



# Millwood High School



## Millwood Knights

# **Class of 2027**

## **GRADE 12 INFORMATION SESSION**

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# **GRADE 12 GRADUATION GOOGLE CLASSROOM!**

***Class code:* warqjequ**

## Discussion for today...

- **Graduation requirements.**
- **How to decide what to do next year?**
- **Applying to post-secondary institutions.**
- **Financing your education.**
- **What to expect this school year.**

**THIS PPT will be posted to the Grade 12 Guidance Google Classroom**

# **Graduation Requirements**

**18 credits to graduate including these 13...**

- **3 English**
- **3 Math**
- **2 Science**
- **1 Canadian Studies**
- **1 Global Studies**
- **1 Physical Education**
- **1 Fine Arts**
- **1 “other” credits from Technology, Math, or Science**

**Minimum 5 Grade 12 credits**

# Graduation Requirements

Students in **FRENCH IMMERSION** require **9 Credits in French** to receive their certificate along with their High School Diploma

Student in **Options and Opportunities** require **6 specific O2 credits** to receive their certificate along with their High School Diploma

# Keeping Track...

- Keep track of your credits!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- *What do you have? What do you still need?*
- Students and parents should always know the credit status. It is your responsibility!!!!
- BUT the School Counsellors help you to keep on track for graduation when you meet with them to choose courses each year.

# How do I decide?

- **AARAO FAIR**

The Atlantic Association of Registrars and Admissions Officers.

Many representatives from Universities, Colleges, Private Colleges, Military, etc. present information about programming, applications, scholarships, etc.

**Millwood High School Gym Oct 13th. Grade 12s will be invited to participate from 1:30- 2 pm.**

**AARAO Fair is for info only- there will be no on the spot transcript assessment/admission.**

# How do I decide?- OPEN HOUSES

- Open houses are a planned day on campus to both visit the classes and attend different sessions hosted by different faculties.
- Please check with schools you are interested in attendance via websites. We will update what we see on the Grade 12 classroom. You often have to sign up for open house and they do fill up!
- Some post-secondary schools will accept on-the-spot/free application for **EARLY CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE** at their open house. Most schools in Nova Scotia can access your High School marks through your student ID (they can go right into powerschool).

# **Making plans for NEXT YEAR...**

**UPCOMING OPEN HOUSES (you need to register to attend on their websites except for NSCC open house)**

**NSCC all campuses: Oct 16th- drop in 9am- 2pm for High School students, Oct 17 1-4 pm for Community**

**SMU: Oct 23th and Nov 28th**

**DAL: Truro Oct 3, Halifax Oct 24**

**KINGS: Oct 25th**

**MSVU: UNKNOWN YET- normally end of Nov.**

**NSCAD: Oct 17th**

**ACADIA: Oct 30th, Nov 14th**

**STFX: Oct 18th**

**UNB: Oct 3rd UNBSJ, Oct 17th Fredericton**

**MTA: Oct 23rd**

**UPEI: Oct 24th**

**Holland College: Oct 3**

**St. Thomas: Oct 24th**

**CBU: Oct 26th**

# How do I decide?- OPEN HOUSES

- For open house/ Millwood lunchtime booths early conditional acceptance/application you may be asked to bring a printed version or send a pdf version of your in- progress transcript. These can be requested by emailing [kcostard@hrce.ca](mailto:kcostard@hrce.ca) OR [lovettk@hrce.ca](mailto:lovettk@hrce.ca) OR drop in to Guidance any time :)

## IF YOU EMAIL please:

- **email our HRCE not our GNSPES**
- **Indicate your full name**
- **Indicate whether you would like a printed copy, a pdf copy, or both.**

We will respond back your email to let you know it's been done and ready to pick up.

**DO NOT LEAVE THESE REQUESTS UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE or your request may not be met.**

# How do I decide?- OPEN HOUSES

- If you are attending an in-person open house that is on a school day, you will be provided proof of attendance from the University/College.
- You need to have a parent/guardian call you in to school to be excused for the day. You will be responsible for informing your teachers and for any work/assessments you have missed.
- If you bring proof of attendance to the Guidance office, your attendance will be changed to SCHOOL ACTIVITY (ACT) so it does not count towards your absences.

# How do I decide?

- **myBlueprint** – There is a link to myBlueprint on the Grade 12 classroom and on student's GNSPES account. It is a Canadian education planning website, designed to help with secondary school course selections, and career planning for youth.



- **Chat with School Counsellors 😊 MAKE AN APPOINTMENT by emailing us or DROP IN!**
- **SURNAMES A-L – Ms. Welcher [jwelcher@hrce.ca](mailto:jwelcher@hrce.ca)**
- **SURNAMES M-Z- Ms. Lovett [lovettk@hrce.ca](mailto:lovettk@hrce.ca)**

# How do I decide?

Make an appointment with Kyle Lantz - who is our Nova Scotia Works Liaison.

