

GRADE 11 GUIDANCE INFORMATION—FALL 2021

CEGEP OPEN HOUSES

All grade 11 students considering attending CEGEP are **strongly encouraged** to attend at least **2 CEGEPs Open Houses**. Visit virtually (or in person- please check before heading out) on the following dates:

O’SULLIVAN COLLEGE (Downtown)

www.osullivan.edu 514-866-4622

In person open house: Tuesday, October 19th, 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM

JOHN ABBOTT COLLEGE (St-Anne-de-Bellevue)

www.johnabbott.qc.ca 514-457-6610

Virtual open house: Saturday, October 23rd

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE ST. JEAN (St. Jean sur Richelieu)

www.cmrsj-rmcsj.forces.qc.ca 1-844-842-2008

In person open house: Saturday October 23rd, 9 AM to 3 PM

DAWSON COLLEGE (Downtown)

www.dawsoncollege.qc.ca 514-933-1234

Virtual open house: Sunday, October 24th

GERALD GODIN (Sainte-Genieve)

www.cgodin.qc.ca 514-626-2666

Sunday, October 24th, 1 PM to 4 PM

MARIANOPOLIS COLLEGE (Westmount)

www.marianopolis.edu 514-931-8792

Sunday, October 31st, times TBD

LASALLE COLLEGE (Downtown)

www.lasallecollege.com 514-939-2006

Hybrid open house: Tuesday, November 2nd, 11 AM to 8 PM

VANIER COLLEGE (Ville-St-Laurent)

www.vaniercollege.qc.ca 514-744-7500

Saturday, November 6th, times TBD

CHAMPLAIN ST-LAMBERT (South Shore)

www.champlainonline.com 450-672-7360

Virtual open house: Sunday, November 7th, 1PM to 4PM

Please note that there are many other CEGEPs in Quebec and on the island of Montreal.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Ministry of Education awards a Secondary School Diploma to students who have earned 54 credits in Secondary IV and V, at least 20 of which must be at the Secondary V level. The following credits are compulsory:

- 6 Secondary V credits in English Language Arts
- 4 Secondary V credits in French Second Language
- 4 or 6 Secondary IV credits in Mathematics (CST or SN)
- 4 or 6 credits Secondary IV credits in Science (General, Applied)
- 4 Secondary IV credits in History and Citizenship
- 2 Secondary IV credits in an Art Option Course
- 2 Secondary V credits in Physical Education and Health **or** Ethics and Religious Culture

Note: Students earn credits for all courses passed at the Secondary IV and V levels. The course codes identify the type of credit earned (either Secondary IV or V) and the number of credits earned. The first number indicates the level and the last number indicates the number of credits attached to the course. (E.g. Math **404 CST** is a Secondary **4** level course with **4** credits awarded to a student upon successful completion of the course).

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR CEGEP

A student will only be admitted to CEGEP if he or she has a Secondary School Diploma. Specific programs may have additional course requirements as well as cut-off marks. You must check these before you apply. You will only have first term marks to submit by the March 1st deadline. You must meet the cut-offs to be admitted! **Applying to a program for which you do not meet the admission criteria will almost certainly lead to a notice of refusal.**

CEGEP APPLICATION SYSTEM

SRAM (Service Regional d'Admission de Montreal) is used by the following English CEGEPs: Vanier College, John Abbott College, Champlain Lennoxville, and Heritage College. It is also used by many French CEGEPs. Dawson College, Marianopolis College, and the other English-language colleges have independent application systems which means you can apply to each of them separately. The deadline to apply to CEGEP is **March 1st**. You **MUST** apply on time.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION (aka TRADE SCHOOL)

Vocational programs vary in their admission criteria and deadlines. Most programs require a minimum of grade 10 English, French, and Math. You can visit www.admissionfp.com for trade school information. The Lester B. Pearson school board's trade website is www.lbpce.ca.

HELPFUL WEBSITES FOR CAREER EXPLORATION

All students have access to a great career planning tool called Xello through their student Fusion portal. Be sure to take the time to check it out. www.pygma.ca allows you to explore the Quebec CEGEP system. It has information about all programs and colleges. Other sites of interest include: www.jobfutures.ca, www.headingforsuccess.com. Finally, invite your parents to visit <https://espaceparents.org/en> for tools to support you in your career exploration.

PSATs

If you are considering going to the **USA for university**, it is advisable for you to take the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test). This test will prepare you for the SAT, which is **required** when applying to many universities in the USA. The test will take place on **October 13th, 2021** at the cost of 30\$ from 8:15 AM to 12:00 PM. The PSAT will be administered at John Rennie in the cafeteria (with 2 meters distance between each student). Please visit Miss Priya's office or the guidance office ASAP to sign up and receive preparatory material. Please note that we have a **limited number of tests** and are offered on a **FIRST COME FIRST SERVED** basis. **Please note that all students who wish to write the PSAT must also be present on October 12th from 11:10 to 12:00 in the JRHS cafeteria for a mandatory pre-test session.**

TUTORING

If you are interested in tutoring please fill in this google form. Your contact information will be shared with parents who are looking for a tutor for their child in the subjects you are comfortable tutoring. The tutoring fee is 12.50\$ per hour. It is paid directly from the parent to the tutor.

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

UNIVERSITIES/COLLEGES: Most scholarships are awarded to the student by the individual institutions. The awards are almost always for academic merit and not financial need. Some institutions automatically screen all eligible students, but it is always wise to read the CEGEP/ college/university calendar or check

with the institution's AWARDS OFFICE. High academic achievement is generally the major criteria. Most Canada-wide scholarships are awarded to grade12 students in provinces other than Quebec and CEGEP students in Quebec.

COMPANY SCHOLARSHIPS: Many companies have scholarships for the sons/daughters of employees. Your parents should check with their employers to see if such a scholarship is available. They are generally awarded for academic excellence.

www.yconic.com is a site you can create a profile on which allows you to obtain scholarship and academic info. Alternately, you can use www.scholarshipscanada.com.

GUIDANCE INFORMATION EVENING FOR PARENTS

Please let your parents know that they are invited to an information session about CEGEP and other post-secondary options on **Tuesday, October 19th, 2021**. This session will be done virtually in the evening. Details will be sent to parents shortly via ERMS. Ms. Fuga and Miss Priya will be discussing the CEGEP and Vocational program application process.

CONSULT YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR

Finally, **come by and visit your guidance counsellors**. We are here to help you find the answers you are looking for in terms of your career and educational goals. You may book an appointment through this link: <https://forms.gle/6SwGghWecQAn6NM86>. We can also be reached by email at mfuga@lbpearson.ca, and pbhatia02@lbpearson.ca. The guidance office is also lucky to have the help of a guidance intern this year. Her name is Melina Longo and she can be reached at m.longo@lbpearson.ca.