

# ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGIATE

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## Grad '21 Parent Meeting

Navigating the next 6-7 months – @ STMC & @ Home

# Tonight's Agenda



- Welcome & Introductions
- Navigating the next 6-7 months - *Steve Garland*
- School & PA Sponsored Graduation Events - *Steve Garland*
- Grade 12 Academic Counselling Update - *Hank Bouwman*
- Where to access information - *Yvonne DeWith*
- Q & A from the Chat - *All*





# Navigating the next 6-7 months

- ✓ Then vs Now... Us vs Them
- ✓ Gentle balance of *pushing-prodding-pulling*
- ✓ If in doubt... Love them “*more and more*”



# School & PA Sponsored 2021 Graduation Events



- Grade 12 Retreat #2 (April 2021)
- Graduation Mass (May 20, 2021)
- Grad Farewell Assembly (June 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>, 2021)
- Grad Breakfast (June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021)
- **Grad Banquet @ Vancouver Hotel?** (June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021)
- **Dry Grad Event @ Burnaby 8 Rinks?** (June 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>, 2021)
- Graduation Ceremonies (June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021)





# Grade 12 Academic Counselling Update

- ❖ Mr. Hank Bouwman – Sr. Academic Counselor
- ❖ Mr. John Spanjers - Academic Counselor
- ❖ Mrs. Yvonne DeWith Academic Counselor





# EASING THE STRESS



**FAQ! WILL MY SON OR DAUGHTER GRADUATE?**

**YES! WE HAVE SEVERAL CHECKS AND BALANCES IN PLACE TO ENSURE THAT OUR STUDENTS GRADUATE!**

**WE GO OVER STUDENT COURSE LOADS ALL THE TIME TO MAKE SURE STUDENTS MEET ALL THE REQUIREMENTS.**

**STMC STUDENTS GRADUATE; HOWEVER, OUR GOAL IS TO GIVE THEM OPPORTUNITIES TO KEEP OPTIONS OPEN AND SUCCEED AT THE POST-SECONDARY LEVEL!**

**IN ADDITION, POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS ARE WELL AWARE OF THE CHALLENGES THAT COVID PRESENTS TO STUDENTS BOTH FROM AN ACADEMIC AND ADMISSIONS POINT OF VIEW. THEY ARE BEING VERY ACCOMODATING!**



**ACADEMIC  
ASSEMBLIES**

**Alumni visits talking  
about stress**



**RELIGION 12  
CLASSES**

## **HOW ARE WE EASING THE STRESS?**

**CLC GOOGLE  
CLASSROOM**

**POST-SECONDARY  
INFO SESSIONS  
UBC/SFU have visited**

**DESPITE COVID, STUDENTS ARE GETTING THE INFORMATION THEY NEED!**

## PARENTAL LOVE AND SUPPORT

**These are tough academic days for the Grade 12's!**

**They are facing academic adversity and they know Admission Requirements are high. While we listen to all students' stories, now is the time to buckle down and work.**

**We do encourage students to keep working and keep their dreams alive.**

**It will not get easier at the next level.**

**They need to work Smarter, See their teacher. Study with friends.**

**These are the skills that will help them at the next level!**

I don't need that class!

Can I get another study?



It's hurting my GPA.

I don't learn well with that teacher.



# Remember! DIRECT ENTRY INTO UBC OR SFU IS NOT THE BEST FIT FOR EVERYONE.

Students are still shopping.  
All schools are offering virtual info  
sessions!



**Parents please have an Open Mind**  
to Technical schools, Colleges,  
Smaller BC Universities and  
Out of Province Universities

Institution Name	#
Briercrest College in Saskatchewan	1
Arizona State University	2
Arts Umbrella/Vancouver Community College	1
BCIT	6
Carleton University	1
Coquitlam Express Junior A Hockey	1
Douglas College	11
GAP	6
Johannes Gutenberg University	2
Justice Institute of BC	1
Kwantlen Polytechnic University)	3
Langara College	1
McGill University	1
Otis College of Art and Design	1
Queen's University	2
Romania	1
SFU	42
Trinity Western University	2
UBC	30
UBCO	1
University of Calgary	1
University of Toronto	3
University of Victoria	9

**Where  
the  
Grads  
of  
2020  
went!**

# THE APPLICATION PROCESS SIMPLIFIED

UNIVERSITY ADMISSION IS LARGELY **BASED ON GPA** NOT DATE OF APPLICATION.

There are a few key dates on the following slides.

There is no real advantage **to applying to a lot of schools**. Narrow down the list to legitimate options but always have a backup or two.

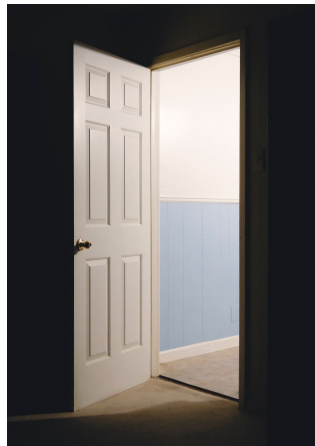
To apply students need to enter demographic information and pay a fee. Students do not **need in-progress grade 12** marks to apply.

They also need to know their intended **faculty or major**. This can be tricky. Schools offer sites to help with this process.

Students are not locked into a faculty for life.

It is very normal for students to **switch their majors. (70%) Why\$\$\$\$\$**

***Co-ops New opportunities Travelling options (Covid)***



# A FEW IMPORTANT DATES TO CONSIDER WITH RESPECT TO THE APPLICATION PROCESS!

## UBC EARLY ADMISSION DEADLINE: December 1st Very Competitive

This is the deadline for high achieving students want to be considered for Major scholarships and Early Admission.



