

# 2019-2020 Graduating Year Calendar

**\*\*Take a picture with your phone for quick reference\*\***

## SEPTEMBER

- ☞ Ensure all requirements for OSSD will be met (credit counts, literacy completion and community involvement)
- ☞ Liaison visits - Guidance announcements, website and planner - sign ups before day of presentation
- ☞ Consider registering for SAT if planning on U.S. schools - see Mrs. Kardas or Mr. Peel

Research programs and schools thoroughly using Guidance resources, tours, liaison visits and Internet sites.

[www.myblueprint.ca](http://www.myblueprint.ca), [www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca),

[www.electronicinfo.ca](http://www.electronicinfo.ca), [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)

Ensure that you have a valid, active PERSONAL e-mail account with an appropriate address. It is REQUIRED for the online applications.

## OCTOBER

- ☞ Liaison visits continue
- ☞ Tours - check bulletin boards & websites - book tours online or by phone for specific schools
- ☞ Check Awards Bulletin for early scholarship deadlines
- ☞ Mid-October – OUAC/OCAS -1<sup>ST</sup> electronic submission
- ☞ P.A. Day – October 25– book a campus tour
- ☞ Check for early scholarship deadlines

October 17<sup>TH</sup> College Info. Night at St. Clair College  
Chatham 5:00pm – 7:00pm, Lambton College Sarnia  
12:00pm – 2:00 pm

WDSS STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT – will meet with graduating students

## NOVEMBER

- ☞ P.A. Day –Nov. 22- Great day for campus tours!
- ☞ Mid Term Report Date: Nov. 20, 2019
- ☞ **Full Disclosure Date:** Nov. 28, 2019
- ☞ NOV. 6 -UNIVERSITY INFO. DAY -- WDSS 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

OUAC fee is \$150.00 for 3 choices

+ \$50.00 for each additional choice.

OCAS fee is \$95.00 for a maximum of 5 choices

## DECEMBER

- ☞ Students continue with online applications
- ☞ Students are responsible for verifying accuracy of data transmission to the application centre. Check the online records and report any discrepancies to Guidance.
- ☞ You can continue to make changes after submitting it, right up to the deadline date. Don't get caught in the deadline rush!

**Note that OUAC applications are due 8 days after return from Christmas Break.**

## JANUARY

- ↵ Return from Christmas Break
- ↵ Deadline for online application to OUAC  
Date: **Jan. 15, 2020**
- ↵ OUAC will send an Acknowledgement directly to the applicant as soon as the application has been processed – review for accuracy and file in a folder
- ↵ Exams
- ↵ Prepare portfolio and book auditions if applicable
- ↵ Guidance will help you with any application concerns. Don't panic; come see us.
- ↵ Finalize College application decisions; **Applications are due Feb. 1, 2020** keep your life easier by applying earlier
- ↵ Semester-1-Only grads – follow through on all matters pertaining to your graduation process and come in if you need help

## FEBRUARY

- ↵ Last day for equal consideration of College applications AND earliest admission offers from Colleges Date: **Feb. 1, 2020**
- ↵ Semester 2 begins
- ↵ OCAS will send an Acknowledgement directly to the applicant as soon as the application has been processed – review for accuracy and file in a folder
- ↵ Review University/College choices in light of Semester 1 grades. Be realistic about your choices and make changes if needed.

## MARCH

- ↵ Review Financial Bulletin to apply for bursaries and scholarships – Request letters of recommendation at least a week in advance
- ↵ Plan to attend March Break Open Houses (March 16-20, 2020)
- ↵ Late March/early April – Universities may make some early offers of admission
- ↵ Scholarships are usually extended with the offer of admission. These are often conditional on the final course grades. Keep your marks up!
- ↵ Meet all residence application deadlines and requirements

## APRIL

- ↵ Applications for local financial awards
- ↵ Mid-term reports : April 29, 2020
- ↵ **Make sure you click “Submit” when accepting any online residence or admission offer; they won't get your response unless this is done!** (And then they'll give your spot away and your world will come crashing down – CLICK 'SUBMIT'!)

If placed on a waiting list, be sure to confirm your continued interest by telephone while you accept a 2nd choice offer

## MAY

- ☞ Confirmation of College program acceptance forms must be received at OCAS Deadline: May 1, 2020
  - ☞ Full Disclosure: May 6, 2020
  - ☞ **Cap and gown orders due to guidance May 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 (\$35)**
  - ☞ Final date for Ontario University responses to secondary school applicants (offer, refusal, or deferral/wait list) Date: May 27, 2020
  - ☞ Prepare OSAP forms online; finalize and submit after making your acceptance decision – OSAP applications are submitted directly to the destination school
- ALL offers are conditional upon students meeting all graduation and admission requirements.**

## JUNE

- ☞ Earliest date by which Ontario Universities may require a response and a financial commitment to an offer of admission Date: June 1, 2020
- ☞ Earliest date that any Ontario College may require a financial commitment Date: June 1, 2020
- ☞ Final exams – Many scholarships are calculated on final mark results: Keep those marks up through exams!
- ☞ Complete graduation info forms and return to Guidance
- ☞ Submit online OSAP application
- ☞ Advise Guidance Counsellors of any awards you receive.

**GRADUATION: THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2020**

**Get psyched for the next awesome phase of your life!**

## JULY & AUGUST

- ☞ 4<sup>th</sup> & Final marks sent to OUAC and OCAS
- ☞ Any outstanding tuition and residence fees are due
- ☞ Schedule University courses as early as possible to ensure your first choices. You may have a specific date for course selection
- ☞ Visit your campus
- ☞ Plan to attend Orientation days

## **TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF**

***Meet all deadlines***

- ☺ If in doubt - check it out!
- ☺ See a Guidance Counsellor with concerns
- ☺ Call post secondary schools with specific questions - a guidance phone is available - always make notes about any conversation, include names, dates, specifics, etc.
- ☺ **Keep all records in a folder - receipts, cancelled cheques, forms, student numbers, SIN, etc.**
- ☺ Open all your mail. Notify schools if you change your address.
- ☺ Write tests, attend interviews, complete questionnaires and submit other forms by stated deadlines – Avoid jeopardizing your acceptance.
- ☺ P.A. Days - plan campus visits. Take your parents.