

Good afternoon grade 12s,

I hope that this update finds you well. Please know that the staff of GHS are thinking of you during this challenging time.

Below are a few grad updates now that we know the school will remain closed until at least May 31st.

1) **Graduation Requirements** - A reminder that the requirement to complete 40 hours has been waived this year due to the circumstances. If you have already completed some or all of these hours, they will still be reported on your report card. The literacy requirement has also been waived for this year.

2) **Current Courses** - By now you should have received an update from your teachers regarding your midterm mark. If you are considering withdrawing from a course that is not a graduation requirement, please let me know as soon as possible. The final date to drop a course without it showing on your transcript is **May 6th**.

3) **Scholarships and Bursaries** - These continue to be available through the guidance page on the GHS website (<https://ghs.tlidsb.on.ca/financialawards/>). Please read all instructions for how to apply to these scholarships and awards carefully. New information is added to this page in bright red as it is received so please check back regularly.

For awards that are normally handed into the main office at GHS... These are still due by **May 31st**. If you are able, please email your completed applications to Susan McAughey (susan.mcaughey@tlidsb.on.ca). If you are unable to access or send these applications electronically, please let me know and we will make alternate arrangements if possible.

4) **OSAP** - Attached is an overview of OSAP provided by the Ontario government. Applications for the fall semester (2020-2021 school year) should open on the government website in early May at the following link: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/osap-ontario-student-assistance-program>

5) **College/University Admissions** - A reminder that the deadline to accept offers of admission for colleges is May 1st and June 1st for universities. Please pay close attention to information coming from colleges and universities as they will begin to give details about making deposits for tuition, residence etc...

6) **Prom/Graduation** - Unfortunately, at this time we are cancelling the prom that was scheduled for May 29th. More information will be provided in the coming weeks once we know more about how the rest of the school year will unfold beyond May 31st.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns or if I can be of support in any way. If chatting via phone would be easier for you, please send me a contact number and I would be happy to give you a call.

Take good care - we are thinking about you!

Ms. Humphries