**Class of 2019 / 2020 October 1, 2019**

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,

J. Stewart, 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, June 12, 2020)
* OSSLT (Provincial Literacy Test)

**University Information**

Applications are due to the Ontario Universities Application Centre (OUAC) by **Wednesday January 15, 2020**.

* A university information meeting will be held here at GLSS for students on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 (during Block C) to discuss entrance requirements, application processes, important dates, etc.
* University Information Program takes place on Monday, November 4, 2019 here at Great Lakes Secondary School from 6:00 pm – 8:00 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 ouINFO ([www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca](http://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca)) to research Ontario university programs, requirements and prerequisites.

**College Information**

Applications are due to the Ontario College Application Service by **Saturday, February 1, 2020** for equal consideration.

* A college information meeting will be held here at GLSS for students on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 (during Block B) to discuss entrance requirements, application processes, important dates, etc.
* College Information Program takes place on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at Lambton College from 12:00m – 2:00 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](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca) to research Ontario college programs, requirements and prerequisites.

**Important Dates and Deadlines**

* **September – November**: College and University Presentations. Most representatives will have an information booth set up outside the Student Services office during our school lunch break. 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.
* **Tuesday, October 22, 2019**: College information presented to grade 12 students, Block B, parents welcome
* **Wednesday, October 23, 2019**: University info presented to grade 12 students, Block C, parents welcome
* **Thursday October 17, 2019**: College Information Program at Lambton College, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
* **November 1 – November 14, 2019**: Grad Photos (Sign up will be done on-line). Needed for grad composite.
* **Monday, November 4, 2019**: University Information Program here at Great Lakes SS, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
* **Wednesday, November 13, 2019**: Provincial Report Cards (midterm marks requested by OCAS)
* **Thursday, November 28, 2019**: Semester One Full Disclosure Deadline
* **Wednesday, January 15, 2020**: University applications are due (for equal consideration)
* **Saturday, February 1, 2020**: College applications are due (for equal consideration)
* **March Break**: Students should plan to visit colleges or universities of interest for school tours
* **April 2020**: Cap and gown orders are due to Student Services for spring Graduation
* **Friday, May 1, 2020**: College decision acceptance deadline, **Mid-June:** Earliest date for deposit for tuition/residence
* **May 2020**: OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Program) presentation to review application process
* **Wednesday, May 27, 2020**: University decision acceptance deadline. **Monday, June 1, 2020:** Earliest date for deposit for tuition/residence
* **June 2020**: Students will complete GLSS Student Profile and LKDSB Bursaries and Scholarship package and return to Student Services
* **Thursday, June 11, 2020**: GLSS Graduation Ceremony, 7:00 pm, Progressive Auto Sales Arena
* **Friday, June 12, 2020**: Community Involvement Hours due to Student Services
* **Summer 2020**: Students will be given a Supplemental Informational Form with their diploma. This supplementary information form must be returned to Student Services for scholarship and bursary purposes.
* **December 2020**: GLSS Annual Awards Ceremony