Grade 12 Reminders

(Monday, March 18th - Friday, March 29th)

These next two months are when post-secondary institutions will be making decisions and sending out acceptance offers to applicants. Be sure to do the following in order to ensure that you don't miss anything:

1) Post-Secondary Portals

Be sure to continuously check each of your post-secondary portals to see if there are any new items on your to-do list or if an offer has come through. Be sure to accept or reject your offers before the deadlines that have been given to you.

2) Residence Deadlines

Once you accept your offer be sure to pay your housing deposit to secure a place in residence. Housing deadlines are coming up although most of them are in May and June. The sooner you can secure a spot in residence the better.

3) Visit Campuses

If you are able to physically visit the campuses of institutions that you are potentially going to go to that would be ideal. There are also many videos and resources online for you to gain a good sense of what campus life is like for the various institutions. Remember that you will probably be spending at least four years there so you want to try to be sure that it is a good fit for you.

4) Ministry Transcripts

If you have applied to ANY post-secondary institution you will need to make sure that you have selected **ALL institutions** on through your BCeID ministry of education account (STS - Student Transcript Services). This is to ensure that institutions have access to your interim and final grades in order to maintain your conditional offers. Please see more instructions on how to do this on Nov. 30th post on Google Classroom or Mrs. Ferrajohn for more help. <u>www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca</u>

5) Term 2 Transcripts

Some institutions/faculties may request to see a term 2 transcript.

- If you <u>have</u> already ordered transcripts through Mrs. Smithers at the front office then you can see her to add your request to the form that has already been processed.
- If you <u>have not yet</u> completed a transcript request form and you are in need of uploading or sending your term 2 transcript, complete <u>this form</u> and submit it to Mrs. Smithers.

6) Volunteer/Work Hours

This is a reminder that you will need to verify **at least 30 hours of volunteer and/or work experience** from last year and/or this year before the end of term 3. Spring break is a great time to get these hours if you have not already done so.

- If you <u>were or are in</u> Work Experience, then you automatically get rewarded with these hours.
- If you were not or are not in Work Experience, then you will need to upload proof (eg. pay stubs) or a completed volunteer form to your portfolio on myBlueprint. Volunteer forms and opportunities can be found in the Career's Office.

7) Summer/GAP year Programs

Many post-secondary institutions now offer summer programs that you can register for which are great opportunities for you to gain more experience, familiarize yourself with the campus and to get a head start on your post-secondary experience. Please visit individual websites for information on these programs or go to the Career Exploration/summer opportunities or GAP Year/High School Travel on the Rockridge Careers website for ideas - <u>http://rockridgecareers.weebly.com/</u>