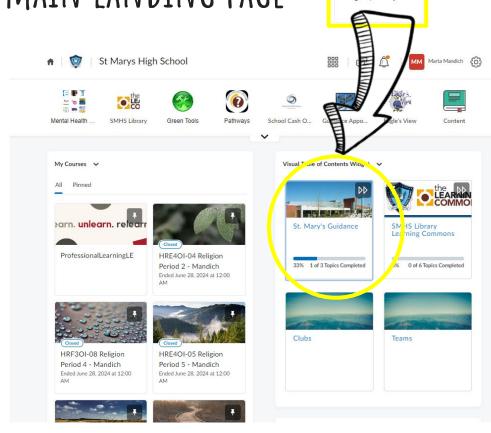
GRADE 12 - BIG YEAR



Postsecondary Presentation 2025

GUIDANCE D2L PAGE - ON YOUR MAIN LANDING PAGE CHECK REGULARLY! * St Marys High School

- Resources community service opportunities, postsecondary, scholarship opportunities
- Reminders deadlines for applications
- Important dates (ie. Grad photos in December & March)



D2L

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OUAC/OCAS DISCLOSURE FORM ON SCHOOLCASHONLINE

- This form must be completed ASAP or your marks will NOT be shared with Colleges or Universities
- If your marks aren't shared, you aren't going.



Only Ontario College Application Service (OCAS)

Only Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC)

Not applying for post-secondary education this year

Both OCAS and OUAC

POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION Consent

ACCESSIBILITY:

To request this file in large print, please email aoda@wcdsb.ca or call (519) 578-3660.

It is your responsibility to provide this consent form to your guidance counsellor if you choose to apply for post-secondary education. If this form is not returned at registration, your information will not be shared with the Ontario College Application Centre (OCAS) and/or the Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC).

Ontario College Application Centre (OCAS) and/o	or the Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC).
Name of Student:	N C 100 C 100 C
(Ple	ease print first and last name)
I give my consent for	School to share my personal
information for the purpose of applying to a post-sec	condary institution with the following agencies:
 Ontario College Application Centre (OCAS) and 	/or
Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC)	
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION RELEASE	
Any questions related to the release of this informati	on should be directed to the school principal.
My signature below indicates that permission is grammy marks, credit history and relevant demographic in	nted to the Waterloo Catholic District School Board to release information to:
Please check your choice(s):	



Will be available on School Cash Online soon. Information will be shared via announcements.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

40 hours community service & submit hours

Meet the OSSLT requirement (Pass the test or take OLC)

18 compulsory credits

12 elective credits

2 eLearn credits

(or complete
opt-out form)

GRADUATION & CONVOCATION

St. Mary's Convocation will occur in June, 2026.

Graduation - You have met all of the requirements discussed on the previous slide.

Convocation - Ceremony to celebrate the whole class of 2026 regardless of graduation status.

SHSM REQUIREMENTS



- Have you completed all of your certifications?
- Do you meet all of the course requirements?
- If you are not on track, you will be removed from SHSM
- Check your SHSM report,
 High Skills website or
 email Ms. Byrne if you have questions.



GAP YEAR

Thinking about returning for 1 or 2 semesters? Details about this to come in January - not guaranteed.

Consider work, travel, volunteer opportunities before starting postsecondary.



WORKPLACE

- OSSD preferred
- Social Insurance Number
- Resume and cover letter
- Local employment agencies
 - Starling Community Services
 (formerly Lutherwood):

Employment Services

<u>FindYourJob.ca</u> - local connection to employment





- Requires OSSD
- Research and find employer, then register with Ministry of Training, Colleges & Universities
- Consider pre-apprenticeship options at College (Prereq)
- Research grants
- Apprenticesearch.com connect with employers, job outlook
- Start an Apprenticeship Guide



COLLEGE VS UNIVERSITY

College

- Smaller classes
- Hands-on learning and theory
- Career training and trades
- Certificates, Diplomas and Degrees
- 1 4 year programs

University

- Larger classes
- Lecture style
- Academic and professional programs
- Degrees Bachelors, Masters
- 3 4+ year programs

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

College

- OSSD
- Grade 12 English (College or University level)
- Program specific requirements
- Information session
- Portfolio/Interview

University

- OSSD
- Grade 12 University English
- 6 Grade 12 U/M level courses (including English 4U)
- Program specific requirements
- Supplemental information form

RESEARCH, RESEARCH, & RESEARCH SOME MORE!

College

- <u>OntarioColleges.ca</u>
- On-campus fall open house visits & Virtual Visits
- College Fair Not happening this year in Toronto
- Regional Fair at Conestoga College Sept 24-25th

University

- OUInfo.ca
- On-campus fall open house visits & Virtual Visits
- University Fair: September 27-28th in Toronto (<u>OntarioUniversitiesEvents.ca</u>)
- Regional Fair at UW October
 16th

DETERMINE THE COURSES AND AVERAGES NEEDED TO GET INTO YOUR PROGRAMS. FIND WHAT SCHOOLS OFFER YOUR PROGRAMS.

