



Elphinstone Secondary School Grade 12 Newsletter

Upcoming Dates

Oct. 4 Canadian Universities Event 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Free Event at Rockridge Secondary School in West Vancouver. Information on universities across Canada. Open to everyone.

Oct 5 Experience Vancouver Island University (VIU)
Nanaimo, 9:00 am -1:00 pm. Register online.

Oct. 16 Experience Vancouver Community College (VCC)
3:00-6:00 pm, VCC Broadway Campus 1120 E. 7th Vancouver. Register online.

Oct 19 (Saturday) Thompson Rivers University Open House
9:00 - 3:00 PM, TRU Kamloops

Nov 2 Quest University Open House, Squamish. Register online.

Nov 5 Post-secondary evening for grade 12 students and parents: 6:30 PM in library with counsellors. We will go over tons of information about applying to post-secondary

Nov 13 - BCIT Big Info Day 4:30-7:30, Burnaby Campus
Register online.

Nov 18 Post secondary morning at ESS for grade 11s and 12s. 13 post-secondary schools coming to visit.

Numeracy Assessment

This is a graduation requirement. Anyone who has not written the numeracy assessment must write it to grad. The November session will be between Nov. 4 and 12 (TBA). Please see the Ministry of Education website for information about the assessment. If you're unsure if you need to write it, please check with your counsellor.

Graduation Requirements

To graduate in BC you need 80 credits which include: English 10,11,12, Social Studies 10, Social Studies 11 or 12, Science 10, Science 11 or 12, Math 10, Math 11 or 12, PE 10, Career Life Education 10, a Fine Arts or Applied Skills 10, 11, or 12, Career Life Connections, and 7 electives (at least three of which must be grade 12 level). Numeracy Assessment.

Post-Secondary Education

We (the counsellors) will meet with grade 12 parents and students on Tuesday November 5th at 6:30 PM in the library. We will discuss how to apply for post-secondary, application requirements, and financing your post-secondary education (scholarships/bursaries/loans). On November 18th, 13 post-secondary schools will visit Elphi in the morning (8:45-10:45 AM). You will have the opportunity to go to the presentations for two schools of your choice and then visit as many as you like during the mini fair in the gym. You will not miss any class time because classes will be cancelled from 8:45-10:45.

Regardless of where you're thinking of applying, you must go to the website of the PSI (post-secondary institution) and check to ensure you meet the entrance requirements and that you apply before the deadline. Check to be sure you have everything you need, as some programs require letters of intent, portfolios, or reference letters. Some PSIs

Out-of-Province Universities

Please check and double-check the websites to be sure that you don't miss any deadlines: application, acceptance, housing etc. Also, please double-check the requirements to be sure you have all the courses you need to apply.

US Colleges and Universities

If you plan to attend post secondary in the United States you will need to write the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). Information is available in the Counselling Dept. or go online to collegeboard.org.

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Scholarships

We will review scholarship opportunities at our Nov 5th evening meeting (for grade 12 parents and students). Please see our elphicounselling website (grad page) for information in the meantime. <https://elphicounselling.sd46.bc.ca/about/>

Provincial Scholarships

There are a number of provincial scholarships available to graduating students. They will be reviewed at our Nov 7th meeting. To highlight:

- Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarships (20 provincially @\$5000 each. For students pursuing teacher education).
- BC Excellence Scholarships (55 provincially @\$5000 each). Service, leadership and dedication to career path are important. One nominee per school.
- BC Achievement Scholarships (8000 provincially @\$1250). Based on performance in grades 10-12. No application required.
- District/Authority scholarships (last year ESS had 10 @ \$1250 each). For students with experience in and pursuing one of: applied skills, fine arts, physical activity and health, indigenous languages and culture, technical or trades training, international languages, community service.

Loran Award

Up to 34 available nationally @ \$100,000 each over four years. Each award includes a matching tuition waiver, access to funding and internships through a summer program, mentorship opportunities and invitations to annual gatherings and forums.

Deadline for sponsored applicants: October 17.

Deadline for direct pool applicants: October 24.

If you wish to be one of Elphinstone's sponsored Loran applicants, please give your resume or a letter explaining why you are the best applicant to Mr. Bruce or Ms. Bailey by **Monday, Oct. 7 by 8:45 AM**. We can nominate up to three students.

Schulich Scholarships

The Schulich Leader Scholarships are undergraduate Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) scholarships in Canada, with a value of up to \$100,000 each. Fifty students receive this award each year. Elphinstone may nominate one applicant. Deadline for nominated applicant: Jan 29.