

St. Joseph's Secondary School College Information Booklet 2009-2010

COLLEGE VISITS

Check our website www.sjssonline.com, for dates of college visits. Not all colleges have confirmed a date. Check "The Grad Corner" on our website for additional visits

Sign up (at least 1 day in advance) in the guidance office if you plan on attending any of the above information sessions. Students must be excused to attend these information meetings. If this opportunity is abused, the student's privilege to attend the sessions will be revoked. You must be a college bound student to attend.

Financial Aid: OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Program)

Application for OSAP is done online in May.

- See your guidance counsellor to discuss your post-secondary plans.

Counsellors are: Homerooms 1-16 Mrs. MacPhee 17-32 Mr. Perry 5, 7, 29 Mr. Krol

- Apply to college as soon as the application is available in October. While there are no deadlines to apply to college in Ontario, applications received on or before February 1st, for programs starting in September, will be given equal consideration.

This is particularly important for those applying to college programs that are considered highly competitive; a program for which the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of seats for the fall term.

After February 1st, applications are considered on a first-come, first-served basis. For programs beginning at other times of the year, please contact the individual colleges for more information about application processing dates. Contact information for each college is available on our college profile section.

- The application fee of **\$85** (certified cheque, money order, credit card) allows students **five** choices, with no more than **three** program choices at any one college.

Graduation bursaries & other awards

- Check the guidance office for scholarship and bursary information.
- Check www.studentawards.com and www.sjssonline.com for bursary information.
- To qualify for graduation bursaries and other awards granted throughout the year, students **must** fill out a **GRADUATE RESUME**. Grad resumes are due December 18th 2009.

Grad Resume

Prepare a **1 page typed** resume that includes the following:

1. Post-secondary plans and career aspirations
2. Extra-curricular activities
3. Community involvement 1) 40 hours
2) other involvement
4. The Parish you belong to and your church involvement.
5. Special financial circumstances
6. A short paragraph explaining why you think you are deserving of a bursary.

A College bound Student's Checklist

- Investigate careers www.sjssonline.com
www.careercruising.com Username: eastern Password: 3610
- Visit www.ontariocolleges.ca to plan and research colleges and programs
- Investigate colleges: ☺ Research the academic calendars.
- ☺ Listen to talks by “liaison” officers.
- ☺ Talk to recent graduates.
- ☺ Talk to a Guidance Counsellor.
- ☺ Talk to your parents.
- ☺ Visit the college's web site www.ontariocolleges.ca
- Sign up in the guidance office for the appropriate college liaison officers' visits
- Make an appointment to see your guidance counsellor.
- Complete and hand in a Graduate Resume **Deadline: December 18th, 2009.**
- Pay \$20 for your graduation gown (you can pay your counsellor or Mr. Herjavec) before the March Break.
- Apply online to Ontario Colleges **Deadline: February 1st, 2010.**
- Visit college campuses (March break is a good time for many students)
- Late May: apply for OSAP
- Once you have accepted an offer of admission, inform your guidance counsellor of the decision.
- Keep checking the Grad page on the school website for up-to-date news for Grads.