OntarioColleges.ca



Admissions - January 2026

Admission requirements

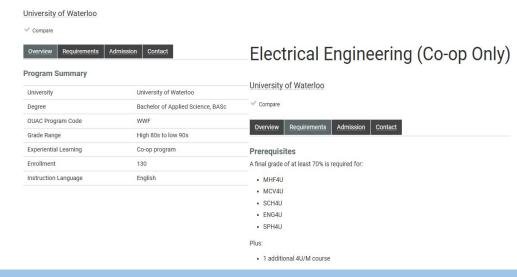
- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD), or equivalent, or 19 years of age
 or older with mature student status (See Mature Student definition for
 details.)
- Grade 12 compulsory English, C or U, or equivalent, OR Conestoga College Preparatory Communications (COMM1251), or equivalent
- Grade 11 or 12 Math, C or U, OR Conestoga College Preparatory Mathematics for Applied Arts and Community Services (MATH1215)
- One Science: Grade 11 or 12 Physics, Chemistry, Biology or Exercise Science, C or U, or Grade 11 or 12 Science (SNC3M) or (SNC4M) or equivalent, OR Conestoga College Preparatory Chemistry (SCIE1030) or Biology (SCIE1010)
- · For more information on preparatory programs, visit Academic Upgrading

Canadian admissions contact

■ admissions@conestogac.on.ca

OUInfo.ca

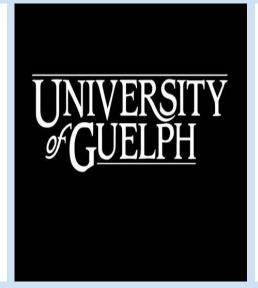
Electrical Engineering (Co-op Only)



POSTSECONDARY FAIR - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

- During periods 1 & 2 in the Caf and lower forum
- Variety of Colleges, Universities & Employers to connect with









APPLICATION PROCESS

** ONLY COMPLETED ONLINE APPLICATIONS WILL BE PROCESSED - INCLUDES PAYMENT PROCESSING TIME AND GRADES SUBMISSION

College

- Ontariocolleges.ca
- Create account & apply to programs
- \$150 Apply to 5 programs, no more than 3 at any one college
- Deadline February 1st, 2026

University

- <u>OUAC.on.ca</u> (Select Undergrad)
- Create account & apply to programs
- \$156 Apply to 3 programs (\$50 for each additional choice)(plus supplemental fees if applicable)
- Deadline January 15th, 2026

Websites will NOT be open for account registration until early October!

APPLYING TO COLLEGE - ONTARIOCOLLEGES. CA



- Canadian applicants (Citizen, Permanent Resident, Refugee)
- International (fee-paying, study permit or work permit)

- Will need OEN (found on report cards)
- Use legal name (not preferred)
- Select St. Mary's High School,
 Kitchener



APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY - OUAC.ON.CA



- Will need OEN (found on report cards)
- Use legal name (not preferred)
- Select St. Mary's High School, Kitchener











Am I a Group A or Group B applicant?

The Undergraduate application is a smart application and will automatically put you in the right group. If you make changes to your application, your group may change.

Your program selection, admission requirements and deadlines may vary, depending on whether you are a Group A or Group B applicant.

- Canadian applicants (Citizen, Permanent Resident, Refugee)
- International (fee-paying, study permit or work permit)



You are a Group A applicant if **all** of the following are true:

 You are currently taking 1 or more courses at an Ontario high school

and

You are under 21

and

 You have an OSSD or are working toward an OSSD with six 4U/M courses



You are a Group B applicant if you do not meet the Group A criteria.

For example, you are:

- Not currently taking a course at an Ontario high school
- · A Canadian outside of Ontario
- An international applicant
- A transfer student
- A mature applicant
- 21 or over and taking a course at an Ontario high school

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Scholarships

- Websites (linked on handout)
- Employment (yours & family)
- Community
- Scholarship Report (myBP)
- Apply early!

Consider Postsecondary Co-Op Programs

Paid work terms

Bursaries

 Based on financial need. Apply after you have accepted to your school.

OSAP

- <u>Complete Estimator</u> to determine eligibility
- Apply after you have accepted to your school

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

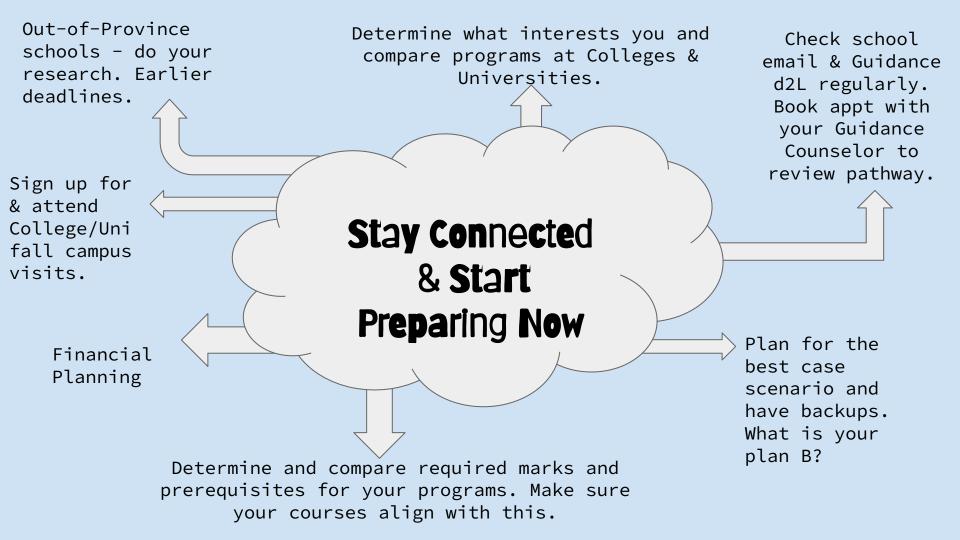
Grade 12s who are planning to apply to college or university for Sept 2026 are invited to attend.

October 2 at 1:40 am in the Library Seminar Room.

Please sign up here (you must be logged into your WCDSB account to fill out the form) ———>

Email confirmation will be sent to students who reserve a space.





POSTSECONDARY QUESTIONS



- Guidance wants to create a database of commonly asked questions about post-secondary topics
- We will post answers on the Guidance
 D21
- Submit your question using the QR code (keep it general)

Examples:

What exactly is a degree? What is the diploma to degree pathway? When do I apply for OSAP?