



After Eastview



September 2017 Entrance Information for Post-Secondary Studies in Apprenticeship, College and University

Eastview Guidance annually holds two assemblies for grade 12 potential graduates. The information presented there, in combination with what you will read in this package, will provide the foundation for what you need to know about next steps and due dates in preparation for post-secondary studies *After Eastview*. Guidance Counsellors are always available to answer your questions. Make an appointment with your Counsellor, according to surname alphabet group, and bring us your research questions any time!

What Should You Be Doing NOW?

In addition to carefully reading through this information, sharing it with your parent/guardian, and transferring important dates to your personal calendar:

- **** Review carefully your status sheet to ensure you have 30 credits to graduate and have completed the compulsory credit requirements. Double check that your current timetable meets all admission requirements and pre-requisites that you will need for your program at University, College, or Apprenticeship. ****
- Ensure your community service hours are completed; we ask that all documentation of completion be submitted by May 31. Many scholarship and award donors will ask about your volunteer involvement on their applications.
- Ensure you have school email access; Guidance will be sending important messages to your school email account. Colleges and universities will also correspond by email.
- Update your MyBlueprint account and RESEARCH, RESEARCH, RESEARCH!
- If you are applying to an Apprenticeship your Guidance Counsellor or Coop Teacher can get you connected with the local Apprenticeship Office.
- Plan to attend sessions when College and University representatives visit Eastview. There is a complete listing of dates and times in this booklet and in the Guidance Office; please sign up in Guidance. (Listen to announcements for potential changes to room locations.)
- If you wish to read through a hard copy of a school's course calendar stop by Guidance and you are welcome to take any for which we have more than one copy. You can also get your own copy by contacting the College or University directly or picking one up from a representative who visits Eastview. Most calendars can also be downloaded online.

Applying to a College or a University

ALL College and University applications for students currently on roll at Eastview are completed **electronically**. The application web sites and deadlines are listed in this booklet. Guidance Counsellors are available to help if you have any questions and there are step-by-step handouts available in the Guidance Office too. Make an appointment in Guidance and bring your research information and account access details if you need support.

Ontario University Applications Due: January 11, 2017

Ontario College Applications Due: February 1, 2017

HELP SESSIONS for all applications on December 21 & 22 in the Library at both lunches!

The Year of a 2016-17 Potential Graduate At-A-Glance!

Semester One

September

- The *After Eastview* information package is distributed following the graduate information sessions: Thursday, September 22 pd. 5 and/or Monday, September 26 pd. 1
- Log on to MyBlueprint to update your information and research post-secondary programs.

October

- All graduates will receive appointments in Guidance for a **GRAD CHECK**. Do not miss this **extremely important** meeting with your Guidance Counsellor.
- College and University Representatives begin to arrive to speak to students; visits go through the beginning of December and a complete listing of dates and times is available in this booklet and in the Guidance Office. (Listen to announcements for potential changes to room locations.)
- October 13 – Parent/Teacher Night
- The SCDSB creates an electronic file for each potential graduate at Eastview and registers this file with the College (OCAS) and University (OUAC) Application Services.

November

- The College Application Server is open and ready for applications. Students can go online, set up their own account, and apply at www.ontariocolleges.ca You will need your OEN number (available from the Guidance Secretary and on any copy of your status sheet). Step-by-step instructions are available in the Guidance Office if you get stuck.
- Nov. 21 - Midterm Report Cards are issued. The first semester midterm marks are sent to the Colleges. First semester midterm marks are **NOT** sent to the Universities. Final marks from semester 1 and midterm marks from semester two are sent to both the Colleges and the Universities; then the Colleges and Universities make decisions.
- Around Nov. 20 the PINs for University applications will arrive in Guidance. Listen to the announcement for details about picking up your PIN number. *Please do not have your parent/guardian call the Guidance Office to inquire about your PIN number; they will be distributed as soon as they arrive.* Apply online at www.ouac.on.ca Step-by-step instructions are available in the Guidance Office if you get stuck.
- Nov. 25 - Full Disclosure is implemented. This means that a first semester course must be officially dropped before this date or the student's mark in that course at the time of the drop will be recorded on the student's official transcript.
- Students are welcome to make a follow-up appointment with their Guidance Counsellor to discuss their post-secondary education plans.

December

- If you are taking a night school or e-learning course you should see your Guidance Counsellor to ensure these courses are manually entered into your application for College or University, as necessary.
- Check whether the College or University you are applying to has any secondary application criteria; in some cases an online PSE (personal statement of experience), essay, test, audition or portfolio will be required.

January

- Applications to Ontario Universities are due January 11, 2017 for equal consideration*. The cost is \$150 for 3 program choices. (Note that some schools may limit the number of programs you can apply to.) Each additional choice is \$50; payment is by credit card. **Apply early** as the server gets bogged down the closer you get to the deadline.
(For College information see: February)
- Out-of-province and U.S. school deadlines and requirements may vary from Ontario deadlines. It is your responsibility to check individual school websites for deadline information.

