

December 2009 Grad Newsletter

Dates

1. **Grad Photos** are taken by Lifetouch. Every grad needs their picture taken for yearbook/grad composite and you can order prints for yourself. Photos will be taken January 5th to January 14th after school, in the Music portable behind the school. Book your appointment in the office now, very few spots available. Retakes are February 3rd to 4th.



2. **Grad Cruise** January 29th 2010 tickets are now on sale. This will be going **ahead but the students who have incomplete portfolio work from grade 11 will be expected to complete all the work. If it is not complete please see Mr. Out.** On January 29th, we will meet at 4pm in the cafeteria. Pizza will be served and then immediately we will head off for Vancouver. We will board at 6:30 and set sail at 7pm, returning at 10 pm. Students who have dates must have guest pass request signed and those who are over the age of 18 must meet Mr. Moorthy. Note---- no one will be allowed to join us down at the dock. Every one has to leave on the bus from LFAS. Every student is searched for alcohol etc. on entering the boat. Any one found with alcohol on them will not be allowed to continue on the cruise.



3. **Grad sleep over** will be held on Thursday, February 18th, 2010 from 5 pm to 6 am the next morning. We will have a potluck dinner. Cost will be \$5.00 to be paid at the office to cover midnight goodies etc



4. **Portfolio Day** will be on April 30th 2010, 1pm in the library. This is the only day scheduled for presentations.

5. **Best of... Show** (Grade 12 students pick the best performances/pieces from their majors) Tuesday June 8th 2010 7pm



6. **Commencement** will be on Friday, June 18th, 2010. Tickets will go on sale in May.

7. **Newlands Grad Dinner/Dance** will be held Wednesday, June 23rd, 2010. Tickets will go on sale in May.

Applying to post secondary Institutions.

You should now be applying to the colleges and universities of your choice. Most of the post-secondary institutions in BC have begun accepting applications on-line now. If you are applying to a BC university, use the on-line application at www.pas.bc.ca. Starting in **December**, you may make an appointment to apply on-line in my office, if you need assistance. You must bring your Social Insurance Number and a Visa or Mastercard #. The process takes anywhere from half an hour to one hour. Students applying to an Ontario university should apply through www.ouac.on.ca.

There are some definite advantages to applying early. If you meet the deadline of **Feb. 28th**, and your Average mark is high, you can receive conditional acceptance by the spring. Most BC universities will be asking you to report your grades on-line, so keep a copy of your Grade 11 marks and your current report card handy.

Once you have applied to the university, check on the following things:

Contact the financial aid office at the university, and ask about entrance scholarships. Some may be offered automatically, and some may require a separate application.

If you are planning on living in residence, apply at the same time that you are applying to the school. Housing is often in high demand so make sure you complete this application.

Contact a university advisor and ask about course planning sessions.

Below is another link to PASBC

<https://portal.bccampus.ca/myProfile.htm;jsessionid=4DBB66C13677B196674CEC3BB1EC0E72? flowExecutionKey= c6126A956-CFFE-7F88-7196-67090B835ADA kFCB672A8-BC4B-23CE-AD78-3B1FE117F1E4>



UBC—I just got back from a visit to UBC Vancouver (U.B.C. V.)

Even if you are not going to UBC this information is still of interest to any one going onto University. Here is what I learned;

- You can do a first degree in the Department of Forestry and still go into Medicine.
- Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) in Forest Science
- B.Sc Natural resources Conservation
- B.Sc in Wood Products Processing
- B.Sc. in Forest Operations.
- The nursing program is after two years of a general science or Art degree.
- The **Presidents Entrance Award** has been reduced to \$2,500 for any one over 90% at Vancouver or 86% at UBC Okanagan. (U.B.C. O.)
- The Presidential Scholarships are based on the marks that were given on admission in March. I.e. not your final second semester marks.
- International Students can apply for International leader of Tomorrow by February 1st
- The **Major Entrance Scholarship** is not just about marks. They are looking for all round folks who show leadership potential through their everyday example in their actions. There are usually 1000 applicants and two of them are nominated from LFAS. If you wish to be considered for it then please take a look at the form and have it all ready to go with your references ready etc and write the essay piece by January 15th 2010 (not February as I said in the last newsletter) Out of the 1000 @ 40 are chosen for various amounts of money. Of note the UBC chair of the Major Entrance Award mentioned LFAS specifically as providing quality broad interest based students (Out of all the schools in BC)
- **Stress** is the number one reason for students to not do well at any University. Second reason is because of colds and flu.
- U.B.C. O. Has a Certificate in Forensic Psychology as part of a degree.
- U.B.C. O. Has a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Visual Art, Creative Writing and Theatre.
- U.B.C. O. Has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Zoology
- U.B.C. V. Has a Bachelor of Science in Applied Biology sustainability, food and the environment, research etc can be pre requisite to Medical school with much less emphasis.
- U.B.C. V You can now get to pre med through Engineering degree through Bachelor of Applied Science program. You can complete Bio 12 in the summer if you have all the subjects for engineering, e.g. math 12, chem. 11, 12, Physics 11, 12, English 12, Language 11,
- New to a Bachelor of Arts degree. No longer require English 6 credits in first year University but require 6 credits of writing and research
- Sauder school of Business has 4.5 applicants for every seat offered. It is very hard to get into.
- They take more students than before in the first year so really hard to get in at second year level or to transfer in from other colleges etc.

