus, Niagara College
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Representatives from Ontario Community Colleges will provide information and answer questions.
- Sun. Nov. 8** **Brock University Fall Preview Day**, 12:00 -4:00 p.m.

APPLICATION TIMELINES - UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE

At Thorold Secondary School, we will be completing all College and University applications On-Line. More information will be given at a later date.

January 13, 2016 - Deadline for students to complete OUAC forms on-line.

February 1, 2016 – Deadline for students to submit Ontario College forms on-line to be given equal consideration. The earliest date of release of admission decisions for fall college programs, to secondary school applicants.

May 1, 2016 – Confirmation Date for Ontario Colleges.

May 27, 2016 – The latest date by which all secondary school applicants shall expect a response from an Ontario university.

June 1, 2016 - The earliest date by which Ontario universities may require a response to an offer of admission from an Ontario secondary school student.

June 15, 2016 – The earliest date that the colleges can require payment of tuition fees.

College/University Transfer Agreements

Students wanting to combine theoretical learning with practical skills may be interested in enrolling in a college/university program that enables you to earn both a degree and a diploma. Go to either www.ouac.on.ca or www.ontariocolleges.ca to explore agreements already in effect.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES -

- (A) **U.S. Schools** - Information is available in the Student Services area on some American colleges and universities. Every Applicant must write the S.A.T. (Scholastic Achievement Test) held several times per year at various local centres. Information booklets and application forms are available in the Student Services' office. American tuition fees are much higher than Canadian fees.
- (2) **Registered Private Vocation Schools** - These schools can be useful alternatives to public institutions if chosen carefully. Examples such as the RCC Electronics, and the Michener Institute for Applied Health Sciences in Toronto, can be worth considering. They cost more money but take less time, and they emphasize their ability to place graduates in careers.
- (3) **Canadian Armed Forces** - Career Training is possible for grade 12 graduates. Information is available in the Student Services' office. More and more opportunities for women are becoming available in the Armed Forces. An interview with a recruiter can be arranged.

- (4) **Apprenticeships** - Apprenticeships are difficult to find. To receive one, you have to find a job giving you the appropriate training and your employer must contact the apprenticeship branch of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities to have the employment approved. When approval is granted the apprentice spends most of the time learning on the job, with 6 - 8 weeks per year being spent at college, learning theory.

There is also a program available in secondary schools. It's called OYAP (The Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program). In this program students may receive apprenticeship hours while completing a co-op work experience in high school.

Handouts with detailed information for both programs are available in the Student Services' Office. Visit www.apprenticesearch.com for more information.

FULL DISCLOSURE

The government has full disclosure on high school transcripts to secondary schools across Ontario. This provides students who are working hard the opportunity to show post-secondary institutions an accurate reflection of their work habits and scholastic achievements. Repeated attempts at courses will be reflected on a student's transcript as well as the original mark. A student has five school days after receiving their mid-term report to withdraw from a course without having the withdrawal noted on their transcript. If a student chooses to withdraw after the aforementioned 5 days, the mark the student has earned will be on the official transcript. Students who have to withdraw after the five-day mark because of an extraordinary circumstance are welcome to bring their situation and documentation to a Student Services Counselor in order to request that a special indicator be placed on their transcript. This indicator, which will show up as "S" beside the mark, signifies to anyone reading the transcript that an extraordinary circumstance has taken place.

Different post-secondary institutions have varying approaches towards full disclosure, which may affect your opportunity for admission

Information like this can be found in each school's **Guide to Undergraduate Studies**.

WEB SITES TO CHECK OUT

All Colleges & Universities have websites where you can access all the information you want. You can also contact the institutions through the website.

Additional websites that you may find useful are attached on a separate page.

COLLEGE APPLICATION FEES

Base Application Fee - \$95 (non refundable)

You may select up to 5 choices, with no more than 3 program choices at any one college.

UNIVERSITY APPLICATION FEES

Base Application Fee - for the initial three choices
\$150 (non-refundable)

Additional Choices Fee - for each additional choice beyond the initial three
\$50/choice (non-refundable)

For example: If an applicant adds a fourth and fifth choice, they will be charged an additional \$100 for a total of \$250.00

Note: You may only choose a maximum of 3 programs at any one university.

Fees may be paid on-line with credit cards or online banking. Payment may also be made by cheque or money order; however, the application is not complete until the fee payment arrives at the Centre.