Semester Two

February

- Applications to Ontario Colleges are due February 1, 2017 for equal consideration*. The cost is \$95 for 5 program choices (not more than 3 programs at one school); you cannot make additional choices. Payment is by credit card.
- Feb. 17 – Semester 1 Final Report Cards are issued.

March

- Some Universities and Colleges may send out Early Offers of Admission to students who graduated in January or who have high qualifying marks but have not graduated yet.
- March 23 – Parent/Teacher Night

April

- Apr. 27 - Midterm Report Cards are issued

May

- May 1 – College applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission by this date.
- May 5 - Full Disclosure is implemented. This means that a second semester course must be officially dropped by this date or the student's mark in that course at the time of the drop will be recorded on the student's official transcript.
- All College and University applicants' midterm results are electronically transmitted to the appropriate College and University by the Board Office. Universities begin their final selection process.
- University applicants shall expect a response from an Ontario University (the latest date was by May 27 in 2016). The response will be one of a conditional offer of admission, a refusal, or a deferral pending the receipt of specific additional information. Check with your particular school for their policy and procedure.
- May 26 - Prom
- May 31 – Final day to have community service hours submitted and cap and gown orders made for Commencement.
- Check for your name on the Grad List posted outside Guidance and the Library. If you think you are graduating and your name is not there, see your Guidance Counsellor immediately!

June

- June 1 - This is the earliest date that you may be required to respond to an offer of admission for university and give a financial commitment.
- June 9 - Grad Breakfast and Penny Renton
- University applicants shall respond and accept one offer of admission by the stated University due date. Watch dates closely for residence applications!
- Once an offer to a College or University is accepted, students can then apply for OSAP. OSAP applications are submitted electronically at <http://osap.gov.on.ca>
- June 29 – Commencement at Eastview Arena

Reminders:

Colleges and Universities must be able to contact you directly through an **accurate email address** throughout the application process. Be sure the address you supply is for an account you check regularly.

Are you taking a course outside of Eastview through Night School, e-Learning, or Summer School 2017? Did you take a course in the summer of 2016? You are encouraged to work closely with your Guidance Counsellor throughout the application process to **ensure that the course(s) you are taking outside of Eastview are registered in your application account**. In some cases you must register the course through your Guidance Counsellor and bring in paper copies of midterm and final marks. Your Counsellor may need to manually enter some course information into your account.

University & College Visits 2016-17 *(Listen to announcements for potential room changes)*
(School representatives visit Eastview)

School	Day	Date	Month	Year	Time	Room
University of Ottawa	Monday	3	Oct	2016	11:00 a.m.	209
Redeemer University	Tuesday	4	Oct	2016	12:00 p.m.	209
Niagara College	Wednesday	5	Oct	2016	12:00 p.m.	209
Lakehead University	Thursday	6	Oct	2016	12:00 p.m.	209
Carleton University	Friday	7	Oct	2016	12:00 p.m.	209
Centennial College	Tuesday	11	Oct	2016	12:00 p.m.	209
Georgian College	Wednesday	12	Oct	2016	12:00 p.m.	209
Nipissing University	Thursday	13	Oct	2016	12:00 p.m.	209
University of Guelph	Friday	14	Oct	2016	11:00 a.m.	209
University of New Brunswick	Monday	17	Oct	2016	11:00 a.m.	209
Wilfrid Laurier University	Tuesday	18	Oct	2016	12:00 p.m.	209
Canadore College	Monday	24	Oct	2016	11:00 a.m.	209
Ontario College Information Program	Thursday	27	Oct	2016	12:30 to 2:30 p.m.	@ Georgian
Trent University	Friday	28	Oct	2016	11:00 a.m.	209
University of Windsor	Monday	31	Oct	2016	12:00 p.m.	209
Fleming College	Tuesday	1	Nov	2016	12:00 p.m.	209
Ryerson University	Wednesday	3	Nov	2016	12:15 p.m.	209
King's @ Western University	Friday	4	Nov	2016	12:00 p.m.	209
Georgian College Open House	Saturday	5	Nov	2016	All Day	@ Georgian
Humber College	Wednesday	9	Nov	2016	12:00 p.m.	209
Bishop's University	Thursday	10	Nov	2016	12:00 p.m.	209
Brescia @ Western University	Monday	14	Nov	2016	12:00 p.m.	209
Huron University College@Western University	Tuesday	15	Nov	2016	12:00 p.m.	209
Western University	Thursday	17	Nov	2016	12:00 p.m.	209
University of Waterloo	Tuesday	22	Nov	2016	12:00 p.m.	209
Conestoga College	Wednesday	23	Nov	2016	11:00 a.m.	209
University of Guelph/Humber	Thursday	24	Nov	2016	11:00 a.m.	209

Important Websites

MyBlueprint – www.myblueprint.ca/simcoe

→ **One-Stop Shop!** Interest surveys, occupation planner, post-secondary planner, resume builder, job prospects, actual job ads for current vacancies; this site has it all! Log in with your school email address and be sure to cross reference the information you find with particular school websites for programs of interest (*i.e. not all programs may be listed in a general search*).

