

Grad Newsletter

January 2018



“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

Some Important Dates

Graduation Transition Requirements:

- Personal Health - *150 minutes per week of moderate to vigorous physical activity – due April 13, 2018*
- Community Connections - *30 hours of work/volunteer experience – deadline April 13, 2018*
- Career & Life – *Transition Plan – due as part of Bible 12 (evaluated by Bible 12 teacher)*

Join MEI Student Services 2018 Grads Facebook Group <http://www.meischools.com/secondary/grads-2/>

1. External Course Assessments (eg. Driver’s Education, NLS Lifeguarding, Royal Conservatory Music etc.) Please bring documentation to Mr. Girard • For more details see: http://bit.ly/1VWky8H	Today
2. Deadlines for scholarship & bursary award application packages • Check the MEI 2018 Grads Facebook page, the Grad bulletin board, the post-secondary information boxes in Student Services, with various organizations and various award related websites.	Vary
3. U.S. University/College Application Deadlines – http://international.collegeboard.org/ • Check directly with the school you are interest in attending	Vary
4. Bible College, Capernwray (http://www.torchbearers.org/) & YWAM application deadlines	Vary
5. MEI Friends and Alumni Awards application package available: • A440 Award (MEI Band/Music student pursuing Agriculture/Business) • Butterley Family Awards (Pursuing post-secondary education at TWU or other) • Chutskoff Family Award (MEI Band/Music and/or MEI Hockey Academy Student) • Clearbrook Grain & Milling Award (Honours, Service, Agriculture) • Dr. Garry Gill Award (Pursing Health Sciences) • EP Industries Trades Award (To be confirmed) • Evergreen Alumni Award (To be confirmed) • Mary Esau Memorial Bursary (Preferably pursuing Nursing) • Neil & Rita Klassen Award (Service, leadership and strong work ethic) • VIP Mazda Award (To be confirmed)	December 20
6. MEI Friends and Alumni Information Meeting @ lunch in Room 122	January 10
7. MEI Friends and Alumni Information Meeting @ lunch in the Student Services meeting room (for those who absolutely cannot come on the 10 th)	January 12
8. Admission deadline for UBC - http://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/how-to-apply/dates-deadlines/	January 15
9. BC Ministry of Education online StudentTranscripts Service (STS) Application meeting @ 11:40 a.m. in the Drafting Lab. Please set up your account, before coming, by clicking on “Sign Up for a BCeID” on the website link below (9-digit Personal Education Number will be required): • https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates	January 18

10. Missions Fest Vancouver @ Vancouver Convention Centre – www.missionsfestvancouver.ca	January 26-28
11. Recommended application deadline for UFV - http://www.ufv.ca/admissions/admissions/	January 31
12. Abbotsford Community Foundation Awards information & application available online - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.abbotsfordcf.org • You will need a Social Insurance Number in order to apply 	February 5
13. Abbotsford Community Foundation Awards information meeting @ lunch in Room 122	February 7
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15. Columbia Bible College View Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.columbiabc.edu/future_students/take_a_tour?section=view_events 	February 8
16. Abbotsford Community Foundation Awards information meeting @ lunch in Student Services (for those who absolutely cannot come on the 7 th)	February 9
17. Trinity Western University Preview Weekend <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.twu.ca/undergraduate/visit/ 	February 9-10
18. Some Major Entrance Scholarship deadlines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SFU - https://www.sfu.ca/students/financialaid/entrance.html (must apply to SFU by January 15) • TWU - https://www.twu.ca/admissions-aid/financial-aid (priority deadline for Financial Aid) • UVIC - http://www.uvic.ca/registrar/safa/entrance-scholarships/index.php (specific criteria awards) 	February 15 March 15 May 1
19. Mission Community Foundation Awards ~ Deadline to drop application package off at Rex Cox Men’s Wear on Main Street in downtown Mission or to email the completed, signed application to info@missioncommunityfoundation.org (4 p.m. was the deadline time in past years). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.missioncommunityfoundation.org/ 	February 22
20. Abbotsford Community Foundation Awards application package deadline – by 3:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.abbotsfordcf.org • Please hand ACF application package in to Ms. Ratzlaff. 	February 27
21. Admission deadline for SFU (www.sfu.ca) and UVIC (www.uvic.ca)	February 28
22. MEI Friends and Alumni Award application package deadline - by 3:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please hand MEIFAA application package in to Ms. Ratzlaff. 	March 1
23. UFV Entrance Scholarship deadline (Trades Entrance Scholarship deadline – Sept. 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.ufv.ca/fineaid/awards/ 	March 1
24. Early Admission Deadline for TWU (www.twu.ca)	March 1
25. Vancouver International Universities Fair @ Vancouver Convention Centre ~ 1 – 4 pm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/international-universities-fair/vancouver-international-universities-fair/ 	April 29
26. Dogwood District/Authority Award application package & project deadline – by 3:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please hand DDAA application package & project in to Ms. Ratzlaff. 	May 1
27. We would like to recognize all grade 12 scholarship/bursary award recipients during our Graduation Ceremony. Please let Ms. Ratzlaff know, by June 1 st , if you are the recipient of a Scholarship/Bursary Award this year. (A copy of the official letter, from the post-secondary institution/organization offering you the award, is required.)	June 1
28. MEI Graduation Ceremony @ 7 p.m. at Sevenoaks Alliance Church	June 13

