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# Grad '24 Parent Meeting

Navigating the next 9 months – @ STMC & @ Home

# Tonight's Agenda



- Welcome & Introductions
- Navigating the next 9 months - *Joe Adams*
- School & PA Sponsored Graduation Events - *Shannon Kaustinen*
- Grade 12 Academic Counselling Update - *Hank Bouwman, John Spanjers and Yvonne DeWith*
- Responding to Qs from the Chat...



# What our children need (next 9 months and beyond).



1. They need to **ATTACH** deeply to us - they need nurturing, they need to be receptive to being taken care of, managed and taught, they need to desire to do good and be good, they need to learn to deal with separation.
2. They need to find **REST** from the work of attachment - complete and total unconditional love.
3. They need **PLAY** - They need to have fun, they need to exercise, they need unstructured free time.
4. They need to **FEEL** - Neufeld says, they need to keep their hearts soft, they need their feelings validated.

# School & PA Sponsored 2023-24 Graduation Events



- **Grade 12 Retreat @ Camp Luther (October 3-5, 2023)**
- **Graduation Mass @ OLM (May 16, 2024, 7 pm)**
- **Grad Farewell Assembly @ STMC (June 12, 2023)**
- **Graduation Ceremonies (Massey) @ STMC (June 21, 2023)**
- **Grad Photos @ STMC (Nov. 5-9)**
- **Dinner Dance @ \*Westin Bayshore (June 29, 2024)**
- **Dry Grad Event @ TBD (June 29, 2024)**
- **Grad Breakfast @ STMC (June 20, 2024)**

# Grade 12 Academic Counselling Update



- ❖ Mr. Hank Bouwman – Sr. Academic Counselor
- ❖ John Spanjers and Yvonne DeWith



# Easing the stress!



The process can be quite daunting for you as, parents and, of course for your sons and daughters. **While you may be new to the process, we are not. Trust the process.**

Keep these points in mind! Unless there are very unusual circumstances, **all our students graduate.**

Virtually every two weeks we meet with all our grade 12's in **Career Life Connections class** and give them tasks to keep them on track. All the information you are getting tonight has already been made accessible to the grads in **their Google Classrooms. (Mrs. DeWith)**

Throughout the year, Mr. Bouwman teaches **all the grade 12's in Religion 12.** This gives opportunities to connect and help them with their plans.

In addition, our teachers are excellent and will prepare and support your sons and daughters well!



# Tonight's Goals



- Easing the stress for students and parents
- Explain the application process etc
- Provide some key dates and tips

**EVERYTHING WE ARE SHOWING YOU TONIGHT, YOUR SONS OR DAUGHTERS HAVE SEEN IN THEIR CLC CLASS AND THIS SLIDE SHOW WILL BE ACCESSIBLE ON THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE.**



## COMMON QUESTIONS



**I am NEW to all this!**

**What can they do with an Arts degree?**

**It is all so complicated. I feel like I am missing something!**

**I graduated from post-secondary years ago. It has all changed.**

**My son/daughter is so laid back. They might miss something!**

**Will my son /daughter graduate?**

**I really want my son/daughter to go to university!**





## THE APPLICATION PROCESS SIMPLIFIED



Students are in the **shopping mode** at this point.

All schools are offering info sessions over the next few months.

For the most part, there is **no** real advantage to applying early.  
**(except for a few specialized circumstances; key dates to follow)**

Admission is based on GPA and personal profile questions not your date of application.

You do not need grade 12 marks to apply.

When applying, schools simply want your demographic info, your intended major  
and your money.





Choosing intended majors can be strategic and involve some planning.  
Schools will ask you to choose two faculties or programs.

**REMEMBER WHEN STUDENTS CHOOSE A FACULTY, THEY ARE NOT LOCKED IN FOR LIFE!**

Up to 70% of students will change their major at the post-secondary level.

For career options, go to sites like this one offered by SFU.

[What can you do with a degree in?](#)

or

[UBC Program Offerings](#)



There is **no real advantage to applying to a large number of schools.** Narrow down the **legitimate options** and always have a fail-safe back up plan!



Attend **info sessions (either virtual or in person)**, visit us and do your research

Parents and students get anxious because the applications sites for most schools are already open but really **you do not have to rush.**

**Your job is to trust the process and encourage your sons and daughters to be proactive.** Students sweat over every mark and test. Encourage them to do their best on a consistent basis and things will work out!

