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YRHS Post-Secondary 101 for Families with SUTIL

6:15 pm to 7:30 pm – October 16th, 2023 – AP Theatre

Yorkton Regional High School Student Services Department

These are some of the things that you should know as you are approaching Graduation and life after high school. Whether you are interested in University, Tech School, Apprenticeship, or the Job Market, you owe it to yourself to be aware of all of the opportunities available to you now and for the future. As a YRHS student, you should use our Graduation Google Classroom and the **Student Services** tab on our school website as your primary resources to find information about graduation, application to post-secondary institutions and employment opportunities including Apprenticeship programs.

As a high school student, it is very important that **you** take the responsibility to find out what to do about your future. While parents and guardians are there to support you as you explore, decide and apply, **you** are the one who should spearhead and act.

How to Prepare for Life After High School:

- You should explore your own interests and then find out which careers line up with those interests. Use the tools available to you on **My Blueprint** (link on website). Use assessment tools as well as career search.
- Attend **Career Education Events**. There have been a great number of career related events such as this one that you have had the opportunity to attend:

Checkout Google Classroom for Continuous Invitations to Virtual & In-Person Events!

- Attend your personal Grade 12 Grad Interviews this Fall – each Gr 12



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Terms to Know:

Apprenticeship - Many trades require as part of their education program several hundred hours of apprenticeship. High school students may gather hours that count toward post-secondary apprenticeship hour requirements while still in high school.

Apprenticeship Credits (A20, B20, A30, B30) – A student works under the supervision of a journeyman outside of the school schedule in a *paid* position to gain up to 4 high school credits through an application made to the YRHS. (Documentation: Form 6a – Gives student trade time credit towards the hours they have to work as a formal apprentice)

Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship – A *voluntary* program where students collect apprenticeship hours by taking PAA classes here at the YRHS **and** completing project modules. (Documentation: The school sends in proof of completion of the program and a certificate is sent to the student. This document will give them trade time credit towards the hours they have to work as a formal apprentice (i.e. 300 hours if all 3 levels are completed).

Cosmetology Articulation - students acquire extra apprenticeship hours in Cosmetology through our high school Cosmetology classes. Education is required prior to the apprenticeship process.

<https://youtu.be/30VfG5GBom4?si=Xciv8z9LymV5plh6>

Applying to Post-Secondary Institutions – you should know the following terms as you apply.

- Technical institutes typically offer certificates, diplomas and some degrees in cooperation with universities.

Certificate – one-year program

Diploma – two-year program

Bachelor Degree – three- or four-year program (profession)

- Universities typically offer degree programs.

Bachelor Degree (B.A., B.Sc., B.Ed., B.Comm., B.Eng., etc.) – three- or four-year program (profession), described as Undergraduate Studies.

Master's Degree (M.A., M.B.A., M.Eng., M.Ed., etc.) – usually another two years of study after a Bachelor degree; described as Graduate Studies.

Doctoral Degree (Ph.D.) – highest level of University, usually another two years after the Master's level, usually requires a thesis; described as Graduate Studies.



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There are also some terms that you need to know about the application process.

First-Qualified-First-Admitted – refers to Saskatchewan Polytechnic programs where if students apply with the required high school pre-requisites, they will be admitted if there is still room in the program.

High Demand Program – refers to Saskatchewan Polytechnic programs where a large number of students are vying for few spots. Students with the highest marks in certain classes will be admitted. This list may change from year to year – you must research.

Direct Entry Program – students may apply for these university faculties directly out of high school at some universities. An example is entering directly into the faculty of Education at the University of Regina. (There are pros and cons.)

Non-Direct Entry Program – students must attend one or two “pre-professional” years before applying to a faculty. An example is the faculty of Dentistry. Often, a student must be sure to follow specific courses in the pre-professional year(s) in order to apply. (There are pros and cons.)

Early Conditional Admission and Awards – Students may apply early to university based on Semester 1 marks, even mid-term marks. Universities conditionally admit students as long as they maintain their average and complete the classes they have said they would. Students who wish to be considered for Awards and Scholarships managed by the university need to apply early as well.

If you miss the Early Conditional Application Deadline, you may still be admitted if you meet the requirements of the program you are applying for. You will not have the benefit of qualifying for awards or knowing if you may attend in the fall.

Some programs have different Application Deadlines – you must know them.

Follow the instructions! You need to do things like:

Provide unofficial transcripts. This means seeing someone in Student Services with lots of notice for a Transcript of Marks including a list of courses yet to be completed. Ask for enough to use for applying for scholarships as well.

Write essays and fill out long applications (example: Education).

Create portfolios (example: Fine Arts)

Order Official Transcripts. *You need to submit a “Request for High School Transcript” form ONLINE which will guarantee that your *final* official transcript will be sent from the Ministry to the institution you are applying to. We can help you in Student Services. <https://www.k12.gov.sk.ca/etranscript/>



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Financial Assistance

There are four general types of financial assistance which are classified as follows:

Award - Money granted to eligible students, usually on the basis of academic and/or other criteria.

Scholarship - Money usually given on the basis of academic standing.

Bursary - Money usually given on the basis of financial need.

Loan - Money borrowed for temporary use with the intent that it will be repaid.

Work Study Cooperative programs are a combination of schooling and paid work terms. This is an excellent way to pay some education costs and get excellent work experience.

Local Scholarships – see our website for a list of local scholarships offered to YRHS students. Most of these scholarships don't require you to apply. Our YRHS Scholarship Committee ensures that as many students as possible fairly receive scholarships based on the criteria set out by scholarship sponsors.

Applying for Scholarships – there are several good links on the YRHS website which will help you find scholarships to apply for. You don't have to have stellar marks to get a scholarship, so search and apply! Spend some time. Keep copies of all of your applications.

How to Apply. Follow the instructions. You may need letters of reference. Choose appropriate sources, provide them lots of notice and provide them information about the scholarship and about you (brag sheet).

Come prepared for your **Grad Interview** so that we can help you figure out what you need to do to get on track! Ask lots of questions!