



A Checklist For Graduation!

2011/2012 MONTH-BY-MONTH PLANNER FOR YOUR FINAL YEAR AT TERRY FOX

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The following information is provided to assist you in planning for graduation. If you have any questions about details, please visit or contact the Counselling or Career Centre.

SEPTEMBER

- Check graduation requirements! See your counsellor

Graduation Checklist: <u>Minimum Requirements</u> - at least 4 grade 12 level courses (including an EN 12) to grad.			
1. EN 10 with provincial exam	8. English 11	15.. a Grade 12 course	
2. a MA 10 with provincial exam	9. a Math 11	16. a Grade 10,11 or 12 elective	
3. Social Studies 10	10. a Social Studies 11 with provincial exam	17. a Grade 10,11 or 12 elective	
4. Science 10 with provincial exam	11. a Science 11	18. a Grade 10,11 or 12 elective	
5. Physical Education 10	12. an English 12 with provincial exam	19. a Grade 10,11 or 12 elective	
6. Planning 10	13. a Grade 12 course	20. Grad Transition Plan + 30 hrs of Work Experience or volunteer + 80 hrs of PE	
7. a Fine Art/Applied Skill 10/11/12	14. a Grade 12 course		

- Visit the Career Resource Facilitator in the Career Centre and/or your Counellor.
- Check the **English entrance requirements** for the university or college you will be applying to.
 - o You may need to write the **TOEFL exam** if you have been in an English speaking country less than 3 or 4 years. If you do not meet the requirement go to www.toefl.org to register to write the TOEFL exam.
- Check the **English 12 proficiency requirements** of the BC university/college you will be applying to.
 - o You may need to write the **LPI exam**. Go to www.lpi.bc.ca
- If you are **planning to go to the US**, register for the **SAT exam** (required by most US universities)
 - o www.sat.collegeboard.com/register
 - o **Registration Dates** – see website
 - o Country code: **651**
 - o High school code: **821273 (only if you register by paper or mail)**
 - o Test centre codes in the Lower Mainland:
 - See website: www.sat.collegeboard.com

SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 28 @ 8am** - Attend our first **SCHOLARSHIP MEETING** in the Library Computer Lab

OCTOBER

- Sept. 28** - **Canadian Universities Event at Riverside Secondary School**
- Oct. 1** - **BCIT** begins accepting applications for admission for Technology Programs for Sept. 2011 entry. Applications for Trades programs are accepted on an ongoing basis. Apply anytime and be put on a waitlist. Go to www.applybc.ca to apply.
- Attend information meetings, open house presentations, etc. at any post secondary school as advertised.
- Oct. 15** - **Douglas College** begins accepting applications for admission for Sept. entry. Go to www.applybc.ca to apply.
- Applying to an Ontario University? Do your research! To apply go to www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-105/

NOVEMBER

- Watch for information on HALLWAY MONITORS and in the *RAVEN* + see your counsellor
- PSI (Post Secondary Selections) Form:** ALL Grade 12 students who intend on pursuing post secondary in Sept. 2011 must complete this online form. Go to <https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/>
This will allow your marks to be forwarded from the Ministry of Education.
Deadline is April 30, 2012.
- Grad Photos** – at Terry Fox (you need to book a time: on-line – go to school website for instructions.
- Nov. 2 @ 7pm** - **Post Secondary Evening at Terry Fox**
- UBC, SFU, UVic and other universities begin to accept applications now...watch *RAVEN* & MONITORS
- Nov. 16 @ 8am** - **Attend Scholarship Meeting #2** in the Library Computer Lab.
- Grad Photo re-takes

DECEMBER

- Continue to apply for Post Secondary Schools: Go to www.applybc.ca for institutions in BC. Make note of your college/university student number that you are given. Ms. Moorhouse is happy to assist students in the Career Centre.
- Prepare for January Final Exams...form a study group...attend a seminar...scholarship is related to academic performance

JANUARY

- January 11 @ 8am** - Attend Scholarship Meeting #3 on in the Library Computer Lab
- January 23 – 27** • Provincial Exams
Check government exam schedule carefully and note the date/time/location of your exams and make sure you **have PHOTO ID ready**
- Jan. 31** – application deadline for UBC
- Prepare for Major Entrance Scholarships now
- Do you plan to make a spring tour of any schools you might want to attend? See Career Centre for assistance
- Interested in attending an Ontario University? APPLY NOW! Go to www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-105/

