



Elphinstone Secondary School Grade 12 Newsletter

Upcoming Dates

Dec. 4 & 5 - Transcript Meeting in the Library for grade 12s - last block of each day

Wed, Dec. 4 - Bi 12, Art 12, Genocide St 12

Thurs. Dec. 5 - English 12 (Telfer), Wood 12

- **If you have a spare during this block, please drop by either day.**
- You will be checking over your transcripts and selecting the schools you'd like them sent to.
- Please attend even if you have already given the Ministry of Education permission to send your grades to the post-secondary institutions.

Dec 6 - Education and Career Fair

9:00 am - 2:00 pm Vancouver Convention Centre East

Dec 15 - SFU Undergraduate Scholars Entrance Scholarship Application Deadline

Dec 15 - UNBC Early Awards Application Deadline - Deadline to apply to UNBC to be considered for Early Application Awards. Students can still be considered for other awards with a later application date (March 1).

Jan. 7 - School Reopens

Jan 15 - UBC Application Deadline

Jan 20-24 - Exact Date and Time TBA - Numeracy Assessment - if you haven't written it yet or wish to re-write, please register with your counsellor.

Jan 27 - Semester Two Begins

Jan 29 - Schulich Scholarship Application Deadline

Jan 31 - SFU Admission Application Deadline

Jan 31 - TRU & VIU Nursing Application Deadlines

Feb 1 - Deadline to complete online courses to use your grades in your academic assessment in UBC applications

Feb 1 - Terry Fox Humanitarian Award Application Deadline

Feb 1 - Explore UVic, 10:00-5:00, Register online.

Feb 8 - Kwantlen Polytechnic University Open House (KPU Surrey) - 11:00-3:00

Feb 27 - VIU Discovery Days

Feb 28 - B.C. Excellence Scholarship Application Deadline

Feb 28 - UVic Admission Application Deadline

March 1 - UNBC - Early Application Deadline for some programs. Students are encouraged to apply early. Please note that some programs have varying deadlines (Health Sciences and Nursing, for example).

March 1 - TRU Applications for Bachelor of Arts, Sciences, Business Administration, Computing Science, and Fine Arts: if you apply by March 1, you will be guaranteed an admission decision and earlier course registration date. Applications will be accepted until the semester starts.

Mar 9 - ReMax Quest for Excellence Application Deadline

March 31 - Application deadline for most academic programs and scholarship award and bursary profile for VIU.

March 31 - UNBC Nursing Application Deadline

March 31 - Self-reporting closes at Cap U

Early April - Local Scholarship and Bursary Meeting & Package Distribution

April 30 - Deadline to apply and submit all supporting documents for award and bursary application for SFU.

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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. If you would like to be our nominee, please get your information to Mr. Bruce or Ms. Bailey by Monday, Dec. 9.

BC Excellence Scholarship

There are 55 BC Excellence Scholarships available to recognize well-rounded B.C. graduates. Recipients demonstrate service and leadership, both at school and in their communities. Recipients also show aptitude and commitment to their chosen career paths. They will receive a \$5,000 scholarship voucher to use towards their post-secondary tuition. Elphinstone can nominate one person. We will ask for possible nominees in late January.

Colleges and Smaller Universities

These schools offer a variety of excellent programs in both academics (leading to undergraduate degrees) as well as a variety of trade/technical/design programs. These schools also provide academic upgrading courses and university transfer programs (where you can do a year or two of post-secondary and transfer to another school). You can browse programs on their websites or check out Myblueprint. Maclean's Magazine has a Colleges Guidebook that lists all kinds of interesting programs from Industrial Network Cybersecurity to Event Management to Wind Turbine Maintenance among many other ideas.

Scholarship Preparation

The winter break is a great time to begin organizing your scholarship application materials. Design a resume which includes your post-secondary goal, career goal (if you have one), volunteer and work experience and references. Remember to ask references first before putting them on a resume. You

should also get your references to write letters. Two letters should suffice. These references should be people who know you well and can vouch for your strengths. Examples include an employer, coach, volunteer coordinator or teacher. Do not wait until the last minute to get reference letters.

Self-Reporting your Grades & Transcripts

Once you have applied, many schools will ask you to be sure to give the Ministry of Education permission to provide the post-secondary institution your grades. We will be helping you with this on Wednesday & Thursday this week.

Watch the dates for self-reporting your marks. You may only have one chance, depending on the school, and they may want you to wait until you have your term two marks before you report.

See your counsellor if you need a printed transcript with the school seal.

Supplemental Applications, Portfolios, Auditions etc.

Be sure to check all application requirements and deadlines. Many programs require more than just an application form. There are separate deadline for providing supporting documents.

Admissions

When you get offers of admissions, be sure to check the deadlines to confirm your acceptance and make sure to apply for residence if you would like to stay in residence. You will need to give a deposit at some point to hold your spot in the school of your choice.

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