

## GRADE 12 INFORMATION AND THE DAYS AHEAD!

**D2L – You will be able to access Guidance Information ‘course’ on your D2L shell.  
It will be updated frequently**

### ALBERTA DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

*To receive your high school diploma you must complete and meet the standards of the following:*

- ☐ Social Studies 30-1 or 30-2
- ☐ English 30-1 or 30-2
- ☐ Grade 11 Math (20-1, 20-2, 20-3)
- ☐ Grade 11 Science ( Science 24 or 20, Bio 20, Chem 20, or Physics 20)
- ☐ Phys Ed 10
- ☐ CALM
- ☐ TEN credits in Fine and Performing Arts and/or CTS and/or Second Languages  
AND/OR Physical Education 20/30
- ☐ TEN credits at the grade 12 level in courses other than English Language Arts 30-1 or 30-2 and Social Studies 30-1 or 30-2
- ☐ A minimum of 100 credits

1. To Receive a High School Diploma – if you finished by June 30, you can expect the diploma in the mail by early fall.
2. To Participate in Grad Ceremonies you must be in good standing in all courses leading to the high school diploma at William Aberhart High School. If a student has 95 credits and is only missing one requirement to graduate, participation is still allowed. (Grad Web page will be set up in the new year)

If you do not meet the requirements, a letter will be sent to your parents to inform them of your status.

In early December you will be receiving your validation statement from Alberta Education. This needs to be returned to guidance ONLY if there are errors for example on your name, address, or completed courses.

#### Cinderella Project

This program was launched by Sir Winston Churchill several years ago to assist Grade 12 girls who are unable to attend their high school graduation due to costs involved. Check with your guidance counsellor. .

3. Extra Credits

See your counsellor for online concurrent prerequisite form. Go to [www.cbelearn.ca](http://www.cbelearn.ca) for a list of courses and deadlines.

There is also an opportunity to pick up a few credits by taking a volunteer or leadership module. See Mrs. Dianne Leong Fortier in the library.

## **WHAT DO I DO THIS YEAR?**

### **CAREER PLANNING**

Visit the Career Practitioner in the Career Centre (in the Library) if you need assistance with the following:

- *Part-time, full-time, volunteer or summer job search support, which includes:*
  - Resume and cover letter development
  - Job search information
  - Job interview coaching
- *Career Planning support, which involves:*
  - One-one-one counselling and Internet based self-assessments:
    - Personality Type Assessment
    - Skills Identification
    - Interest and Values Inventory
    - Career Planning Tools [www.alis.alberta.ca](http://www.alis.alberta.ca) – go to High School Students – What am I good at?
  - Investigating and exploring career options:
    - Career Decision-Making Survey
    - [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com) (user name – William, password – aberhart)
    - [www.alis.alberta.ca](http://www.alis.alberta.ca) (search occupations by High School subjects by clicking on Occupational Profiles – Search by Subject – School Subject)
    - C.S.I Career Scene Investigation industry Speaker Program
    - Career Conversations/Job Shadowing
  - Developing and action plan and setting career goals

## **POST SECONDARY PLANNING**

**www.alis.alberta.ca** – go to *High School students – what education is right for me?*

- Checklist for - *Planning for High School Completion* and check out
- *Planning for Post Secondary*
- Video on right side of page available

For Programs in Alberta - check out *What Education is Right For Me?*

- *Planning for Post Secondary – Education Programs(EDinfo)* for ALL the programs available in Alberta - eg. Aviation – pilot – every school in Ab. that offers that program.

For Programs outside Alberta - Again to *What Education is Right For Me*

- Then to *Exploring Schools and Programs* which leads to *Post Secondary Schools and Programs Outside Alberta* – a link from here is [www.canlearn.ca](http://www.canlearn.ca) and [www.schoolfinder.com](http://www.schoolfinder.com)

Canlearn.ca is the federal government website with very helpful information, including scholarships and loans.