**“Supporting Youth and their families by creating opportunities for career exploration and employment.”**

**Room 225 (YHC) on Tuesdays**

**[klantz@gnspes.ca](mailto:klantz@gnspes.ca)**

**902-210-7992**

**QR code in guidance students can scan to get in contact.**

# Making plans for NEXT YEAR...

- All post-secondary institutions are looking for different courses/averages. These are all posted on their website under **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**.
- **NSCC**- some programs require a High School Diploma, some specific courses.
- **NSCC** offers a collection of “articulation agreement programs” or “2 and 2” programs. EX: NSCC Business Administration- then SMU Commerce or STFX Business Admin or Bachelor of Management DAL.

# Making plans for NEXT YEAR...

- **University**- For non-competitive programs, Universities look at English 12 and 4 other academic grade 12 courses **depending on the program being applied for**. Minimum average 70-75% in those 5 subjects- SOMETIMES no mark below 65%.
- **THIS IS DIFFERENT AT EVERY SCHOOL- PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK!**

**AS OF TODAY :)**

- ex: MSVU requires English 12, Academic Math 12, 1 academic grade 12 Science, and 2 grade 12 academic subjects for a Bachelor of Science  
Dalhousie requires English 12, Precal 12, and 3 other academic grade 12 academic subjects for a Bachelor of Science.  
SMU requires English 12, Precal 12, 1 Academic grade 12 Science and 2 other grade 12 academic subjects for a Bachelor of Science.

# Making plans for NEXT YEAR...

## **IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT CREDITS...**

- Academic upgrade through NSCC or a University continuing education program.
- **Talk to the University reps about options!**  
EX: Some schools will let you apply as an Bachelor of Arts student, do your math upgrade in the first semester of your first year along with some first year elective courses and then switch to a Bachelor of Science student.

**REPS WANT YOUR BUSINESS!! LET THEM HELP YOU FIGURE IT OUT!**

# Making plans for NEXT YEAR...

- Applying for schools **COSTS MONEY- between \$40 and \$150 per application!**
- Applications are **done online** and usually asks for name, address, program applying for, campus, etc. Some ask for self reported grades. Some NS Universities ask for your NS Student ID number which is the 10 digit number attached to your PowerSchool. That number is also printed on your transcript and all report cards.
- **It is best to get applications in on free admission days if offering- these dates are always posted on the grade 12 GOOGLE CLASSROOM for Guidance!**

# Making plans for NEXT YEAR...

**SCHOOLS VISITING MILLY:** Because post-secondary folk are on the AARAO tour and hosting open houses for most of October, they will be setting up school visits toward the end of October/November. STAY TUNED. They usually visit twice- Fall and then February/March.

**THESE VISITS WILL BE POSTED ON THE GOOGLE CLASSROOM AND I USUALLY ANNOUNCE THEM!**

**UPCOMING LUNCH VISITS: Sept 21 Lunch (free app!)**

# Making plans for NEXT YEAR...

**ONTARIO Universities** are mostly applied for through a central application centre- the OUAC (Ontario Universities Application Centre).

The process can be a bit tricky- please come see your school counsellor if you need help with this process.

It's expensive- \$156 for the application- you can apply to 3 schools for this fee.

Some of the Ontario schools require supplemental documents for certain programs ie: letter of reference, etc. and those extra documents cost money too!

# **Making plans for NEXT YEAR...**

## **MILITARY and PRIVATE COLLEGES**

Will be at Millwood to talk about options offered for graduates. STAY TUNED to the GOOGLE CLASSROOM for information!

# Making plans for NEXT YEAR...

- **Early conditional acceptance - WHAT IS IT?**
- SOME Universities will offer “conditional early acceptance” in the Fall. This is based on GRADE 11 grades (ie: English 11 and 4 other grade 11 classes depending on the program.)

**Important to keep in mind that this is CONDITIONAL upon maintaining these marks in grade 12.**

**Universities will go in to look at your marks (in NS) or ask for updated transcripts (Outside of NS) at the end of January, maybe April, and then again at the end of June.**

# Making plans for NEXT YEAR...

- **Waitlists...**Competitive University programs (Nursing, Engineering) will sometimes put students on a waitlist.  
**\*\*KATE'S CAUTIONARY TALE\*\***
- **NSCC** has waitlists for various programs. It is important to apply as early as possible. This can be done as early as your grade 11 year.

# Making plans for NEXT YEAR...

## Applying to American Schools:

If applying to an American School, you must write the SAT or ACT test. These results will need to be submitted with your application.

Further information can be found at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) or from your Guidance Counsellor.

