

# News from the Guidance Department

## Community Service Hours

Fall is an excellent time to get started on community service hours. Visit [www.volunteerdurham.org](http://www.volunteerdurham.org) for ideas. If you are unsure whether or not your community service idea may be eligible, check beforehand with Ms. Perkins in Guidance.

## Develop Your Study Skills and Explore Career Options

Visit the following websites for more information:

[www.osca.ca](http://www.osca.ca)

[www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)

Username: Durham

Password: 10280

## Grade 12 Student News

Grade 12 students had the opportunity to attend the University/College Fair held at Pine Ridge Secondary School on October 27<sup>th</sup>. 20 universities and 7 colleges were in attendance. Students are encouraged to continue researching all requirements and deadlines that are specific to the colleges/universities they are interested in applying to. Throughout the semester, important dates and information will be posted on the Grade 12 News Board in the guidance office and the school website.

## Application Procedures

### College

Guidance counselors will be visiting Grade 12 homeroom classes and lunch seminars will be held during the month of November to review the college application procedures. Information will be provided to the students through their homeroom teachers as well as being posted on the Grade 12 News Board in the guidance office and the school website. The seminars will include information on how to apply to college, how to modify your application and how to accept offers of admission. The handout used during these seminars will be posted on the Guidance Department page of the Pine Ridge Website.

**Students will apply online through Ontario Colleges [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)**

### Important Dates

Nov 28, 2011	Earliest date that colleges may acknowledge applications
Feb 1, 2012	Applications received and paid for on or before this date will be given equal consideration, earliest release of offers by the colleges to all applicants, earliest date that applicants may confirm an offer of admission.
May 1, 2012	Applicants must confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission to their chosen program through <a href="http://www.ontariocolleges.ca">www.ontariocolleges.ca</a> by this date.
June 15, 2012	Earliest date that colleges may require payment of tuition fees.

### Summary of Fees

Application Fee	\$95 (this includes five college/program choices)
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## **University**

An assembly outlining the University application process will be held on Tuesday, **November 15<sup>th</sup>** during homeroom in the cafeteria. The information covered in this assembly will be posted on the Guidance Department page at [www.pineridgesecundaryschool.ca](http://www.pineridgesecundaryschool.ca). Students are encouraged to research their university program options at [www.electronicinfo.ca](http://www.electronicinfo.ca). The PIN required for university applications will be distributed at the beginning of December in the students' homeroom class. After receiving the PIN, students may apply online at [www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca).

## **Important Dates**

- Jan 11, 2012            Deadline for Ontario secondary school students to submit applications
- (Note: Applications received after this date will still be processed by the OUAC and distributed to the universities. However, specific university deadlines will apply.)
- May 29, 2011           Latest date by which all secondary school applicants shall expect a response from an Ontario university.
- June 1, 2011           Earliest date by which Ontario universities may require a response to an offer of admission.

## **Summary of Fees**

Base Application Fee            \$125 (this includes the initial three university/program choices)

Additional Choice Fee \$42

## **Out of Province/Country**

Students are responsible for completing application forms, investigating schools and following all application procedures for out of province educational institutions. Transcripts can be ordered through the Pine Ridge Guidance Department. Out of province university/college calendars are available online with a limited selection available in our Guidance Office. Resources can also be ordered online through the post-secondary institution's website. It is recommended that the student make a guidance appointment to discuss their post-secondary plans.

If you are planning to apply to an American school please see Mr. Natola in the Guidance Office. For additional information visit [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).

## **Scholarships**

Scholarship information received by the Guidance Department will be posted on the scholarship board in the hall outside of Guidance as well as on the school website. Students are encouraged to check the individual college/university websites and [www.electronicinfo.ca](http://www.electronicinfo.ca) for scholarship information. Students will automatically be considered for some scholarships, while others require a separate application. Some employers/clubs/organizations offer scholarships to children of their employees/members. Investigate all possibilities! See guidance for more scholarship information.

All grade 12 students are encouraged to visit the websites listed below for additional scholarship information:

[www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com)

[www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)