Another website on that link is [www.campusstarter.com](http://www.campusstarter.com) with listings of colleges, tech institutes and universities according to the subject of interest. Eg. Culinary, travel and Hospitality, and all the institutes across Canada that offer those certifications (to name a couple – NAIT, Thompson Rivers University, and Lakeland College)

1. Another link for campus programs across Canada is [www.uwaterloo.ca/canu](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/canu)
2. A Link for Technical Schools across Canada is [www.polytechnicscanada.ca](http://www.polytechnicscanada.ca)
3. A Link for U.S. program planning and info is [www.cois.org](http://www.cois.org) and for the SAT info go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
4. A Link for U.S. and World Programs is [www.campusprogram.com](http://www.campusprogram.com)
5. Try looking at ‘What Can I do With a Major In?’ at [www.uleth.ca/ross/cess](http://www.uleth.ca/ross/cess) and go to *Explore Careers* or [www.ucalgary.ca/counselling/careerdevelopment/careerpossibilities](http://www.ucalgary.ca/counselling/careerdevelopment/careerpossibilities)

## **SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES AND LOANS**

1. Loan – Canada Students Loans- see [www.alis.alberta.ca/scholarships](http://www.alis.alberta.ca/scholarships) or [www.canlearn.ca](http://www.canlearn.ca) Loans are repaid upon completion of students studies. (However, government loans accrue no interest until the student completes their studies)
2. Bursary – an award given to a student who has attained a certain level of achievement, is in need of financial assistance, and is continuing their studies.
3. Scholarships – A cash award based on one or more of the following – academic achievement, citizenship (leadership, volunteer, sports activities, extra-curricular) and financial need.

There are Different kinds of Awards – Academic, Merit, Athletic, and Financial Need. Some loans are private, some sponsored by educational institutions, or government.

Check out if your parent has an employee scholarship for children, government web sites, and the post-secondary institution you are attending, and search online. Here are a few websites to consider-

[www.studentsawards.com](http://www.studentsawards.com)

[www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)

[www.alis.alberta.ca](http://www.alis.alberta.ca)

[www.schoolfinder.com](http://www.schoolfinder.com)

Check the bulletin board across from the guidance office for some major Scholarship information and deadlines

### **THE ALEXANDER RUTHERFORD SCHOLARSHIP**

An important Scholarship is The Alexander Rutherford Scholarship. This is awarded when you enrol in a post-secondary institution. Students apply by May in their grade 12 year to receive this award. It is awarded by the Provincial Government for grade 10, and / or 11, and / or 12 based on the following:

Grade 10	English 10-1 or 10-2, plus 2 academic and 2 other courses (academics or options) 75 to 79%= \$300.00 80% and above =\$400.00
Grade 11	English 20-1 or 20-2, plus 2 academic and 2 other courses (academics or options) 75 to 79 =\$500.00 80% = \$800.00
Grade 12	English 30-1 plus 2 academic and 2 other courses (academics or options) 75 to 79%= \$700.00 80% and above = \$1300.00

## **APPLICATIONS TO POST SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS**

Transcripts sent to Out of Province – Interim transcripts may be requested For early admission school based transcripts can be requested from the Guidance office. The cost is \$1.00 per transcript and are given to the student in a sealed envelope. Official Transcripts sent Out of Province – Students can order these online at [www.alis.aberta.ca](http://www.alis.aberta.ca) or send a form on postal service. Forms are available in guidance Cost is \$10.00 for each institution receiving the official transcripts.

### **1. Apply Alberta**

[www.applyalberta.ca](http://www.applyalberta.ca) for applications in Alberta post-secondary schools.

Official transcripts do not have to be sent by students.

If you repeat a course or rewrite a diploma exam, your transcript will show the highest school and diploma exam marks earned. You must request and pay for a new transcript if you upgrade your marks. For early admission school based transcripts can be requested from the Guidance office. The cost is \$1.00 per transcript.

### **2. If you are considering an institute in Ontario, you submit a general application to a common website which is [www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca)**

## **WHAT DO I DO NEXT YEAR?**

### **UPGRADING:**

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| • Alberta Distance Learning | <a href="http://www.adlc.ca">www.adlc.ca</a>   |
| • Athabasca University      | <a href="http://www.athabascau.ca">www.athabascau.ca</a>                             |
| • Bow Valley College        | <a href="http://www.bowvalleycollege.ca">www.bowvalleycollege.ca</a>                 |
| • Chinook Learning Services | <a href="http://www.chinooklearningservices.com">www.chinooklearningservices.com</a> |
| • Cbe-Learn                 | <a href="http://www.cbelearn.ca">www.cbelearn.ca</a>                                 |

### **VOLUNTEER**

Improve confidence, self-esteem and hands on experience. Also build skills, your network and leadership training.