Applying to UBC involves writing a ***Personal Profile***. ***It is more involved than the traditional application. You cannot do this in one night.***

If you do not get in during the first round of admissions, your application is still active but you may not find out your status until mid-March.

## UBC's REGULAR FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15TH

## SFU's APPLICATION SITE    October 1<sup>st</sup> (opens)- January 31<sup>st</sup>



SIMON FRASER  
UNIVERSITY

***December 15, 2020***      Undergraduate Scholars Entrance Scholarship application for the Fall term (Sept 2021) Competitive

***January 31, 2021***      Final deadline to apply for everyone else.

***April 30, 2021***      Application and documents for all other entrance financial aid

## OTHER IMPORTANT DEADLINES

**University of Toronto Final Deadline January 15, 2021**



**BCIT bound** students can apply at any time, if they know what they want to do. during the year. The earlier the better as it helps with waiting lists.

**Local colleges** have deadlines that extend into the new year. An earlier application date can impact course selection date.

Canadian schools located **outside BC** have application dates that go from mid-December on. For Ontario schools it is advantageous to apply by January 15th,

**US Schools** Students should apply early (by mid January at the latest) They must be prepared to write their SAT's

**DO YOUR OWN RESEARCH!**

# MARKS AND TRANSCRIPTS

**GRADS WILL RECEIVE MARKS ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS OVER THE YEAR.**

**Early December:** First Report Card

**Late January:** A special report for grade 12's only. It is timed to coincide with scholarship and admission deadlines with eastern schools

**Mid-March:** **This is the most important set of marks.** They confirm admission and awarding of scholarships.

**IMPORTANT STEP FOR ALL GRADS OF 2021! THEY MUST RELEASE THEIR MARKS. YOU CAN HELP!**

STUDENTS **MUST CREATE** AN ACCOUNT ON THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION SITE WHICH ALLOWS POST SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO ACCESS THEIR OFFICIAL MARKS. STUDENT WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THIS TASK WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL THAT LOOKS LIKE THIS. CHECK TO MAKE SURE YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER HAS RECEIVED THIS!



Your request was received successfully, and you will receive a confirmation email shortly. Transcript and certificate requests are processed within 3-6 business days and then sent by Canada Post standard letter mail service. Thank you.

Order #: 653057  
Transaction Id: 10119061

Total Amount: \$ 10.00  
Card Type: VI

Request Date: 11-OCT-2018  
Card Status: Approved

## Order Summary

Request to be sent to	Request	Quantity	Amount
ACADEMY OF LEARNING (LANGFORD)	Transcript	1	\$ 0.00
ACADEMY OF LEARNING (NANAIMO)	Transcript	1	\$ 10.00
Total Amount			\$ 10.00

Please print or save the receipt for your records.

# \$CHOLARSHIP\$

Typically the scholarships awarded in the fall are very competitive, but as the year unfolds numerous smaller scholarships become available. **There is no magic list.**

Students have been encouraged to register on scholarship search sites like **YCONIC (<https://yconic.com/>)** Or **Scholar Tree (<https://scholartree.ca/>)** These are reputable sites that make students aware of upcoming deadlines throughout the year.

Other sources to search

**athletic, cultural or religious clubs that students are affiliated with**  
**parents' places of work**  
**financial institutions**

Through the CLC blocks we will also have students do the preparation work required to apply for scholarships. We have also posted a list of External Scholarships that are awarded every year.

The list of STMC scholarships will be made official in the new year and all will have a deadline of early May or so.



**We have a good experienced team familiar with the process!**

**Trust the Post-Secondary Schools.**

**They know what your sons and daughters are up against.**

**We are lucky that STMC has such a good reputation with the post-secondary schools.**

**They want to have our students!**



# Where to find updated Post-Secondary Information...



While others prefer a step-by-step 'as needed' approach

Some prefer an 'overview' perspective



7450 12th Ave

Burnaby, BC V3N 2K1

- > Get on Trans-Canada Hwy/BC-1 E from Canada Way  
8 min (4.5 km)
- > Follow Trans-Canada Hwy/BC-1 E to 200 St in Langley Township. Take exit 58 from Trans-Canada Hwy/BC-1 E  
16 min (25.2 km)
- > Take 96 Ave, 208 St and Allard Crescent to Trans Canada Trail  
11 min (7.6 km)

Derby Reach Regional Park

21801 Allard Crescent, Langley Twp, BC V1M 3W1



# Where to find updated Post-Secondary Information...

## Overview Approach

- STMC website
- Academic Counselling Resource Guide

## As-needed Approach

- Post-Secondary Google Classroom
- Career Life Connections Course
- Email updates



# Where to find updated Post-Secondary Information...



Post-Secondary Information - St. Thomas More Collegiate

stthomasmorecollegiate.ca/programs/post-secondary-information/

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## POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION

Academics >

2019-2020 Course Selection

Music >

Extracurriculars >

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## STMC Career Counselling Resources

By  
[Academic Counselling Dept.]



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## Post-Secondary Information for Grade 12's 20-21

Grade 12

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## Career Life Connections 12

Rice Family

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# Where to find updated Grad Event Information...



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Faith – Campus Ministry | >

Student Leadership

Student Clubs & Groups

Student Support & Resources | >

Library

Athletics – Extracurricular | >

Grad News and Events

**HOME OF THE KNIGHTS**

A photograph of a group of female students in red and white uniforms cheering enthusiastically at an outdoor sports event. Some students are holding megaphones, and the background shows a chain-link fence and trees.

Thank You,  
Questions?