- The nursing program at U.B.C. O. is really good and really popular.
- Last year the average admissions to U.B.C. V were 89%. As so many students are not taking the provincial exam the average mark has gone up.
- The provincial exams are a good predictor of success at university but because so many results do not come in until August they are not used when making a final offer by the University.
- Going to U.B.C. O does not make it any easier to transfer back to Vancouver if you did not get in to U.B.C. V as your first choice. Go to U.B.C. O because you like the campus, the courses, the small classes, the sun, the snow etc. Only course that could possibly transfer back to U.B.C. V is engineering.
- LPI You must take this if your English is in the second semester (or in other schools that are linear timetables every one has to take it as their mark does not come out until August)
- Minimal English is 70% in grade 11 and 12
- For the grade 9 students at our school they will either take Grade 11 pre Calculus math or grade 11 and 12 Foundations math for University requirements.
- If you are taking on line/paper based or LEC Courses they are not seen by the University as they are not on your report card in March when you self report using your First Semester report card. So have at least ½ done by April so that it will be in the ministry website by May.
- Report your grades honestly and keep the report card so that if there is any dispute you can show where you received the information from.
- You must accept the offer of admission by June 1st and then you can register for course, housing in July etc.
- Do you enjoy Biology and technology and business and communications —Then a degree in Bio tech at BCIT and jointly with UBC might be for you.
- Science on at UBC is a fabulous program but it does need calculus which we do not offer at LFAS,. However you can take it online at Fraser Valley distance education if you really want to get into the small cohort of integrated science.
- Doing a Bachelor of Arts Degree at UBC means you can do things like, Computer Science, Critical studies in Sexuality, Latin, Near Eastern Studies, Romance Studies, Social work, Speech Sciences, Theatre design-technical, health and Society and many many more programs. Check them out.

<http://www.ubc.ca/>

Capilano College

Students considering applying to **Capilano College** should check their admissions site. The audition schedules are up for January and May so apply NOW if you are interested in jazz, musical theatre, theatre, costume making, animation, tech etc

<http://www.capilanou.ca/home.html>

SFU

Students should be **applying to SFU now**. At the same time as you apply, please apply for residence if necessary. Early application deadline is Feb. 28th, 2010
Self-report your grades starting Dec. 10th. You may want to wait for your January report card. If you are taking a second semester Provincial, SFU will accept the mark for the prerequisite course for self-reporting (e.g. use your Physics 11 mark for Physics 12).
Pay your application fee of \$45 and then check your "to do" list at <http://go.sfu>
Pay your \$100 confirmation fee to acknowledge your acceptance

SFU undergrad admission averages:

80% GPA for most programs

85% GPA for Business Admin.

90% guarantees admission and \$3500 entrance scholarship

95% guarantees admission and \$5000 entrance scholarship

<http://www.sfu.ca/>

SFU Coming to LFAS

Faculty of SFU school of contemporary Arts is coming to LFAS grade 11 & 12 on Friday, January 15th at 1 pm. They really like our graduates do not go to any other school. They will be in the New Woodward building as of September 2010.

Want to go abroad and learn.....

about how other people live and learn. Choose a gap organization that will place you in a country and an activity that you are interested in.

http://www.lattitude.org.uk/index_Ca.aspx

http://www.northsouthtravel.com/gap/gap_contact_us.php

This would be good for anyone interested in Global Citizenship activities. Other programs of this type include Katimavik.

Info on MEI International Academy semester and summer travel and learn programs info in counseling area

Language Proficiency Exam

The LPI Should be taken if you have English 12 second semester and you are going to University. This way the University can see if your English is high enough (5 or a 6) without waiting until August for your provincial mark to come through. You do not want to wait until August to be accepted into University as you may not get in to the program or classes that you really want. The exam will be held here at LFAS on April 8th, 2010. You can register in January on line but for more information, go to <http://www.ares.ubc.ca/LPI/index.html>

Fine Arts Program

If you are applying to a **Fine Arts program**, at Post secondary Institution there will likely be a second application directly through the department you are *applying to* (e.g. **Dept. of Music**) *You should be notified about when your audition or Tape is required.* and inquire about a possible audition/interview.