# Making plans for NEXT YEAR...

- If you have a diagnosed learning disability and/or have had adaptations to assist with learning in High School, supports may be available at NSCC and University.
- Monies are available for support services such as technology to assist with your post-secondary learning.
- **For details- look at the college or University website and consult The Nova Scotia Department of Education Post-Secondary Accessibility website:**  
**<https://novascotia.ca/post-secondary-accessibility-services/>**

# Making plans for NEXT YEAR...

**Once you have been accepted- if you are planning to attend that school, you will need to accept your offer!**

Send your confirmation document (they will usually email this to you) and a confirmation fee (usually between \$200 and \$300) by the deadline the school specifies. This amount usually is deducted from your first year of tuition. The confirmation fee is required to accept a place in residence and to choose courses. This usually happens between **March and May 2026**.

Course selection takes place in April and May. Some schools will send reps to MHS to help you do this. **MHS Guidance are not qualified to help you pick your courses** 😊

A final transcript will be required in June. Schools in NS can look at your final transcript using your provincial number- but we are happy to send copies to other provinces. If you have to send a hard copy (outside of NS or otherwise) you'll get 3 copies in your grad package

# Financing your education...

- **Nova Scotia Student Loans presentation webinars- To Be Announced. Info on this will be emailed home.**
- Portal for Provincial and Federal student loans opens late April/Early May.
- You can start the process now by visiting <https://novascotia.ca/studentassistance/> and creating an account. **There is a LONG list of documents needed to apply for student loans- now is a good time to start gathering those.**

# Financing your education- **SCHOLARSHIPS!**

- **Scholarship information will be posted on the Grade 12 classroom code: warqjequ**

If parents want to assist their students with applications, it is recommended they log in with their student. The responsibility is the student's.

- **Millwood High Community Awards:** Applications will come out in **April/May 2026** - reviewed by the awards committee. **PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR GRAD PACKAGE!!!!**

- **Entrance scholarships** for various post-secondary institutions- see their websites (some are given automatically upon application, some you have to apply for – typically around February or March)

# What to expect this year...

- **Potential grad list** posted October. Potential grad means PROVIDED THEY PASS EVERYTHING THIS YEAR they will graduate. Make sure legal name in Powerschool is correct as this is what will be on their Diploma. **If not- send a copy of passport or birth certificate into their School Counsellor.**
- **Grade 12 meetings:** one on one meetings with their counsellor October and November to go over grad progress and plans for next year.

# What do we READ at graduation?

- **Your First, Middle, and Last Name** on powerschool. \*If you have a different preferred name we can read that as you cross the stage, but your legal name will be printed on all documents (transcript, diploma, letters from politicians, etc.) **YOU NEED TO MAKE US AWARE OF WHAT NAME YOU WANT READ- WE WILL DEFAULT TO YOUR LEGAL NAME.**
- **Your Academic Award for grade 12 year** (Honours, High Honours, Principal's List Distinction)
- If you graduate with a **French Immersion Certificate or Options and Opportunities Certificate.**
- Any **subject awards** you have won.
- **Scholarships and Bursaries** awarded through the Millwood High Community Awards process or given from the Department of Education or the NSTU or PSAANS

**WE DO NOT** read out your post-secondary plans, entrance scholarships from Universities or Colleges, or external community scholarships. **We will make an exception if the scholarship is incredibly large and/or prestigious (at our discretion).**

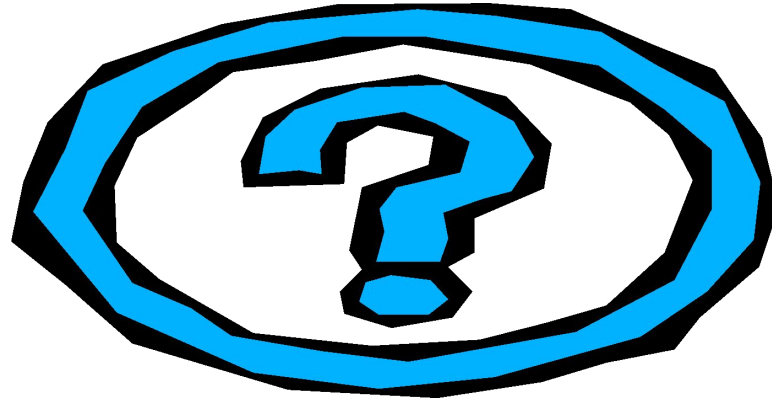
# What to expect this year...

- **Grad photos – TBA – watch the announcements and Grade 12 Guidance Google Classroom**
- **Prom - TBA. This is now hosted by the community so please watch Facebook groups.**
- **Graduation- I ASSUME (but stay tuned) June 29th@ Dal Arts Centre. 10 AM**

# What to expect this year...

- From Janet @ <https://www.mycampusgps.ca/>
- “I hear it all the time- students are overwhelmed by the burden of choice. They have so many ways to go that they **can’t decide the next step for fear of taking the wrong one.** The vast array of choices can be both a blessing and a burden.”
- No path is necessarily straight and no decision “unchangeable”.
- Plan A, Plan B, Plan C
- What do you love? Like? Not Hate?
- Grade 12- “itis”

# Questions



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