



Vanier Collegiate Institute

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Dear Grade 12 Parents and Students:

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! I look forward to working with the grade 12 students this academic year. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the variety of career activities and resources that are available. Please read through the following summary of career events, grad list information, and Grade 12 responsibilities.

If you have any questions or concerns in regards to career development/post-secondary information please feel free to contact me at christa.lapointe@htcsd.ca / (306) 693-6744. If you have any questions about Vanier graduation requirements, or the grad list, please feel free to contact Ms. Meili at Leanne.meili@htcsd.ca / (306) 693-6744.

Grade 12 Career Development – Ms. Christa Lapointe

- **Grade 12 Career Appointment** – All Grade 12 students are required to meet one-on-one with Ms. Lapointe between September - December to review their plans after graduation. Students are asked to bring resumes and questions so we can discuss employment opportunities, post-secondary options, entrance requirements, application process, and funding/scholarships.
- **MyBlueprint** – Myblueprint follows a comprehensive education and career planning process that meets the learning needs, interests, and aspirations of all students. **Students, parents, and teachers can all create accounts** (please email christa.lapointe@htcsd.ca to receive the access code needed to create an account). This site will be incorporated into a number of classes throughout the year. Students can explore the following features: goal setting, high school planner, post-secondary planner, occupational planner, resume & cover letter, assessments, financial planner, and job finder.
- **Moose Jaw Post-Secondary Information Night**
 - **Vanier Collegiate will be hosting a mandatory event on November 23** in period 4 and 5. In addition we will have an evening session for students and parents to attend as well that evening.
 - Prairie South School Division is hosting their event early, **Monday, September 23** at 6:30 pm at Peacock.
- **Career Events (VERY IMPORTANT AND USEFUL)** – Attached is a list of different career events that will be taking place in semester 1 and 2. Additions and changes might occur throughout the year.
 - U of S Open House is on Friday, September 27 (info and registration form)
 - U of R Open House is on Saturday, October 19

- Saskatchewan Polytechnic – call them directly and they will arrange a tour/event
- **Strong Interest Inventory (\$20.00)**
 - The Strong Interest Inventory is an on-line interest inventory used in career assessments. The goal of this assessment is to give insight into a person’s interests to assist with exploring and planning for career choices. There is a fee associated with this assessment and then the student will meet with Ms. Lapointe to review the results.
- **Scholarships Club**
 - Once a week Ms. Lapointe will be hosting a scholarship workshop during the noon hours. The first and most important one is on September 17. It is also recommended that students and parents who are interested in learning how to finance their education should attend How to Finance your education session which will be taking place in second semester.
- **How to finance your education?**
 - TBA. A local bank representative and Ms. Lapointe will provide some basic information on how to finance your education. Topics covered will be student line of credit, credit/debit, student loans, scholarships, bursaries, and much more.
- **Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship/Trades Program**
 - **SYA** raises awareness of apprenticeship in Saskatchewan schools by helping young people discover what rewards come with being a youth apprentice and working in the skilled trades. SYA enhances student career development by exploring the world of opportunities skilled trades offer Saskatchewan youth. Benefits: waiver of registration fee (\$150), no charge for first level of technical training tuition, and 300 hours of trade time credit.
- **Information/Events/Scholarships/Opportunities**
 - <https://pursueonline.htcsd.ca/> or go to Vanier to access the logo/link. **ALL EVENTS ARE POSTED THERE IN ADDITION TO SCHOLARSHIPS AND OPPORTUNITIES.**
- **Remind**
 - Students and parents who want to stay up-to-date on post-secondary news, scholarships, events, and much more please sign up for remind texts by texting @vci2020 to (709)-700-0705.

Grade 12 Responsibilities

- Take care of business and do well in your classes! Ensure that necessary graduation requirements are being obtained and that you are striving for excellence.
- Grade 12 appointment with Ms. Lapointe before December.
- Attend relevant career and exploration events. Research areas of interest. Join the Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship program if you are interested in trades.
- Ensure that the necessary pre-requisite courses to apply to desired programs are being taken. If you are not wanting to attend school next fall, start thinking about employment opportunities or other plans for after high school (military, travel, volunteer, work, etc.).
- SAT/ACT – register if looking out of country to attend school.
- Pay attention to deadline dates.

- Examples:
 - Saskatchewan Polytechnic First Qualified First Admitted – **Apply Now/Be Early (especially for certain trades and technology programs)**
 - Saskatchewan Polytechnic High Demand – October 1 – February 15 (might vary based on program)
 - Great Plains College – Power Engineering - ASAP
 - U of S Early Conditional Admission – December 1 (Engineering, Kinesiology, Business) and/or February 15
 - U of R Early Conditional Admission – March 15
 - U of R Nursing – February 1
 - U of R Education – March 1
 - Out of province applications open October 1
- After a student applies, **DO NOT FORGET TO REQUEST** your Saskatchewan official transcript to be sent to the institution (5 schools for \$20 – through government site).
<http://www.education.gov.sk.ca/transcripts>
- Once a student applies on-line it is important to check their email and to create a school account! Most universities and colleges will communicate through their online portal.
- Financial Planning – get a jump on it! Student loan applications typically become available in June.
- Make an appointment with Ms. Lapointe if more help is needed after the initial career appointment.

Grade 12 Graduation List Information – Ms. Meili

- Ensure that students have the necessary classes to graduate.
- Ensure that students have a passing grade at each reporting period to stay on the grad list.
- Students will need to **PASS** all necessary classes to attend Vanier’s commencement and graduation ceremonies.
- Graduation List Dates - TBA

I hope you all have a great year!

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