

Bawlf School Grade 12 Information

Planning for the future is an imperative skill that students need to take seriously. Many discussions have been occurring at the school level whether it is in junior high health classes or in Calm 20 for our grade ten students. Bawlf School also offers individual career counselling for any high school students, and specifically grade twelve students in September and October, and grade eleven students in the subsequent months.

Here is a general list of “to do’s” for the next ten months with for grade twelves. Please check with Mrs. Kruchten for any specific requirements for the post-secondary institution of choice.

September

- Check the Alberta High School Diploma Requirements to make sure you have all the courses you need to graduate this year. Use MyBlueprint to double check your requirements and pathways.
- Create your MyPass account so you can access your DAR (Detailed Academic Report), order transcripts, and check your final diploma marks in February.
- Talk with counselors and parents about career and post-secondary choices. If you are not considering post-secondary education directly after high school, examine what other options are open to you.
- Check out websites, collect brochures and do research on your post-secondary choices.
- Set up your ApplyAlberta account. You will NOT be able to apply until October 1. Mrs. Kruchten will run a mini workshop in September for preliminary set up.
- Self-reported marks need to be as accurate as possible.
- Start searching various websites for scholarships. The school has a limited number of scholarships that are available for application in the spring. Enclosed is the “Awards and Scholarships” handout and a list of possible websites.

October / November

- **APPLY! APPLY! APPLY! OCTOBER 1** is the first day to apply for the majority of institutions in Alberta! Make sure you apply early to guarantee yourself admission especially for competitive programs.
- Make sure you fulfill other requirements of application to the program: a career investigation report, student for a day, essays, etc.
- Once you have been accepted and given a school ID, you can apply for residence AND scholarships at that institution.

December / January

- Check out Diploma Exam Prep seminars if you need help preparing for an exam in a particular subject area.
- If you are still unsure of what your future plans are, make an appointment with the career counsellor.
- Continue to check available scholarship opportunities. Once you have been accepted and given a school ID, you can apply for residence AND scholarships at that institution.

February / March

- **Diploma marks are released the second week of February.** Check them out on MyPass and update your self-reported marks on your application forms.
- If you have not yet applied to a post-secondary institution, but wish to attend one next fall, make an appointment with the counsellor to find out whether there are still spaces in the program you wish to enter.
- Check out scholarships that are available to you, many have spring deadlines. Keep grades up - it matters!

April

- Make final decision - you may need to make a deposit.
- Notify schools of choice, and notify those you do NOT want to attend.

- If wait listed, contact admissions office if still interested.
- Check out the scholarships for the school you are planning to attend.

May-June

- Meet with counsellors with any questions or concerns about post-secondary. Some programs may still be accepting applications, but many have a **MAY 31 cut-off date (even Augustana!)**. If you have not yet heard from your post-secondary institution of choice regarding acceptance, see a counsellor for advice regarding your next steps.
- Apply for Financial Aid www.alis.gov.ab.ca/studentsfinance - If you have any questions attend a financial aid presentation or see your counsellor for help. Check to make sure your final transcript(s) are being sent to the school(s) you are planning to attend.
- Follow procedure for school housing and orientation.
- Apply for Rutherford Scholarship online
- Keep up those marks! Acceptance can be revoked if students don't keep up the minimum average. (This average varies, but most universities is 70%. Colleges may be different).