**This is a stressful time for them and they may need an extra dose of your love and support.**



Institution	Location	#	Institution	Location	#
BCIT	Burnaby	5	Trinity Western	Langley	1
Douglas	New West	4	UBC	Vancouver	33
GAP YEAR		9	UBCO	Okanagan	5
Griffiths University	Australia	1	U of Alberta	Edmonton	1
Kwantlen	Richmond	2	U of Calgary	Calgary	1
Langara	Vancouver	4	U of Northern BC	Prince George	1
Lourdes University	Detroit	1	U of Toronto	Toronto	4
McGill	Montreal	1	U of Victoria	Victoria	4
PREP School	Ontario	1	U of Waterloo	Waterloo, Ont	2
Queen's U	Toronto	1	U of Western	London, Ont	1
ST Mary's	Halifax		York University	Toronto	1
SFU	Burnaby	42			

**Where the  
Grads of 2023  
went!**



**FINDING THE BEST  
FIT!**

**Remember! DIRECT  
ENTRY INTO UBC OR  
SFU IS NOT THE BEST  
FIT FOR EVERYONE.**





### PLAN

Advice, information & resources to help you plan your educational journey.

Plan Your Education

### SEARCH

Know what program you're interested in? Let's find it!

Search



### APPLY

Create one account and apply to multiple post - secondary institutions.

Apply Online

Education Planner is a centralized resource that helps learners plan, search and apply for admission to post-secondary institutions in British Columbia. When you apply to a BC school, you will be automatically taken to this site as a first step. Exception BCIT and Royal Roads

<https://educationplannerbc.ca/>





## **A FEW IMPORTANT DATES! The Outliers**

**[Langara College Applications](#) open on October 1, 2023 For Fall 2024**

Course selection dates can be influenced by the date you applied.

**[Douglas College Academic Foundations for Potential Nursing Applicants](#)**

Fall 2024 applications will open on Monday, October 2, 2023 at 9:00am  
There is an advantage to applying early.

**There is an Information Session for this program on October 18th.**

**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO NATIONAL BOOK AWARD** (There is no cash attached to this award.)

This award is intended for students who demonstrate superior academic performance, original and creative thought and exceptional extra-curricular achievement **and are seriously intending to head to University of Toronto.** If you want to be considered for this award, you must submit your name via email to the Academic Counsellors by **Thursday, October 5th.** The school submits the application on your behalf around Thursday, October 12, 2023

**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP** **Deadline is October 19, 2023 (11:59pm EDT)**

This prestigious and highly competitive scholarship has the same criteria as the Book Award.

For more information, go to [.https://future.utoronto.ca/national-scholarship/about/](https://future.utoronto.ca/national-scholarship/about/)

**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO APPLICATION FINAL DEADLINES** start at JANUARY 15TH, 2024

IF YOU READ THE FINE PRINT, IT ACTUALLY SAYS . . .

For early consideration, we recommend that you submit your application (OUAC 105) by early November (Nov 7), and submit your supporting documents as soon as possible thereafter.

BC students utilize the Ontario Universities Application Center (OUAC 105)



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**TORONTO**





ALL UBC'S INFORMATION SESSIONS WILL  
CONTINUE TO BE VIRTUAL THIS YEAR!

THEY WILL NOT BE MAKING ANY ON-CAMPUS  
VISITS!

VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSIONS ARE PLANNED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.  
LOOK FOR THEM ON THIS LINK

[UBC Info sessions and tours](#)





[UBC's Application Site](#) will open in early October..



**UBC EARLY ADMISSION DEADLINE is December 1<sup>st</sup>**

- If you wish to be considered for the [Presidential Scholars Awards](#) and
- [UBC Centennial Scholars Entrance Awards](#).

OR

- If you wish to be considered for a [first-round offer of admission](#). If you are accepted, you will know your status by early February.
- If you do not get in during the first round of admissions, your application is still active but you may not find out your status until mid-March.

**UBC FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15TH**

***PERSONAL PROFILE  
REQUIRED  
This takes time!***

**EARLY ADMISSION IS BASED  
ON GRADE 11 MARKS AND IS  
*HYPER COMPETITIVE!***

**UBC HAS AN EXCELLENT  
GOING OVER THE  
APPLICATION PROCESS!  
[CLICK HERE](#)**



## **SFU's APPLICATION SITE is Open October 1<sup>st</sup> - January 31st**

December 15, 2023	High school Undergraduate Scholars Entrance Scholarship application for the Fall term
January 31, 2024	Documents for High school Undergraduate Scholars Entrance Scholarship competition (references, grades etc)
April 30, 2024	Application and documents for all other entrance financial aid applications

SFU WILL BE ATTENDING OUR POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION NIGHT ON NOVEMBER 20, 2023

Although details have not been finalized, we will be organizing other in-person visits through the year.

