Hello Grade 12 Families:

I hope this email finds you well.

A number of things have happened since our initial mailing to all potential graduates and families. This email will share some of the key updates that are relevant to your grade 12 student.

The Guidance Department has been meeting with all grade 12 students individually and ensuring that all students have the required courses and components to graduate. We have also been supporting post-secondary research and helping students to plan for the future.

We are still planning to hold a Grade 12 Parent Information session on Wednesday, October 21st at 6 p.m. This virtual session will be held through Microsoft TEAMS – and will be recorded for those unable to attend live. If you are interested in joining this interactive presentation, please email <u>lburnett@bhncdsb.ca</u>. You will then receive instructions and a link to join.

The Parent Session will share upcoming deadlines and important resources to support your child. It will be followed by a pre-recorded session on Financing your Post-Secondary Education. Topics will include scholarships, bursaries, OSAP, and other financial programs. We are thankful to King's University College (University of Western Ontario) staff for providing us with this updated presentation.

Note: A list of scholarship resources and an updated Scholarship & Bursary Package can be found on the school website under Student Life and Financing Your Education.

Ministry Updates

An important change was announced by the Ministry of Education on Friday, Oct 2nd in terms of the 40 hour community service diploma requirement. For the graduating class of 2021 only, the minimum number of hours has been reduced to 20.

In addition, the ministry is providing increased flexibility in how all secondary students can earn hours. You can find more information about this on the school website under the Guidance Tab and Community Service Hrs.

Another important announcement was also shared regarding Full Disclosure Dates. For students in Week A classes, the last day to drop a class without penalty is October 21st. For students in Week B classes, the full disclosure date is October 28th. Students should see their Guidance Counsellor as soon as possible if they need to drop a class.

Post-Secondary Research

Universities and Colleges are still wanting to engage and inform students, and they have created a number of virtual opportunities for this.

Students have been receiving virtual presentations from various colleges and universities in their classes. If the institution agrees, we are recording these sessions and uploading them to the Virtual Library on the school website (guidance tab).

<u>For College bound students</u> – Ontario colleges are hosting a Virtual Fair on November 4, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., and November 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This will be a one-stop shop that will give prospective students from across the province the opportunity to learn about the myriad of programs offered at Ontario colleges.

Presentations on topics such as How to Apply for College, Paying for College and College Pathways will be offered.

Anyone interested in attending the Ontario College Virtual Fair will be able to register online starting the week of Monday, October 12, at <u>www.ontariocollegefair.ca</u>.

<u>For University bound students</u> – The OUinfo.ca site continues to be a source for listing virtual webinars, presentations and tours. The Guidance Department has created a video to help families navigate all of these opportunities. It can be found in the video library through the school website (guidance tab).

GRAD Photos

Grad Photos will take place from October 19th to the 29th. Photo times will be issued for all grads who have paid the \$75.00 grad fee (either through school banking or by cash/ cheque in Student Services).

Students should see Ms deHaan in the main office and they will be assigned a date and time.

Virtual School students will be invited to come to Holy Trinity for their photos from Nov. $4^{th} - 6^{th}$. If they are uncomfortable entering the school, they can book an appointment at the Edge Imaging Photo Studio in Burlington.

Note: Full details of the Edge Imaging Safety Protocol will be coming soon.

Still to come...

Students have been eager to order their 2020-21 Grad Hoodies. We are working with our McCarthy uniform supplier and hope to have an online order option created by the end of the month. Students should listen to morning announcements next week for updates.

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