



Great Lakes Secondary School

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Class of 2017 / 2018

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Students:

This letter is being sent to all students registered in grade 12 at Great Lakes Secondary to ensure you are aware of the many events and responsibilities you will encounter throughout this school year. We do our best to keep you informed and provide you with a manageable and organized pathway to post-secondary education. As always, our counsellors in Student Services are available to assist and guide you through this sometimes challenging process. If you have any questions or concerns along the way, please don't hesitate to book an appointment or call to speak directly with a counsellor.

Sincerely,

P. Wiersma, Principal

CONFIRM YOUR GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All students must complete the following to obtain their OSSD:

- 18 compulsory and 12 optional credits (no repeat credits allowed)
- 40 hours of community service activities (must be submitted by Friday, May 18, 2018)
- OSSLT (Provincial Literacy Test)

University Information

Applications are due to the Ontario Universities Application Centre (OUAC) by **January 17, 2018**.

- A university information meeting will be held here at GLSS for students on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 (during Block C) to discuss entrance requirements, application processes, important dates, etc.
- University Information Program takes place on Monday, November 6, 2017 at St. Patrick's Catholic High School from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm. All 21 Ontario universities will be in attendance.
- All applications are done on-line. Tutorials are available at www.ouac.on.ca.
- University bound students are required to take a minimum of 6 grade 12 "U" or "M" level credits.
- Use eINFO (www.electronicinfo.ca) to research Ontario university programs, requirements and prerequisites.

College Information

Applications are due to the Ontario College Application Service by Thursday, **February 1, 2018** for equal consideration.

- A college information meeting will be held here at GLSS for students on Thursday, October 12, 2017 (during Block B) to discuss entrance requirements, application processes, important dates, etc.
- College Information Program takes place on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at Lambton College from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. All Ontario colleges will be in attendance. Students will sign up in Student Services to take the bus to and from the college. Signed permission forms are required.
- All applications are done on-line. Tutorials are available at www.ontariocolleges.ca.
- Use www.ontariocolleges.ca to research Ontario college programs, requirements and prerequisites.

Important Dates and Deadlines

- **September – November:** College and University Presentations. Most presentations take place during our school lunch break in room 110. Students are asked to listen to morning announcements for upcoming presentations. Schedules are posted in homeroom classes, the library and Student Services. This is an excellent opportunity to meet one on one with school representatives.
- **Wednesday, October 11, 2017:** University information presented to grade 12 students, Block C
- **Thursday, October 12, 2017:** College information presented to grade 12 students, Block B
- **Thursday, October 19, 2017:** College Information Program at Lambton College, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
- **Monday, November 6, 2017:** University Information Program at St. Pat's Catholic HS, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
- **Thursday, November 16, 2017:** Provincial Report Cards (midterm marks requested by OCAS)
- **Monday, November 27, 2017:** Semester One Full Disclosure Deadline
- **December 6 – 21, 2017:** Grad Photos (Sign up will be done on-line)
- **Wednesday January 17, 2018:** University applications are due (for equal consideration)
- **Thursday, February 1, 2018:** College applications are due (for equal consideration)
- **March Break:** Students should plan to visit colleges or universities of interest for school tours
- **April 2018:** Cap and gown orders are due to Student Services for spring Graduation
- **Tuesday, May 1:** College decision acceptance deadline, **June 15:** Earliest date for deposit for tuition/residence
- **Friday, May 18, 2018:** Community Involvement Hours due to Student Services
- **May 2018:** OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Program) presentation to review application process
- **Friday, June 1:** University decision acceptance deadline, Earliest date for deposit for tuition/residence
- **June 2018:** Students will complete GLSS Student Profile and LKDSB Bursaries and Scholarship packages and return to Student Services
- **Saturday, June 2, 2018:** Prom
- **Thursday, June 7, 2018:** GLSS Graduation Ceremony, 7:00 pm, Progressive Auto Sales Arena
- **August 2018:** Students will be mailed a Supplemental Informational Form which must be returned to Student Services for scholarship and bursary purposes
- **Thursday, December 20, 2018:** GLSS Annual Awards Ceremony