**SFU HAS A WONDERFUL SITE WHERE YOU CAN INPUT ALL THE COURSES YOU HAVE COMPLETED AND ARE TAKING AND IT WILL TELL YOU WHICH FACULTIES YOU CAN GET INTO.**

**[SFU Admissions Compass](#)**



**SIMON FRASER  
UNIVERSITY**

The logo for BCIT (British Columbia Institute of Technology) features the letters "BCIT" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. These letters are set against a solid dark blue rectangular background.

# BIG INFO NIGHT

In person on  
**Wednesday, October 11**  
from **4:00 – 6:30 p.m.**  
at the Burnaby Campus.

[In Person Register Here](#)

Online **Wednesday, October 18 from 4:00 – 7:30 p.m.** and hear from Program Advising, Student Services, Indigenous Initiatives, and International.

[Online Registration Link](#)

BCIT is a wonderful option for some of our students. The challenge is that you apply to specific programs. You do not go to BCIT to discover yourself. Their application system is unique and there is an advantage to applying early but only if you truly know what you are applying for.

[For more info click here.](#)



**FOR THOSE THINKING OF STAYING IN BC**

**[PSIBC Information Event](#)** (Post-Secondary Night)

WILL ONCE AGAIN BE FACE TO FACE AT STMC!

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20th 7-8:30PM**

**Douglas College, UVIC, Kwantlen, UNBC, Capilano University**

**Corpus Christi, Justice Institute, Langara, VCC, Trinity,**

**Thompson Rivers, Vancouver Island University**



**BCIT** Students can apply at any time during the year. If a student knows which program they want, it is wise to apply early as many programs have waiting lists.



**Local Colleges** have deadlines that extend well into the next year. Cap, Kwantlen and Langara offer earlier course selection based on application dates.

**Non-BC Canadian Schools** have application dates that go from mid-December on. For Ontario schools it is a good idea to apply by January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**USA Schools** students should apply early (by mid January at the latest). They must be prepared to write their SAT's



**FOR THOSE THINKING OF GOING OUT OF PROVINCE**



**CANADIAN UNIVERSITY EVENTS (The CUE) will be in person.**

Connect with over 50 university representatives from across Canada and learn more about your post-secondary options! Students, parents or anyone else interested in exploring Canadian post-secondary options are welcome.

- 1. Tuesday, October 3, 2023 – 6:30pm to 9:00pm PST Hilton Metro Vancouver, 6083 McKay Ave, Burnaby**
- 2. Thursday, October 5, 2023 – 6:30pm - 9:00pm PST Surrey Sheraton Guildford Hotel 15269 104 Ave, Surrey**

**TO REGISTER FOR THESE EVENTS OR TO GET MORE INFO GO TO <https://cuebc.org/events/>**

**THE CUE WEBSITE (<https://cuebc.org/universities/>) IS ALSO A GREAT PLACE TO FIND LINKS TO A NUMBER OF SCHOOLS LOCATED OUTSIDE OF BC.**





**For those thinking of  
going  
out of the country!**

**Ivy+**



**If you are thinking of heading out of the country to go to school, you have to be proactive and do a lot of your own research. You may want to consider writing your SATs.**

**You are on your own to sign up for this at the [College Board](#).**

**We are not experts on the international options. There are just too many paths you can take and each brings with it a unique set of requirements. Typically students determine a school or two of interest and begin conversations with that school directly. We can help submit required documentation, but we do not have intimate knowledge of schools. There are simply too many.**

**Most STMC students who have gone down south have been athletes who have been approached by schools. We are not actively involved in the recruiting process. The costs of American schools is a significant barrier to going down south.**

**September 28, 2023, 1-6 pm PT, The Study and Go Abroad Fair will be offered in person at the Vancouver Convention Centre. For more information and to register for the event, go to [REGISTER HERE](#)/**

**September 28 4-5 pm PT, virtual "Ivy+ Information Session for Canadians." Join the eight Ivy League universities, plus Stanford and MIT, to learn more about their respective academic programs, campus activities, student life, admissions policies, and financial aid. [REGISTER HERE](#).**

## Scholarship Information

On the STMC school website, we have provided a list of External Scholarships that our students have won in the past.

