



# Millwood High School



## Millwood Knights

# Class of 2022

## GRADE 12 INFORMATION SESSION

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**GRADE 12 GRADUATION  
GOOGLE CLASSROOM!**

*Class code:* ufwvn6y

**GUIDANCE TWITTER:**

@MHSGuidance11

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

# 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.



## What does a Nova Scotia Works School Liaison do?

- **Promote and engage students** about the range of career opportunities in NS through collaboration with Administration, teachers, school counselors support staff, employers, education institutions, and industry partners.
- Examples include:
  - ✓ In school and offsite workshops
  - ✓ 1-1 support
  - ✓ Guest speakers
  - ✓ Volunteering opportunities
  - ✓ Extracurricular opportunities in community
  - ✓ Career fair exposure



## **Employability skill development**

Examples include:

- ✓ Job readiness
- ✓ Interview skills
- ✓ Networking

**Provide individual and group career support to parents and families**

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# How do I decide?

- **AARAO “EXPLORATION”**
- The Atlantic Association of Registrars and Admissions Officers.
- Many representatives from Universities, Colleges, Private Colleges, Military, etc. present information about programming, applications, scholarships, etc.
- They are offering a virtual information “FAIR” with online “BOOTHs” students can visit:

## Fall 2021 Virtual Post-Secondary EXPO

Come learn more about your post-secondary options in our interactive virtual Fair! You can check out the booths any time between September 29, 2021 and February 2022!

However, you can meet, and chat live with representatives on:

Sept. 29, 2021 – 9 A.M. – 4 P.M. and 6 P.M. – 9 P.M. ADT

and

Dec. 2, 2021 – 9 A.M. – 4 P.M. and 6 P.M. – 9 P.M. AST

- **AARAO- Nova Scotia Student night is October 20<sup>th</sup>!**



Atlantic Association of Registrars  
& Admissions Officers Presents:

# POST-SECONDARY OPPORTUNITIES EXPO

*Virtual*

Chat live with representatives:\*

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Information Booths available 24/7 until March 2022

**Meet us in 'Kumospace':\*\***

- Oct. 7, 2021 @ 9-11 P.M.**  
Non-Atlantic Night
- Oct. 20, 2021 @ 7-9 P.M.**  
Nova Scotia Night
- Nov. 2, 2021 @ 7-9 P.M.**  
PEI & NL Night
- Nov. 18, 2021 @ 7-9 P.M.**  
New Brunswick Night

\*All times are listed in Atlantic Time  
\*\*Please join another evening if you are unable to make your provincial night.

**FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO REGISTER, VISIT [AARAO.CA/FAIRS](http://AARAO.CA/FAIRS)**



# How do I decide?- OPEN HOUSES

- Open houses will look a lot different this year. Some post-secondary schools are hosting virtual open houses and some are in person. Please check with schools you are interested in attendance via websites. We will update what we see on the Grade 12 classroom.
- Some post-secondary schools will accept on-the-spot/free application for **EARLY CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE**. Most schools in Nova Scotia can access your High School marks through your student ID (they can go right into powerschool). **If you are applying for early acceptance at an open house- you may need a paper copy of your in progress transcript. Email [kcostard@hrce.ca](mailto:kcostard@hrce.ca) for this and indicate if you want a PRINT COPY or a PDF emailed to YOU or to admissions of your school.**

# How do I decide?- OPEN HOUSES

- **For schools outside of Nova Scotia you may be asked to send an progress transcript. These can be requested by emailing [kcostard@hrce.ca](mailto:kcostard@hrce.ca)**
- **If you are attending an in-person open house or are going on a campus tour, 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.**

# 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!**
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# 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.
- **University**- English 12 and 4 other 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!**

# Making plans for NEXT YEAR...

- Applying for schools COSTS MONEY- between \$25 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 ask for your NS Student ID number which is the 10 digit number attached to your PowerSchool.
- It is best to get applications in on free admission days if offering.

# Making plans for NEXT YEAR...

Post-secondary people at Millwood.

- Oct 7th St. Thomas at Millwood. Free on the spot transcript eval for early cond. acceptance.
  - Oct 13th NSCC at Millwood. Info session
  - Oct 15th Acadia at Millwood. Info/free application/on the spot transcript eval for early cond. acceptance.
  - Oct 19th- SMU at Millwood. Info/free application
  - Oct 29th- MTA at Millwood. Free application code
  - Nov 10th- STFX at Millwood. Free application.
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- Dalhousie- TBA after their open house on Nov 5th
  - MSVU TBA
  - CBU TBA



# Making plans for NEXT YEAR...

## UPCOMING OPEN HOUSES:

**UPEI-** Virtual Nov 12th 9 am- 1pm FREE APPLICATION

**St. Thomas-** Virtual Nov 6th FREE APPLICATION

**UNB-** Virtual Oct 23rd FREE APPLICATION

**MSVU-** Virtual Nov 4th FREE APPLICATION

**MUN** - Virtual Nov 15-17th

**NSCC-** Virtual Oct 27-30th \*Milly session Oct 28th\*  
FREE APPLICATION

**Dal-** Virtual Nov 6th

**SMU-** Virtual Nov 20th FREE APPLICATION

**CBU-** Virtual Oct 23rd

# Making plans for NEXT YEAR...

- **Early conditional acceptance...**
- 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 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.  
**\*\*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 2022.

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. Students will have the opportunity to indicate where they would like a final transcript sent upon graduation.

# Financing your education...

- **Nova Scotia Student Loans Virtual presentation (?)  
To Be Announced.**
- 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 you education- **SCHOLARSHIPS!**

- **Scholarship information will be posted on the Grade 12 classroom code: ufwvn6y.**
- **Millwood High Community Awards:** Applications will come out in May 2022 - reviewed by the awards committee.
- **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 to expect this year...

- **Grad photos – TBA – watch the announcements and twitter!**
- **Prom and Graduation- Stay tuned.** Will be in accordance with the Provincial Health Recommendations. Information will be shared on the Grade 12 Classroom.

# What to expect this year...

- **From Janet @ My Campus GPS**

“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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