ONLINE POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION (PSI) SELECTIONS for STUDENTS

This is an electronic way for your University or college to have all your marks to them as soon as they come out in August. So as soon as you know which Post secondary Institute you are going to then you can fill out this form. This will save you having to send your transcript in by post in August. Some students find this process difficult to do so please book a time with me and we can do it together.

The PSI Selections form is now available online for students graduating this year. Paper "PSI Choices Forms" will no longer be sent to schools. This electronic PSI Selections form should only be submitted by students who expect to graduate this year and are applying to a PSI.

Students access this online form by logging into the Student Secure Web (SSW) site: <https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/> and click the "Post Secondary Institutions Selections" menu option. Note that students who do not yet have a SSW account will need to create one prior to gaining access to the PSI Selections form. For further information on Post Secondary Institution sign up visit our very own BC School Counsellor website.

<http://www.bcschoolcounsellor.com/>

Are you going to graduate?

The Ministry of education has sent me a list of students who will graduate. This list is usually because you are either missing a course eg. PE10 or you are doing something online and the Ministry of Education does not know about it. So if you are doing an online course, make sure that you are on the list outside my office.

Scholarships

1. BCGEU-scholarships available if any one in family works or has worked and in the BCGEU Application Feb 28th
2. Student awards.com is offering a contest scholarship. Check out www.fundyourfuture.ca/rock for details
3. Prospera Credit Union Scholarships. Scholarship information is on file for Western Ontario, Univ. of Alberta and **SFU Surrey**. I am anticipating the **UVIC** scholarship material in early December/January. Please let me know if you want to apply.
4. BC Innovation Council - summer work term and scholarship for students with Physics 11 and 12. You must be nominated so please see me.
5. Remax quest for excellence bursary, due march 2010. download application at www.remax.ca click on the quest for excellence logo.
6. Toyota Earth Day Scholarship for students involved in Environmental Community Service. earthday.ca/Toyota.ca.
7. Terry Fox Humanitarian Scholarship www.terryfox.org
8. For humanitarian Volunteer work, whilst in pursuit of Academics, and Sport,
9. BC Arts Council- Scholarship awards for students going into the Arts
10. Mission Community Foundation www.mpsd.ca Must be in by 4.00pm on Feb 25th 2010

Provincial Exams – January 2010

As part of the Grad 2004 program, students are not required to write provincial exams in all courses. Students have the option of using the school mark as their final grade for a course, and still receive 4 credits. The only Provincial Exam which is not optional is English 12 or Communications 12.

My best advice:

If you are doing well in a course, write the Provincial exam. You will then be eligible for Provincial Scholarships.

If you are struggling in a course (less than 60%) and you don't feel you have the base knowledge to write the exam, you may consider taking your school mark as your final percent. Talk to your Grade 12 teacher. Most post-secondary require 70% .

-Provincial exams are two hours long, with the option to stay an extra hour. You will be asked by your grade 12 teacher if you are planning to take the exam. Most are paper and electronically presented but three grade 12 exams can only be taken electronically. They are Bio 12 ,History 12, and English literature

Provincial Exam dates and times are found on the government website www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams. Also, past provincial exams can be found at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/branches/dmsc

A great way to study for Provincials is to use the old practice exams and mark them yourself.

Tradex Career Fair January 2010

If you really are at a loss for where you are going on your post secondary journey then check out the career Show at the Science World in Vancouver January . Loads of industry, trade, private schools public post and secondary Institutions will be represented there.

Vancouver Education & Career Fair

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

Science World at Telus World of Science

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

I have free tickets

Work in the Houses of Parliament in Ottawa and study

Students applying for a university in the National Capital Region may also apply to the **House of Commons Page** program. This is an exciting opportunity for students wishing to pursue Government Employment, Law, or Political Studies. You must have French experience

. <http://www.admission.uottawa.ca/Default.aspx?tabid=2631>

Helicopter Training

Do you want to be able to **pilot a helicopter** then check this out---Helicopter Training

<http://www.bchicopters.com/about.html>

We have tours for future Careers coming up in January

- Careers in Architecture-January 20th 8am-3.00pm
- Work Experience at Langley Memorial Hospital Fri 22nd Jan, Feb 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th See Ms. De Little
- Careers in Finance Feb 11th
- Building Sector Tour Grade 9-12 Feb 25th