FEBRUARY

- Feb 8 @ 8am** - Attend Scholarship Meeting #4 in the Library Computer Lab
- Feb 28** - application deadline for SFU and UVic
- Settle in for your last semester of high school....KEEP YOUR MARKS UP...you're in the home stretch
- Watch hallway monitors and *Raven* for announcements

MARCH

- March 7 @ 8am** - Attend Scholarship Meeting #5 in the Library Computer Lab
- SCHOLARSHIPS...majority of applications now DUE
- LOCALLY SPONSORED AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES WILL BE AVAILABLE THIS MONTH FOR APPLICATION**

APRIL

- April 4** - Grad Assembly
- Terry Fox may offer the **LPI exam** on ...watch *Raven* or hallway monitors. LPI can also be written at several other locations in the lower mainland.
- April 18 @ 8am** - Attend **FINAL Scholarship Meeting** in the Library Computer Lab
- Valedictorian Speeches**
- Local scholarship applications are DUE NOW**
- April 27** – **Commencement Message** due at 2:00pm via school website
- April 29** - Deadline for online **Post Secondary Selections (PSI) Form**

MAY

- Semester One final marks and Semester Two marks (from March report card)** are sent from the Ministry of Education to Post Secondary Schools so they can make offers of **ADMISSION**.
- May 10** - **Guest Approval Forms** due 3:30pm to Mr. Hyde
- May 16** – **Valedictorian Nomination Forms** due at noon to Mrs. Murphy
- May 14 – 18** - **Grad Dinner/Dance & After Grad Tickets** at lunch in commons area near conference room
- May 24 & 25** - **Dinner/Dance table reservation** in Commons area, near the Raven's Nest
- May 30** – **Valedictorian Speeches** in Block C in the Theatre
- May 31** – **Awards Night** at lunch in commons area near conference room
- Prepare for June final exams. Record dates in Agenda Book
- Accept or decline offer(s) from post secondary schools

JUNE

- BC/Canada Student Loan application is open: www.studentaidbc.ca
- STUDY** for final exams this month & check exam schedule (have photo ID on day of gov. exam)
- June 1** - **Grad Dinner/Dance**, 6:00 pm – midnight, (New Vancouver Trade + Convention Centre)
(Grad Portraits at dance: 6pm – 10pm)

- June 2 - After Grad**, Midnight – 5:00 am, Terry Fox Secondary
- June 6 – Grad Breakfast**, 7:45am in commons area
- June 19 - Commencement rehearsal**, Block E, Gym - **Cap and Gown pick-up** in small gym
- June 28 - Commencement Ceremony**, 7:00 pm, Orpheum Theatre or Queen Elizabeth Theatre. Be there by 6:00 pm. You will receive 4 tickets for your family members (you can buy more if needed)
- June 20 – 28 • Provincial Exam Schedule**

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- Scholar’s Dinner**

JULY AND AUGUST

- You will receive transcripts at the end of July letting you know if you graduated or not.
- You will likely register and choose courses at Post Secondary School. The higher your marks, the earlier you will be able to choose your courses.
- You may wish to go to an orientation session at a post secondary school.

If you win an award or scholarship send the sponsor a LETTER OF THANKS. Also, don’t forget to thank others who helped you along the way eg: school secretary, teachers, etc. Let Ms. Ward or Ms. Moorhouse know if you win an award so you will be acknowledged at commencement.

The Association of Universities & Colleges of Canada	www.aucc.ca
B.C. Post Secondary Application System	www.applybc.ca
B.C. Government Financial Info Site	www.canlearn.ca
B.C. Transfer Guide	www.bctransferguide.ca
Ontario University Application Site	www.ouac.on.ca
Apprenticeship Information.....	www.itabc.ca
Aboriginal Youth Network.....	www.ayn.ca
U.S. Colleges and Universities	www.utexas.edu/world/univ
Port Secondary Options in B.C.....	www.educationplanner.ca
Scholarships	www.scholarshipscanada.com