

School Counselor Update - Information from Ms. Shelley Geran

Grade 12 Post-Secondary Applications – Fall, 2010

Most Grade 12 students appear to have done their post-secondary applications for the Fall, 2010 semester. However, February is still a good month to apply to post-secondary schools as well. Any Grade 12 students who need assistance in this area are strongly encouraged to see Ms. Geran early in the new semester.

Best Jobs of 2010

Students often ask me what the best jobs are for the future. A recent study by careercast.com found that the best job for 2010 is an actuary. This is a job that requires a love of Math and involves calculating statistics to determine probability and risk. An actuary earns about \$85,000 a year, has few physical demands, little stress, a good work environment, and a positive outlook for employment growth. Other highly rated jobs included software engineer, computer systems analyst, biologist, and historian.

As for the worst jobs, roustabout (oil rig worker), lumberjack, ironworker, dairy farmer, and welder were listed as being least desirable. These ratings were based on the amount of stress, work environment, physical demands, income, and hiring outlook.

Semester Two – Course Changes

Some students may wish to ask questions about their second semester schedules. Students who may want to consider possible changes are encouraged to see Ms. Geran before the second semester begins. There is no guarantee that changes are possible, but Ms. Geran will try her best to be of assistance.