Go to . . . . [EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES](#)

One thing that students should do to keep themselves informed is to register on a scholarship search site called like **YCONIC** (<https://yconic.com/>) , **STUDENT AWARDS** Or **Scholar Tree** (<https://scholartree.ca/>) These are reputable sites.

We will attempt to keep you informed about scholarships as the information becomes available through the year. On the next slide we have included information about an upcoming scholarship opportunity that is very competitive.

**StudentAwards**

<https://studentawards.com/>

**yconic.**

<https://yconic.com/>



**ScholarTree**

<https://scholartree.ca/>



# LORAN

Scholars Foundation



CHARACTER  
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LEADERSHIP



The Loran Awards are **extremely prestigious and highly competitive**. Awards range from \$100,000 on down.

Students must complete their online application by **October 11th** before 8pm Eastern time.

You will also be asked to include the school's rep and e-mail address. That is me: ([hank.bouwman@stmc.bc.ca](mailto:hank.bouwman@stmc.bc.ca)).

The Loran Award supports promising young Canadians who show strength of character and a commitment to service in their communities, challenging them to fully realize their leadership potential. In 2021-22, the Loran Scholars Foundation will offer up to 148 financial awards funding studies on Canadian campuses.

For more details concerning the application process and the award itself, go to . . .

<http://www.loranscholar.ca/>

**The Loran Application Process is very thorough. But it helps you to prepare applications for all future scholarships. Check it out!**

