An Important Message from *Guidance*...

Course Selection is Right Around the Corner

GRADE 9 STUDENTS

- Are you thinking of switching pathways? Meet with guidance to have this discussion before course selections; you must bring a note from home to request this change.
- Always select the pathway you are capable of following and which will give you the most options for a career destination.
- Keep in mind you might need to 'reach back' for a grade 9 course you couldn't take this year.

ALL GRADE 10 STUDENTS

Your next year of high school marks big changes in terms of curriculum & pathways.

Applied Level 'P' now become

College Destination 'C' Level courses.

Academic Level 'D' now become

University Destination 'U' Level courses.

Essentials Level 'L' now become

Workplace Destination 'E' Level courses.

'M' Level courses are both College/University Level.

ALL GRADE 10 STUDENTS

- You will have earned most of your compulsory credits and need to think carefully about which electives you might need.
- It is important to 'look ahead' to potential post-secondary programs so you know which credits you will need for 'admission requirements'.

ALL GRADE 10 STUDENTS

- Any grade 11/12 course is subject to full disclosure, which means that any failed or dropped course will appear on your transcript unless you withdraw before the halfway point of the semester you are taking it.
- If you are considering a career in health care, our Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) might be a good fit for you. See Ms. Costanzo or Ms. Carmichael for more information.

GRADE 10 Academic Level Students

- In order to apply to university when you are in grade 12, you must have 6 grade 12 university level classes ('U' or 'M').
- In order to take 6 grade 12 'U' or 'M' classes, you most likely must take the grade 11 pre-requisites (e.g. grade 11 English is the pre-requisite for grade 12 English).
- It is always a good idea to take at least 1 or 2 grade 12 'U' or 'M' classes in grade 11.

GRADE 10 Academic Level Students

- Science & math become more specialized after grade 10.
- You may select from biology, chemistry and physics; grade 11 is required for taking grade 12.
- If you do not have a definite career plan, <u>keep</u> <u>your options open</u> and take some sciences as part of your electives.

GRADE 10 Applied Level Students

- All college programs have <u>specific</u> admission requirements; it is advisable to start looking ahead to programs you are interested in taking.
- Grade 10 applied or academic science is the prerequisite for:

Grade 11 College Level Biology Grade 12 College Level Chemistry Grade 12 College Level Physics

ALL GRADE 11 STUDENTS

- Make sure you have all diploma requirements covered including 18 compulsory credits,
- 12 optional credits, 40 hours of community service and the literacy requirement.
- Remember that there is full disclosure on your transcript of any failed or dropped grade 11/12 courses after the halfway point of the semester.

<u>Note</u>

To be an Ontario Scholar, you need 6 grade 12 credits in any level with an 80% average.

GRADE 11 University Bound Students

- You must have 6 grade 12 university level classes in order to apply to university ('U' or 'M').
- Double-check admission requirements of any program you are interested in and make sure you select those classes on your option sheet.
- If you are uncertain of your plan and are keeping your options open, consult the CVDCS on-line course calendar for the math pathways chart.

GRADE 11 College Bound Students

- Double-check admission requirements of any program you are interested in and make sure you select those classes on your option sheet.
- If you are applying to a highly competitive program, take your Grade 12 English in the <u>first</u> semester if possible.

GRADE 11 Workplace & Apprenticeship Bound Students

- Are you taking cooperative education? See Mr. Salvador to discuss this option of earning credits. You can make great connections and possibly find employment or an apprenticeship opportunity.
- See guidance or the cooperative education teacher to discuss dual credits with apprenticeship opportunities.

Returning Grade 12 Students

Are you just within reach of your diploma?

Consider:

- Summer cooperative education
- Summer e-Learning

Returning Grade 12 Students

- Looking for experiential learning? Try cooperative education or dual credits.
- Looking for flexibility? Consider e-Learning.
- Make sure that all your diploma requirements are met.
- Make sure that all admission requirements for post-secondary have been satisfied.

Any Questions?

- To view this slide show at home or with your parents, go to cvdcs.net or see Ms. Costanzo for a paper copy.
- For more information on high school and career planning, go to:

myblueprint.ca

osca.ca

Make an appointment with guidance