Some Helpful Websites/Resources

In addition to finding academic, personal/health and career related information in Student Services and on the MEI Student Services Grads webpage/Facebook Group pages, you may also find the following websites helpful:

• http://ayhc.ca	Abbotsford Youth Health Centre (Tues. ~ 3–7 pm, Wed. & Thurs. ~ 3–6 pm)
• 604-870-5880 (2828 Cruikshank Street, Abbotsford)	Abbotsford Child & Youth Mental Health (walk-in Tues. 9 am - 3 pm)
• www.careercruising.com	Username/Password: see Mr. Girard, Ms. Ratzlaff or Bible 12 Teacher
• www.educationplannerbc.ca	BC Post-Secondary Schools, Programs and Online Application Forms
• http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/	StudentTranscripts Service
• www.campustour.ca	Canadian University & College Virtual Tours
• www.campustours.com	US University & College Virtual Tours
• www.columbiabc.edu	Columbia Bible College
• www.twu.ca	Trinity Western University
• http://www.ufv.ca/admissions	Admissions / Applying to UCFV
• www.bccat.bc.ca	BC Transfer Guide for transferring between PSIs
• www.schoolfinder.com	Canadian Post-Secondary Institutions – schools, programs & careers
• www.yconic.com	Awards & Post-Secondary Information
• www.scholarshipscanada.com	Awards
• www.bced.gov.bc.ca/awards	Awards
• www.keytoscholarships.com	Awards
• http://www.canlearn.ca/eng/common/help/contact/index.shtml	Financial Aid – Government of Canada Student Loans
• http://international.collegeboard.org/	US Schools, SATs. See www.act.org for info on ACT assessment
• http://www.nationalcollegefairs.org	Mostly US Schools – Vancouver Fair is April 29, 2018
• www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams	Exam schedule & access to exam results with your 9 digit PEN
• https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/sin.html	Applying for Social Insurance Number - # needed to apply for awards
• https://studentaidbc.ca/apply/designated.php	Financial Aid/Search for Designated Schools (Most scholarship & bursary awards can only be used at designated/approved schools.)

Transcripts

Most students planning to attend a post-secondary institution in Sept. 2018 will need to complete the B.C. Ministry of Education StudentTranscripts Service (STS) online application, which will allow INTERIM transcripts to automatically be sent in May and/or FINAL transcripts to be sent automatically by July 30th (depending on the PSIs chosen). The StudentTranscripts Service (STS) online application is available at: <http://www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca> (your 9-digit Personal Education Number (PEN) is required). A PowerPoint with more detailed instructions is available at: https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/trx_updates/StudentTranscripts_Service_For_Counsellors_Sept2017.pdf

Students needing an Interim transcript before May or July, for a school not listed on the STS Application, or for a scholarship/bursary award application package may request a transcript through the MEI General Office by completing a Transcript Request Form (MEI). Transcripts will usually be ready within 48 hours. The Transcript Request Form (MEI) is available in Student Services, the General Office and on the MEI Secondary Student Services “Grads” webpage link at: http://www.meischools.com/secondary/documents/student_services/grads/transcript_request_form.pdf.

Self-Reporting Guidelines for Some BC Post-Secondary Institutions (PSIs)

Post-Secondary Institution (PSI)	Timeline	Guidelines
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SFU 	<p>Now – April 30 (Major Entrance Scholarship Applicants need to report by February 15 and Beedie School of Business applicants need to report by February 28)</p>	<p>Self-report online <u>and</u> complete StudentTranscripts Service online application form http://www.sfu.ca/students/admission/admission-requirements/applied/fall.html</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TWU (Early Admissions) 	<p>Now – March 1</p>	<p>Complete an MEI Transcript Request Form <u>and</u> the StudentTranscripts Service online application form* https://www.twu.ca/admissions-aid/admission-requirements/canadian-high-school-students</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UBC / UBCO 	<p>Month of March</p>	<p>As of Jan. 8/18 - UBC is in the process of finalizing whether students will need to Self-report marks online or be able to just complete an online Ministry authorization form (eg. StudentTranscripts Service application form). <u>PLEASE CHECK UBC EMAILS FOR DIRECTIONS.</u></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UFV 	<p>by May 1 (most programs) A few programs may require an interim transcript by an earlier date – check UFV emails (eg. Engineering Transfer)</p>	<p>Complete online StudentTranscripts Service application form* http://www.ufv.ca/admissions/admissions/apply/ Complete an MEI Transcript Request Form for programs requiring an interim transcript before May 1 <u>and</u> complete online StudentTranscripts Service application form*</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UVIC 	<p>Feb. 15 – March 31</p>	<p>Self-report online <u>and</u> complete online StudentTranscripts Service application form* http://registrar.uvic.ca/undergrad/admissions/apps/self-reporting/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other PSIs 	<p>Check websites for dates</p>	<p>Check with other PSIs to find out what their interim transcript requirements are <u>and</u> complete PSI Selections Form*</p>
<p>* B.C. Ministry of Education online StudentTranscripts Service Form</p>	<p>Now</p>	<p>INTERIM transcripts will automatically be sent in early May <u>and</u> a FINAL transcript by July 30 to designated BC PSIs. Other designated PSIs will only receive a FINAL transcript in late July. To complete the online StudentTranscripts Service application form go to: https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/</p>