“A Year of Decision”

**Purpose:** Decisions regarding post-secondary destinations must begin NOW. It is a personal process. Apprenticeships? College? Upgrading? Work? University?

**Dates:** Coll./Univ. Preparation Workshops at Holy Trinity Catholic H.S. are held on September 12, 15, 16 and 18. Sign up for a workshop that is presented during your spare if possible. Sign up lists are in Guidance. It is a good idea to get a binder or accordion file to keep all of your post-secondary information.

- Equal consideration date for submission of university applications: **January 14, 2015**
- Equal consideration date for submission of college applications: **February 1, 2015**

**Community Service:**
Community service hours must be completed by **April 1** of the graduation year at the latest. Not completing and submitting the required paperwork for a minimum of 40 hours of community service involvement by April 1, 2015 also means that your child’s grad photo will not appear in the yearbook, your child will not be on the graduating class composite, and your child’s name will not be included in the Holy Trinity Catholic Graduation Program. These deadlines are hard deadlines with our partnering companies, and as a result cannot be altered. We are asking for your help at this time. Please sit down with your child to create a plan for when and where to complete these hours. If your child needs suggestions for completing this graduation requirement, please visit our school website, see posters throughout our school, and visit the Guidance or Chaplain’s Office.

**Graduation:**
Please mark your calendar for our **Graduation Ceremony at 6:00pm on Thursday June 25, 2015**. Your child has worked hard over his/her high school career to hopefully meet the other graduation requirements by June of the graduating year, including 30 credits, 40 hours of community service, and successful completion of the OSSLT or OSSLC. Please note that all three of these criteria must be met for your child to attend and participate in the graduation ceremony. In addition, graduation gowns are ordered in April, and without one your child will not be able to participate in the graduation ceremony. We have been blessed with the opportunity to help your child meet with success. Please do not hesitate to contact the Guidance Office if you have questions or concerns to ensure your child graduates this year.

**University and College Application Process:**
Applications will be submitted on-line. The Guidance Office will assist you with your application and submits all grade and personal information electronically when requested by OCAS (college) and OUAC (university). It is your responsibility to ensure that all information submitted to these centres is accurate so please check the sites regularly. Grades are submitted in: Nov., Feb., Apr. and July. Keep us informed of courses you take outside of HTCHS so that we can inform OCAS or OUAC.

**Post-Secondary Requirements:**

**College:**
Colleges look at all of your Grade 12 marks, and sometimes Grade 11 marks, and in some cases ask for specific courses. You may need to complete an entrance exam (general knowledge + some math and english), and for specific programs a portfolio/interview/audition will be required (i.e. drama and fine arts).
Website: [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)
University:
You must complete 6 Grade 12 U or M courses. In math, science and english, these will be U level courses; in humanities, technical areas, the universities will accept M level courses.
Example: B.A. History: English U + 5 U and/or M courses
         B.Sc.: English U, Math U, Biology U, Chemistry U, maybe a second Math,
                 maybe Physics U, + 1 additional U or M
A portfolio and/or some testing may be required.
The university will look at your Gr. 11 marks for early admission.
Website: www.ouac.on.ca
More information: www.electronicinfo.ca
Note: All Grade 12 marks are sent (i.e. full disclosure). You have until 5 days after the first reporting period (midterms) to remove a course from your transcript. After that time, the course code is recorded on the transcript with a withdrawal notation and the current mark.

College/University Transfer Agreements:
Want to see if one school accepts credits from another? Visit www.ocutg.on.ca or check school calendars.

Not Sure?
Sessions for those who wish to pursue careers/apprenticeships will be set up on demand. Please visit Guidance to request this workshop.
More information: www.careercruising.com Login: simcoese Password: 32010

Awards:
An OSAP advisor will be in the school in the late spring to assist you with your financial planning for post-secondary education. All post-secondary institutions offer scholarships and bursaries to incoming students based on grades and possibly financial need. The higher your grade the more money you may receive. There will be award applications to fill out for the HTHS graduation awards. See Mrs. Nogalo.
You may try websites such as www.studentawards.com to find available scholarships. 30% off Tuition website: www.ontario.ca/education-and-training/30-off-ontario-tuition Apply for everything!

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