



Elphinstone Secondary

Grade 12 NEWSLETTER: October 2011

Upcoming Dates

Oct 7 UBC rep. visit to Elphi
(8:50-9:50 AM Library)

Oct 19 Vancouver Community
College Info. Night-Broadway
Campus (go to vcc.ca)

Nov 2 Big Info Session at BCIT.
Burnaby campus.

Nov 7 Gr. 12 meeting in B
block: post-secondary/
scholarships.

Nov 14 Post-secondary schools
visit 8:50 -10:55 AM.

Jan 26: AM: English 12
provincial exam. PM: COM 12
exam

Apr 19 LPI at Elphinstone

Graduation Requirements

To graduate in BC you need 80 credits which include: English 10,11,12, Socials 10, 11, Science 10,11, Math 10,11, PE 10, Planning 10, a Fine Arts or Applied Skills course, Graduation Transition and 7 electives (at least three of which must be grade 12 level). Come into the counselling office to check your credits with your counsellor if you want.

Ontario Universities

If you plan to attend university in Ontario you must apply to a central application centre instead of to each university. Apply online at www.ouac.on.ca/105. You should apply now.

US Colleges and Universities

If you plan to attend post secondary in the United States you must write the Scholastic Aptitude Test. Application booklets are available in the Counselling Dept.

Scholarships

We will review scholarship opportunities at our Nov. 7th meeting. For private and non profit opportunities view www.studentawards.com/ and studentscholarships.org
The following scholarship applications are now available:

Oct 15/Feb 15/June 15 Credit Union Foundation of BC
Education Awards (www.cufoundation.org/InformationforPostSecondaryStudents.htm.)

Oct 20 Loran Award. (www.loranaward.ca). (formerly Canada Merit Scholarship)

Oct 31 Canada Trust Scholarship for Community Leadership
(www.tdcanadatrust.com/scholarship)

Provincial Scholarship Money

It used to be that \$1000 (or \$2500 for top 20 students in BC) was awarded based on English 12 and optional grade 12 provincial exams. There are no longer any optional grade 12 exams. Now provincial scholarships are based on your performance on the 5 required provincial exams (EN 10, SC 10, a Math 10, SS 11 and either COM 12 or EN 12). Thus all grade 12 students will be automatic candidates. You must have at least a "B" final grade in EN 12/COM 12 and of the five required exams you must have at least 3 "Bs" and one "A" as

exam scores. See counsellors if you wish to rewrite any past exams.

Post-Secondary in General

The counsellors will meet with grade 12s on Monday Nov. 7th in B1-second block. We will discuss how to apply for post-secondary, application requirements, and financing your post-secondary education (scholarships/bursaries/loans). The next week on Nov. 14th nine post-secondary schools will visit Elphi in the AM (8:50-10:50). Students will have the opportunity to visit with a rep from three schools (each session is 35 minutes). In the meantime, students should be going to webpages of individual schools to research entrance requirements.

BCIT and Langara

If you are thinking of applying to BCIT the majority of the programs are on a first-come first serve basis so the sooner you apply the better (applications accepted Oct. 1). Programs which don't fit this description will be on the BCIT webpage (bcit.ca). Apply online at bcit.ca or get application form in the Counselling Dept. Langara's applications open Oct. 1st and most programs are also on a first-come-first serve basis.

SFU

Basic English/Math Admission Requirements

English requirements: Minimum of 60 % blended final mark in English 12 or English Lit 12 (exam and school mark combined) for general admission. For English proficiency: need 75 % in blended English 12 . If 60-74 % must take LPI (score a 4 on the essay portion and at least 50 % on all portions of the test) or register directly in to Foundations of Academic Literacy (FAN X99). Math requirements: 70 % in Math 11 or Principles 12. If 60-69 % in Math 11 or Principles 12 student must take FAN-X99-4 at SFU or score at least 20/30 in SFU's Q Placement Test (within the first 3 terms at SFU).