



Vanier Collegiate Institute

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Dear Grade 12 Parents/Guardians and Students:

Welcome to the 2021-2022 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 to your children. 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 or (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. Regarding scholarships, Ms. Gillian Muench will be taking lead on scholarship information this year, you can contact her at gillian.muench@htcsd.ca.

COMMUNICATION:

- **Edsby Groups (open to parents and students – please join)**
 - 2022 Grads Career & Post-Secondary Information
 - 2022 Grads Scholarship Information

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.
 - **Students can go to the following link to book their appointment:**
<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/MsLapointe@htcsd.ca/bookings/>
 - **They can also message me directly through Edsby to ask questions in a more timely manner or they can stop by my room before or after school.**
- **PursueOnline – Vanier Collegiate Career Site**
 - Quick information, transcript information, Events section – highlighting events, opportunities, tours, virtual career fairs, etc.
- **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.

- **Saskatchewan Career Events (SUTIL) – AMAZING EVENT**
 - <https://www.sutil.ca/>
 - **Virtual Events and Booths:** October 14, October 28, November 9, November 25, December 9
 - **Information:** Over 35 schools and organizations are ready to present throughout the day, one on one bookings are also available.
 - **Presentation Schedule**
- **Career Events (VERY IMPORTANT AND USEFUL) –** Attached is a list of different career events that will be taking place in semester 1 and 2. However, please note additions and changes might occur throughout the year and the most up-to-date events can be found on pursueonline under events (second bullet).
 - [2021-2022 Current Event Handout](#)
 - Ongoing list of events – [CLICK HERE](#)
 - Regina District and Industry Council Events – [CLICK HERE](#)
 - Saskatoon Industry Education Council Events – [CLICK HERE](#)
- **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.
- **How to finance your education?**
 - Spring 2022
 - 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.

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.

POST-SECONDARY TIPS

- Virtual Open Houses, One on One Appointments, Noon Hour Presentations – are available throughout the year.
- 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
 - SK Poly U of R Nursing – October 1 - February 15
 - 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 (10 transcripts for \$25 – through government site).
 - [Request Transcripts Guide](#)
- 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 SCHOLARSHIPS

- Ms. Gillian Muench
- Message her through Edsby or email.
- [Scholarship Information on Vanier's website](#)
- [Archived Scholarships from past years](#)

I hope you all have a great year! Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

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