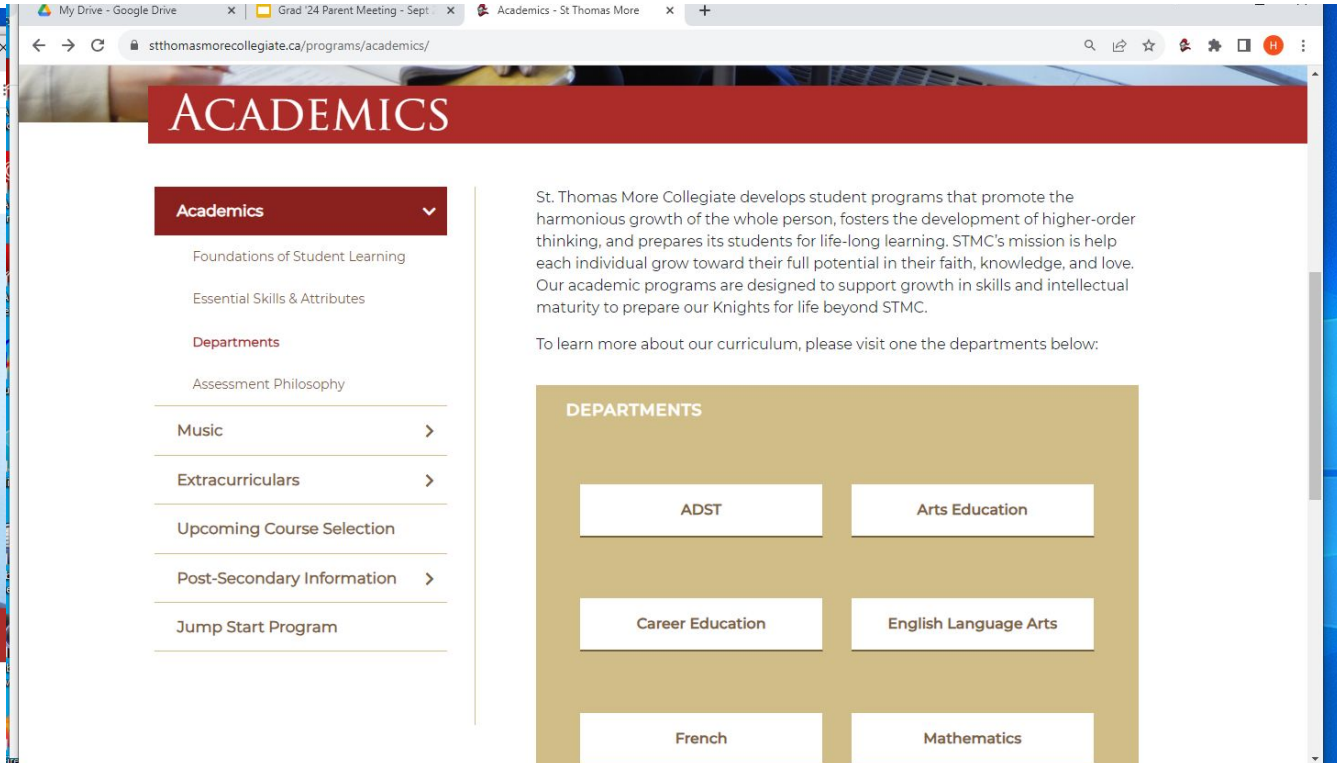
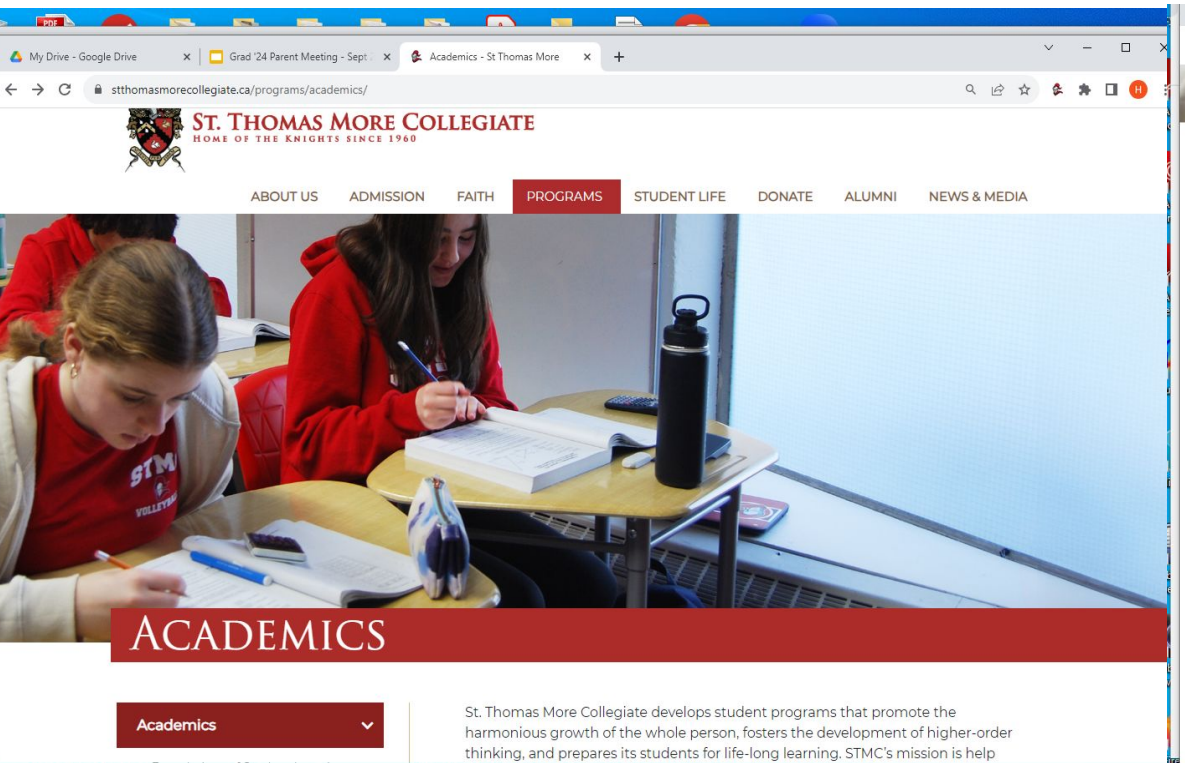




 **TRUST US**



# Where to find updated Post-Secondary Information...



[Post Secondary Information on School Website](#)



# Career Counselling Resource



PROGRAMS | STUDENT LIFE | SUPPORT STMC | ALUMNI | NEWS & MEDIA

- Academics | >
- Music | >
- Extracurriculars | >
- 2021-2022 Course Selection
- Post-Secondary Information | >
  - Academic Counselling Resources
  - Career Counselling Resources
  - Grad Parent Info
  - Scholarship Opportunities
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- Faith – Campus Ministry
- Student Leadership
- Student Clubs & Groups
- Student Support & Resources
- Library
- Athletics – Extracurricular
- Grad News and Events

**HOME OF THE KNIGHTS**

LATEST UPDATE: SUMMER BOOK READS ARE DUE!

<https://stthomasmorecollegiate.ca/mystmc/grad-news-and-events/>

Click for info

Thank You,  
Questions?

