

John F Ross Guidance News: FALL 2023

News:

Grade 12 Meetings

Guidance counsellors have met with grade 12 students to provide an overview of post-secondary next steps, research tools, important dates to consider, etc.

There will be a Grade 12 post-secondary assembly during period 1 on Oct. 17th to review the application process. We will host a parent information meeting on Oct. 26th at 6:30pm in EL Fox.

Booking an Appointment in Guidance

Students interested in booking an appointment with a guidance counsellor can do so by going to our online booking system by scanning the QR code displayed around the school, or going to our [guidance/wellness appointment bookings](#) website. A tutorial has been posted on our instagram: @jfrguidance

Community Involvement

Students are required to complete 40 hours of community involvement in order to graduate high school. It is important to check that the activity you are doing is eligible for community involvement by checking our [website](#). Community involvement forms can be found in guidance or printed from our website.

eLearning Requirement and Opt-out Form

Completing two eLearning classes is a graduation requirement. However, students can opt out of this requirement with parent/guardian permission. Forms can be picked up in the guidance office.

SHSM (Specialist High Skills Major) News

If you are in grade 11 and interested in joining SHSM, it's not too late. JFR offers 8 different SHSMs in areas like: Agriculture, Arts and Culture, Construction, Environment, Health and Wellness, Manufacturing, Transportation, Non-Profit. Talk to Ms. Brady in guidance for more information. Check out the [UGDSB SHSM](#) website for more information.

Night School

Night school registration is now open for the fall term. Classes will begin the week of Oct. 9th. For a list of courses and locations please visit [continuing education](#). Students must register for night school through their myBlueprint account.

Important Dates:

Oct. 12 - Awards of Excellence Assembly

Oct. 17 - Gr. 12 Post-Secondary Information Assembly - 9:15am

Oct. 18 - Parent-Teacher Interviews

Oct. 26 - Gr. 12 Parent Night - Post-Sec. Info. - EL Fox Auditorium, 6:30pm

Nov. 1 - Take Our Kids to Work Day

Nov. 20 - Mid-term reports available on ConnectEd

Nov. 24 - PA Day

Nov. 30 - Gr. 8 Parent Info. Night

Jan. 11 - Gr. 10 Parent Info. Night

Feb. 8 - Gr. 9/11 Parent Info. Night

Important Information for Gr. 12 Students:

Post-Secondary Applications

Ontario college applications will open Sept. 30th. Students can complete their application on ontariocolleges.ca. The equal consideration **deadline for applications is February 1st, 2024**.

Ontario university applications are now open. To search for your ideal program, get to know Ontario Universities and where they are located, and to learn about the application process visit www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca. Students can complete their applications by setting up an account at <https://www.ouac.on.ca/>. **The deadline for applications is Jan. 15, 2024**

Upcoming College and University Visits:

For a list of upcoming liaison visits please check with guidance, check the [guidance website](#), or visit our instagram page: [@jfrguidance](#).

Local College/University Fairs

Conestoga College Fair

Conestoga College is hosting a college fair at their Kitchener Doon campus on Oct. 30, 5:30-7:30, and Oct. 31st, 10:30-1pm. More information can be found [here](#).

University Fair - Waterloo

On Nov. 9 from 10am-5pm, Ontario University reps will be available for questions at the University of Waterloo. Information for this event, and others like it can be found [here](#).

Dual Credit Program

There is still room in some of our dual credit programs for semester 2. The Dual Credit program is an exciting opportunity for high school students to attend college while enrolled in secondary school. To see programs that still have space, visit <https://www.ugdsb.ca/dualcredit/how-to-apply/> and click on 2023/2024 on-line application form. **The recommended deadline is Nov. 3, 2023**. Examples of possible dual credit programs include: Automotive Service Technician, Brick & Stone Mason, Electrician, General Carpenter, General Machinist, Plumber, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Systems Mechanic (HVAC), Truck & Coach Technician

Additional Resources:

Find My Trade Website - A website that features a robust search tool that enables learners to explore and apply to skilled trades and technology programs available through Ontario's Public Colleges. <https://trades.ontariocolleges.ca/find-your-trade/>



Apprenticeship 101 - Learn more about apprenticeships and related information by joining our Apprenticeship google classroom [Join here](#)

myBlueprint:

Use myBlueprint to explore pathway planning, choose your courses, explore careers, and sign up for night school. Parents can make an account as well!