

5--**SEMIAHMOO SECONDARY SCHOOL--**  
**2017-18 GRADLETTER**

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**Grad Planner**

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## **BC Dogwood Planner 2017/2018**

The BC Government publishes an excellent grad resource. It addresses frequently asked questions by graduating students and their parents.

[https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/kindergarten-to-grade-12/support/graduation/bc\\_dogwood\\_planner\\_eng.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/kindergarten-to-grade-12/support/graduation/bc_dogwood_planner_eng.pdf)

## **Scheduling Information**

### **Grad Fashion Show**

**March 1, 2018**

This is a very entertaining evening and a Semi Tradition.  
Small gym at 7:00 pm. Cost: \$10  
Listen to the announcements for ticket sales

### **Commencement Ceremony**

**June 6, 2018**

The commencement ceremony will be Wednesday June 8, 2016 at 6:45pm. More information to be provided in graduation information package available in the new year.



### **Scholar\$hip Information**

A list of external scholarships is posted on the school website. Contact Ms. Britt in the Careers Office (period 1) or after school in room 218 for help. You must see Ms. Britt if the scholarship needs to be school sponsored.

Internal scholarship applications will be available in the Spring.

### **Grad Dinner Dance (TBA)**

The planning for the 2018 Grad Dinner Dance is underway and tentatively booked at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver on Georgia Street for June 9<sup>th</sup>. The protocol with all the downtown hotels is that they will not confirm high school reservations until March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Once confirmation is made, details will be conveyed to grads and parents. Tickets will go on sale in late April/early May – listen to the daily announcements for updates.

A detailed information sheet will also be distributed at a later date. Contact Ms. Pelech in the Career Office for more information.

# Transcripts for Post-Secondary Institutions (STS)



Grade 12 students applying to a Post-Secondary Institutions must provide their transcript information electronically. You will need to set up a Student Transcript account. Please go to [www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca](http://www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca) to set up your account. Once it is set up you can select up to 25 different post-secondary institutions to have a transcript sent to when they are available. Counsellors will be available in the Computer Lab on Tuesdays and Wednesdays until Winter Break to help students set up their accounts.

Courses you are hoping to use for your average that are being completed ONLINE need to be in the system by the end of February (UBC) and April (SFU). You should give your online school time to get those grades inputted.

## Language Proficiency Index (LPI)

If you are planning to attend a BC PSI (UBC, SFU, etc.) please check the minimum English 12 grade. If your final grade is lower than the minimum you must submit an LPI result. This minimum mark may vary from institution to institution, so check the LPI requirements. <http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=2,19,914,0>

## Post Secondary & Repeating Courses

The University of Waterloo, McGill & University of Toronto have all changed their policy regarding repeating courses. Check with the universities you are applying to in order to see how they calculate GPA's with repeat courses.

## Work Experience or Apprenticeship Questions?

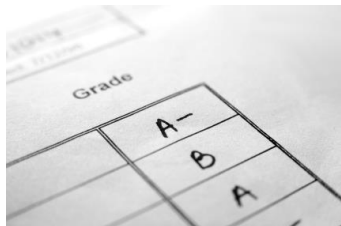
See Ms. Ellis or Ms. Pelech in the Career Office for exciting opportunities. Grade 11's should be speaking with Ms. Pelech if you are interested in one of the many district-sponsored programs at KPU, Emily Carr and within the district.



UBC has also made some changes:

- Students need to complete their profile by **January 15<sup>th</sup>** and submit it. It is an important consideration in your acceptance to UBC/UBC-O
- Marks self-reporting will open in March .
- Grade 11 marks will be used for admission averages if you do not have your grade 12 mark available at that time.
- You must maintain a 70+ in English
- You must complete your STS choice account. Without this your marks will not be forwarded to the post-secondary institution
- UBC does not need paper copies of your transcripts
- Offers of admission will be sent out in the spring
- Be sure to have applied for a "backup" program that may have a lower average than your first choice program as the averages are very competitive.

# Self-Reporting Grades



Self-reporting is when BC high school students **submit their report card grades online** to individual universities in order to be evaluated for admission. The course and grade information you report must appear on one of two documents:

1. Your official spring report card from your main school of record, *or*
2. A printout of your transcript of grades, which is available when you log in to the BC Ministry of Education website (<https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/>). This document will be your source of grades for courses that you have already completed.

Only courses and grades that appear on one of these two documents are eligible for submission to self-reporting systems.

Do not use individual grades provided to you by your teachers, interim grade printouts, or any other form or document for the purpose of reporting your grades.

All courses and grades submitted via self-reporting systems will be verified with the BC Ministry of Education in May. It is, therefore, mandatory that you open up your STS account so the BC Ministry of Education can send your official grades to the schools to which you have applied.

**APPLY NOW**

## I've Applied...Step 2!

Once you have applied to a post-secondary institution, check on the following things:

1. Check your emails regularly to ensure you have all the deadline information you need.
2. Contact the Financial Aid Office at the university to ask about entrance scholarships. Some may be offered automatically, and some may require a separate application.
3. See Ms Pelech or Ms Britt to discuss scholarship opportunities. There are scholarship opportunities posted on the school website under:

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/semi/Students/Scholarships/Pages/default.aspx>

4. If you are planning to live 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 ASAP.
5. Contact a university advisor and ask about course planning sessions.

## IMPORTANT DATES

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| <b>January 10</b>  | U of T Application Deadline   |
| <b>January 15</b>  | Emily Carr<br>TRU Nursing application deadlines<br>UBC/UBCO application deadlines<br><b>SFU Major Entrance Scholarship Deadline</b> |
| <b>February 1</b>  | Emily Carr Portfolio deadline   |
| <b>February 28</b> | UVic Entrance Scholarship deadline  |
| <b>March 1</b>     | TRU early application deadline<br>KPU early deadline for some programs.   |
| <b>March 31</b>    | UVic self-reporting closes<br>KPU admission closes  |
| <b>April 6</b>     | Internal Scholarship Deadline   |

## GRAD TRANSITIONS

Phew,

Thank you to all the students who came out and did their GT interviews on December 4.

If you missed it, please see Ms. Ross in Room 106 to schedule a one-on-one interview with her. All GT documents should **NOW** be handed in at the Career Office.

