



Southern Ontario Collegiate

## Guidance Newsletter

September 2022

It is hard to believe the 2022/2023 academic year is already well underway. I want to extend a warm welcome to both our new and returning students, we are off to already a great start! At this time, I would like to provide some information on graduation requirements in Ontario, course selection, and basic university information. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out the guidance counsellor Ms. Molly, either drop in her office or email her at [molly.mignault@mysoc.ca](mailto:molly.mignault@mysoc.ca).

### Graduation Requirements

There are specific requirements that each student must meet in order to graduate. Every student must obtain 30 credits (courses). In most cases, we are able to give credit for courses completed in your home country. Students beginning in grades 9 or 10 must also complete the Ontario Literacy Test and obtain 40 hours of community service.

### Course Selection

If you have concerns regarding your course selection or would like to make changes please see guidance as soon as possible. The last day to add/drop courses is Monday September 19 at 3:00PM EDT.

### December Graduates

If you are graduating in December and want to start university/college in January 2023 you must begin applying in the next week. If you have not started your applications, please see Ms. Molly the guidance counsellor as soon as possible.

### University Information

Attending College or University is an extremely exciting endeavor, and I will work my hardest to help you all achieve these goals. A wonderful resource with tons of information is the Ontario Universities Information website. please make use of it! This website will be your best friend in researching Ontario university programs. Please note that this website is for Ontario schools ONLY. Should you wish to apply outside of Ontario, please see each university's website.

LINK: <https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/>

### **Ontario University Fair**

On October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be a university fair at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. This event is fair style with booths from Ontario universities, and it allows you to gather information and chat with representatives one on one. For more information please visit:

LINK: <https://www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca/>

### **Remote Learning Requirements**

Students who are studying remotely are required to meet the same standards and expectations as students who are studying onsite.

That is:

- Attend classes daily (electronically) for the full length of the class to meet the Ministry of Education 110 hours of study per course.
- Complete and submit on time all work required by teachers, including writing mid-term and final examinations.
- Respect and adhere to all academic integrity requirements

**Remember a fully functioning computer with reliable internet, audio (speakers and a microphone) and visual capacity (camera) is mandatory. You may not study remotely without meeting these requirements.**

### **Study Study Study**

Remember, studying is a critical component of learning. You must study the material each and every night in order to master the material. Attending class is not enough to excel. For those in math and science it is encouraged to utilize study hall in period four for extra assistance and study time.

### **Events and Important Dates**

**September 19, 2022**—Brock University Visit

**September 19, 2022**—Last day to add/drop courses without penalty

**September 22, 2022**—Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson) Visit

**September 27, 2022**, University of New Brunswick Visits

**October 1-2, 2022** —Ontario University Fair

### **Land Acknowledgement**

Southern Ontario Collegiate is situated upon the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas and it is still home to many Indigenous people. We are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.