- [www.youthcentral.com](http://www.youthcentral.com)
- [www.volunteercalgary.ab.ca](http://www.volunteercalgary.ab.ca)
- [www.calgary.ca](http://www.calgary.ca)

### **GAP YEAR – Travel**

- [www.katimavik.org](http://www.katimavik.org)
- [www.swap.ca/common/html/splash](http://www.swap.ca/common/html/splash)
- [www.classafloat.com](http://www.classafloat.com)

## EXPLANATION OF TERMS

**Post-Secondary:** any further education or program taken after high school

**College:** A post secondary school offering upgrading, 1 year certificate programs and 2 year diploma programs geared towards specific careers. Courses tend to be more hands on and practical.

**University:** A post secondary school offering degrees ... 4 years Bachelor degrees and Masters and PhDs

**Apprenticeship:** The training used to obtain a trade. Depending on the trade there could be up to 4 years of training. Most of the year is training on the job at the workplace and the rest of the year (ranging from 6-12 weeks each year) is the theoretical learning at a college. Once completed the student is a qualified journeyman

**Degree** (Bachelor, Master, Doctorate) A Bachelor's degree is usually 4 years of study on a particular subject. eg (BA) Bachelor of Arts. A Masters Degree (MA) Master of Arts degree is a further specialization of that subject usually taking another 2 years. The Doctorate program requires some study, research and the writing of a thesis which has to be accepted by the university. Many times this program can take up to 4 years but is usually taken while working.

**Undergraduate Student:** A student attending university taking a Bachelor degree

**Co-op Program:** A Co-op program is a specific degree program which many students choose as you study for a period of time then you have a **paid** work experience period followed by more studying then another paid work experience period. Although one year longer than a regular degree, students come out with money and job possibility contacts.

**Faculty:** A group of departments at a college or university... teaching subjects within a specific group ... ie: faculty of Science includes departments of Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Math or the Faculty of Arts which could include English, history, political science, foreign languages.

**Professional Faculties:** A Faculty such as Dentistry, Law, Pharmacy, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy which requires previous university study.

**Major:** When taking a degree program at a university you formally declare which subject you wish to specialize in. This is your major. For example if you take a major in Psychology ... although in the degree you could study different subjects as well, most of your subjects would be in the department of psychology.

**Minor:** A student's subordinate specialization

**Diploma:** A 2 year course of study taken at a college leading to work.

**Applied Degree:** An applied Degree is a 4 year degree taken at college... 3 of the years you study towards a specific career and 2 terms (1 Year) are paid work experience. For example if you took an applied degree in Financial Services. You would study for 3 years at the college and 1 year you would be working, likely in a banking institution.

**Transfer Program:** A transfer program is one where you start a degree at College (usually you can take 2 years) but then have to transfer to a University to complete the degree.

**Gap Year:** A GAP year is when students graduate high school and take a year off before beginning a post secondary program. Many travel, work or upgrade during this year.

**GED:** General Education Diploma. This is a High School Diploma equivalent which can be taken as an adult.

**Mature Student (Adult Student):** Once a student has reached a certain age...varies from institution to institution usually 21 years, the qualifications required for admission to colleges and universities for certain programs can become less stringent.

**GPA:** Grade Point Average. This is a scoring system used by universities and colleges. It is the average of a student's marks. In Alberta it is out of 4.0. This score would be used to transfer to university or college from another or to gain admission into the next year. For example, to transfer into the Kinesiology program from a science program at University of Calgary you require a 3.0 which would be around (70%)

**Tuition:** Tuition is the teaching involved at a university or college. Usually, cost of tuition is what is meant by this term. This is the fee for the teaching and does not include books or supplies and averages around \$5,000 per year.

**Liberal Arts:** A program of study that emphasizes academic work in the humanities, social science and natural sciences, as opposed to vocational study or training