Ontario Universities – www.ouac.on.ca

→ Every University program in Ontario is described on this site as well as their admission requirements and **minimum admission average** to get accepted. **All University applications, offers and acceptances are managed through this site too.**

→ **eINFO** - www.electronicinfo.ca can also help with your university planning!

Ontario Colleges – www.ontariocolleges.ca

→ Every College program offered in Ontario is described on this site as well as their admission requirements. Note that many colleges offer bachelor degree opportunities (*i.e. university level*) as well as diploma programs and prerequisites will vary significantly. Check with your Guidance Counsellor to ensure you qualify for the program you want. Also check out the post-graduate certificate programs by doing a “credential” search to discover possible options for gaining employability skills after your undergraduate degree. **All College applications, offers and acceptances are managed through this site too.**

Apprenticeships – www.oyap.com; www.apprenticesearch.com;
www.skilledtrades.ca; www.skillsontario.com

→ Lots of details about the Trades on these sites; you can start an apprenticeship while you’re still in high school by being registered in the OYAP program.

Career Cruising – www.careercruising.com (Login: Simcoe Password: 30610)

→ Another source of information about careers and the programs to get you there; also includes lots of apprenticeship information.

Jackson Vocational Interest Survey (JVIS) - <https://www.jvis.com/>

→ See your Guidance Counsellor to obtain a confidential password for this 45-minute interest inventory.

Also Check Out:

www.collegeboard.org – If you are interested in SAT’s and admission to schools in the U.S.

www.ontransfer.ca – Lists transfer agreements for transitioning from college programs to universities.

www.schoolfinder.com - Explore schools across Canada and the world!

Financial Aid

(adapted from the eINFO website, August 2016)

There are many different ways for you to pay for your post-secondary studies. Scholarships and awards can help to fund your education and are available through most Universities and Colleges. You are not required to repay these scholarships and awards. Some are awarded based on financial need; others are awarded based on community involvement or academic achievement. Some scholarships require an application, while others do not. In some circumstances spending a year after high school in employment before attending college or university can be helpful.

Reminder: Scholarships that require an application may have early deadlines – make sure that you do your research and apply on time.

Plan to attend one of our Bursary/Scholarship Workshops this Fall:
Wednesday, September 28 – pd. 3 in the Library
Thursday, September 29 – pd. 4 in the Library
Wednesday, October 26 – 7:00 pm in the Café; all are welcome!

You should be registered at www.scholarshipscanada.com and www.yconic.com

Government

Ontario Student Assistance Plan (OSAP)

OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Plan) provides loans to students pursuing post-secondary studies, based on financial need. OSAP loans are interest-free until you have graduated from College or University, and you start repaying the loans six months after you have graduated. Find details at: <http://osap.gov.on.ca> (Remember, you don't apply for OSAP until after you have accepted an offer at a college or university.)

The Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities operates a “**30% off Ontario Tuition**” program to help reduce tuition for students and their families. For more info visit: <http://osap.gov.on.ca>

Loans/Lines of Credit

If your parents' household income is too high, OSAP may not cover all the costs of College or University. In this case, you may want to look into personal bank loans or lines of credit. Unlike OSAP, bank loans DO charge interest immediately.

Other Sources?

There are many organizations and companies around the country that offer scholarships, awards and prizes, often based on competition. You must actively seek out and apply for these awards. The Internet is a great source of information – do your research and remember to apply early. It's also worthwhile to look into scholarships offered by organizations or community groups that you or your family belong to, as these groups often have special scholarships available only to members and their families. Check out: www.scholarshipscanada.com and www.yconic.com

Planning to Work and Save?

Contact the Career Centre at their Bayfield Mall location (705-725-8990 x45200) for employment services and business directories; computers and Internet access; occupational information; education and training resources; print resources, templates, information sessions for resumes, cover letters, interviews; other job searching and career planning resources.

Considering a Gap Year?

There are many travel and volunteer opportunities that can help develop your personal insight, leadership skills, and real world skills. Examples can be found at: www.osca.ca and <http://www.gapyearcanada.com>

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What are YOU doing After Eastview, Wildcat?

* The ‘*equal consideration*’ deadline is the due date for applying to highly competitive programs if you want your application to be considered on an equal basis with all other applicants. After the equal consideration date, applications for open program spaces will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis.