



GRAND RIVER COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

# NAVIGATING YOUR PATHWAY

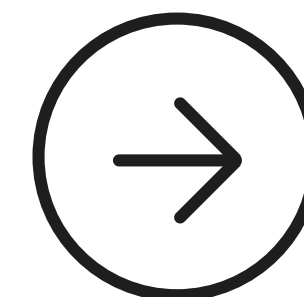
MOVING FROM GRADE 9 TO GRADE 10

GRCI GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT





# WHAT WE'LL COVER TODAY:



- What are my pathway options?
- High school program options
- Grade 10 Requirements
- What do I need?
- Course Selection with your counsellor



# ACTIVITY: WHAT'S YOUR DREAM JOB?

In one minute, think of your dream job and interests. Then, turn to the person next to you and share what excites you most about it.



# WHAT'S A PATHWAY?

It's a way of achieving a specified result; a course of action.

Applied to the work or profession you train for and grow into over time, we refer to pathway as the way to achieve your career goals.

Careers are shaped by your skills, experiences, and learning in a field you're interested in.

Some are straightforward, while others change as your interests, goals, and skills evolve.



# WHAT ARE MY PATHWAY OPTIONS?

## APPRENTICESHIP

*Earn while  
you learn!*

## COLLEGE

*Certificates,  
Diplomas  
and Degrees*

## WORKPLACE

*On the job  
training*

## UNIVERSITY

*Degrees*





# APPRENTICESHIPS

RESOURCES:  
[skilledtradesontario.ca](https://skilledtradesontario.ca)  
[apprenticesearch.com](https://apprenticesearch.com)

Links



## STEP 1: \*

*Find a  
Sponsor  
(Employer)*

## STEP 2: \*

*Your employer  
registers you with  
the Ministry of  
Advanced Education  
& Skills  
Development*

## STEP 3: \*

*Accumulate the  
required # of  
working hours for  
your apprenticeship  
level*

## STEP 4: \*

*Attend college for  
the theory training  
once you have the  
required work  
hours complete*

\*ENG4CI, MAP4CI & SPH4CI are strongly recommended

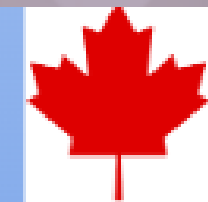
# 144 SKILLED TRADES IN ONTARIO

## MOTIVE POWER

- ✳ Agricultural Equipment Technician
- ▲ Alignment and Brakes Technician
- ▲✳ Auto Body and Collision Damage Repairer
- ▲ Auto Body Repairer
- ▲ Automotive Electronic Accessory Technician
- ▲ Automotive Glass Technician
- ✳ Automotive Painter
- ▲✳ Automotive Service Technician
- ✳ Heavy Duty Equipment Technician
- Marine Engine Technician
- Motive Power Machinist
- ▲✳ Motorcycle Technician
- Powered Lift Truck Technician
- ✳ Recreation Vehicle Technician
- Small Engine Technician
- ▲✳ Transmission Technician
- ▲✳ Truck and Coach Technician
- ▲✳ Truck-Trailer Service Technician
- Turf Equipment Technician

Restricted

or  
Compulsory  
trade



Red Seal

## SERVICE

- Aboriginal Child Development Practitioner
- Agricultural — Dairy Herdsperson
- Agricultural — Fruit Grower
- Agricultural — Swine Herdsperson
- ✳ Appliance Service Technician
- Arborist
- Assistant Cook
- Baker
- ✳ Baker-Pâtissier
- Chef
- Child and Youth Worker
- Child Development Practitioner
- ✳ Cook
- Developmental Services Worker
- Educational Assistant
- Electronic Service Technician
- Gemsetter/Goldsmith
- ▲✳ Hairstylist
- Horse Groom
- Horse Harness Maker
- ✳ Horticultural Technician
- ✳ Information Technology — Contact Centre Customer Service Agent
- Information Technology — Contact Centre Sales Agent
- Information Technology — Contact Centre Technical Support Agent
- Information Technology — Hardware Technician
- Information Technology — Network Technician
- Institutional Cook
- Micro Electronics Manufacturer
- Native Clothing and Crafts Artisan
- Network Cabling Specialist
- ✳ Parts Technician
- ✳ Retail Meat Cutter
- Saddlery
- Special Events Coordinator
- Utility Arborist

## CONSTRUCTION

- ✳ Architectural Glass and Metal Technician
- ✳ Brick and Stone Mason
- ✳ Cement (Concrete) Finisher
- Concrete Pump Operator
- ✳ Construction Boilermaker
- ✳ Construction Craft Worker
- Construction Millwright
- ✳ Drywall Finisher and Plasterer
- ✳ Drywall, Acoustic and Lathing Applicator
- ▲✳ Electrician — Construction and Maintenance
- ▲ Electrician — Domestic and Rural
- Exterior Insulated Finish Systems Mechanic
- ✳ Floor Covering Installer
- ✳ General Carpenter
- Hazardous Materials Worker
- ✳ Heat and Frost Insulator
- ✳ Heavy Equipment Operator — Dozer
- ✳ Heavy Equipment Operator — Excavator
- ✳ Heavy Equipment Operator — Tractor Loader Backhoe
- ▲✳ Hoisting Engineer — Mobile Crane Operator 1
- ▲✳ Hoisting Engineer — Mobile Crane Operator 2
- ▲✳ Hoisting Engineer — Tower Crane Operator
- ✳ Ironworker — Generalist
- ✳ Ironworker — Structural and Ornamental
- Native Residential Construction Worker
- ✳ Painter and Decorator — Commercial and Residential
- Painter and Decorator — Industrial
- ▲✳ Plumber
- ✳ Powerline Technician
- Precast Concrete Erector
- Precast Concrete Finisher
- Refractory Mason
- ▲✳ Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Systems Mechanic
- ✳ Reinforcing Rodworker
- ▲ Residential (Low Rise) Sheet Metal Installer
- ▲ Residential Air Conditioning Systems Mechanic
- Restoration Mason
- ✳ Roofer
- ▲✳ Sheet Metal Worker
- ▲✳ Sprinkler and Fire Protection Installer
- ▲✳ Steamfitter
- ✳ Terrazzo, Tile and Marble Setter

## INDUSTRIAL

- Bearings Mechanic
- Blacksmith
- ✳ Cabinetmaker
- Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Programmer
- Die Designer
- Draftsperson — Mechanical
- Draftsperson — Plastic Mould Design
- Draftsperson — Tool and Die Design
- ✳ Electric Motor System Technician
- Electrician (Signal Maintenance)
- Elevating Devices Mechanic
- Entertainment Industry Power Technician
- Facilities Mechanic
- ✳ General Machinist
- Hydraulic/Pneumatic Mechanic
- ✳ Industrial Electrician
- ✳ Industrial Mechanic Millwright
- ✳ Instrumentation and Control Technician
- Light Rail Overhead Contact Systems Linesperson
- Locksmith
- Machine Tool Builder and Integrator
- ✳ Metal Fabricator (Fitter)
- Mould Designer
- Mould Maker
- Mould or Die Finisher
- Optics Technician (Lens and Prism Maker)
- Packaging Machine Mechanic
- Pattern Maker
- Pressure Systems Welder
- Process Operator — Food Manufacturing
- Process Operator — Power
- Process Operator — Refinery, Chemical and Liquid Processes
- Process Operator — Wood Products
- Railway Car Technician
- Relay and Instrumentation Technician
- Saw Filer/Fitter
- Surface Blaster
- Surface Mount Assembler
- Thin Film Technician
- Tool and Cutter Grinder
- ✳ Tool and Die Maker
- Tool and Gauge Inspector
- Tool/Tooling Maker
- Tractor-Trailer Commercial Driver
- Water Well Driller
- ✳ Welder

# DIPLOMA/ CERTIFICATE



**Ontario**  
Colleges

\*[ontariocolleges.ca](http://ontariocolleges.ca)\*

# COLLEGE

\* ALL PROGRAMS REQUIRE **ENG4CI**

\* **BUSINESS, SCIENCES & TRADES USUALLY  
REQUIRE MAP4CI**

\* MOST **SCIENCE** PROGRAMS REQUIRE **SBI3CI,  
SCH4CI, &/OR SPH4CI**

\* **ENGINEERING DIPLOMAS REQUIRE  
MCT4CI (PREREQUISITE IS MCF3MI)**



# DEGREE



# COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY

[MYBLUEPRINT.CA](https://myblueprint.ca)

[OUINFO.CA](https://ouinfo.ca)

[ONTARIOCOLLEGES.CA](https://ontariocolleges.ca)

[OUAC.ON.CA](https://ouac.on.ca)

- ENG4UI is needed for ALL programs

- you need 5 additional Grade 12 U/M courses

- Engineering, Science and Business programs require MHF4UI &/or MCV4UI (prerequisite is MCR3UI)

- Most Science & Engineering programs require at least 2 out of 3 of the main sciences- SBI4UI, SCH4UI, or SPH4UI

**IT IS YOUR  
RESPONSIBILITY  
TO CHECK ALL  
DEGREE  
REQUIREMENTS**



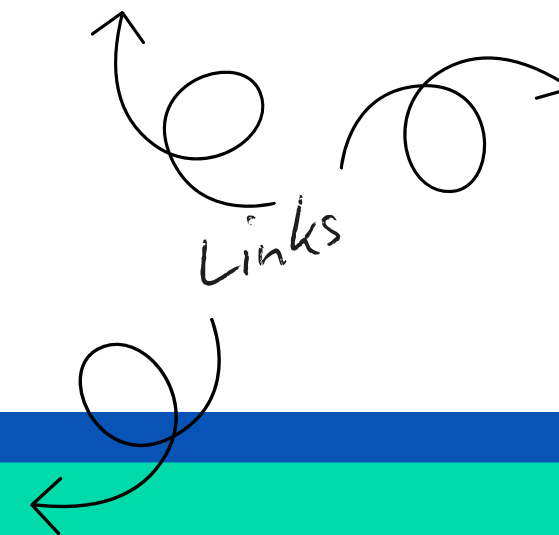


# WORKPLACE

[WORKOPOLIS.COM](http://WORKOPOLIS.COM)

[JOBBANK.GC.CA](http://JOBBANK.GC.CA)

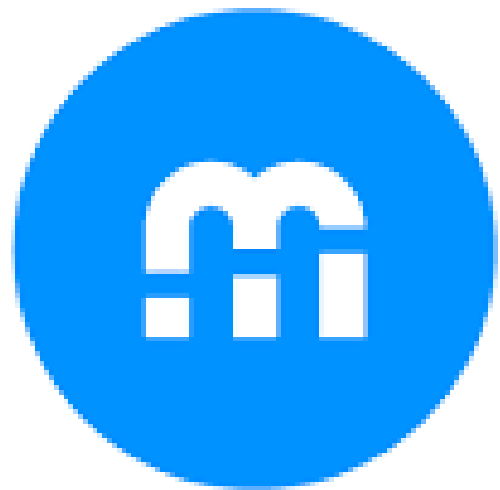
[INDEED.COM](http://INDEED.COM)



[STARLINGCS.CA/EMPLOYMENT](http://STARLINGCS.CA/EMPLOYMENT)



# MYBLUEPRINT: PLANNING YOUR PATHWAY



[myblueprint.ca](https://myblueprint.ca)

myBlueprint

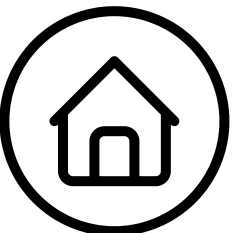
WHO AM I?



HIGH SCHOOL



POST-  
SECONDARY






WORK





# MOVING INTO PATHWAY COURSES

GRADE 9		GRADE 10
DESTREAMED		DESTREAMED
LOCALLY DEVELOPED		LOCALLY DEVELOPED
OPEN (O)		OPEN (O)

# HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OPTIONS

GRADE 9 - 12 COURSE SELECTION CALENDAR

DAY SCHOOL

CO-OP 11/12

ELEARNING

SHSM 11/12

SUMMER SCHOOL


DUAL CREDIT 11/12



# CO-OP

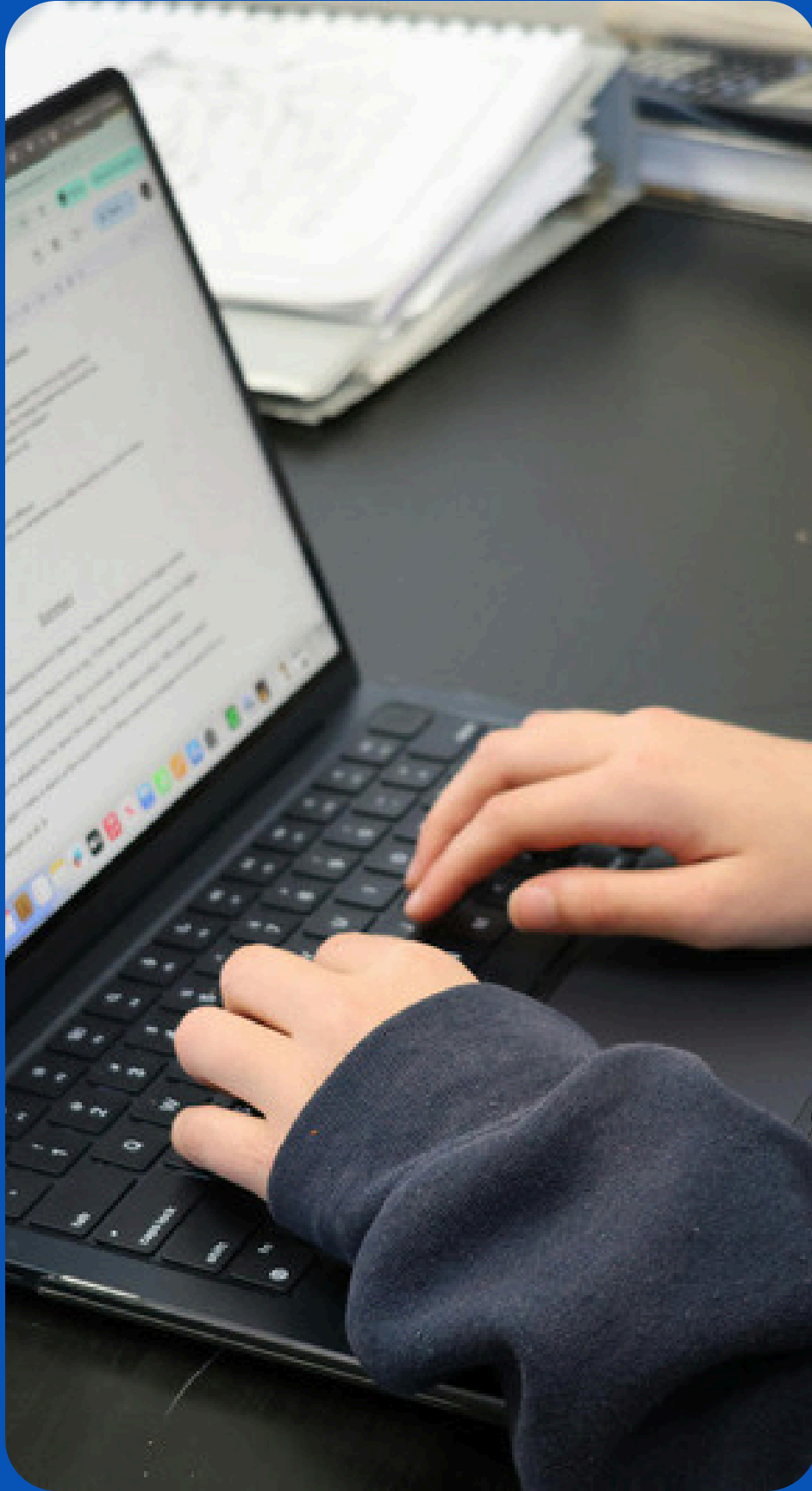
- provides experience in the workplace
- DCO3OC is the course code
- 2 credit or 4 credit
- 4 credit is recommended for placement in the trades
- needed for SHSM



Link 

**CLICK HERE FOR MORE  
COOP INFORMATION**





# ONLINE LEARNING REQUIREMENT

## DIPLOMA REQUIREMENT

*2 online courses  
OR  
have your guardian  
complete the opt-  
out form*

## WHAT ARE ELEARNING COURSES?

*asynchronous  
students can  
attend school  
for access to  
the Internet*

## WHAT ELEARNING COURSES ARE AVAILABLE?

*Check  
MyBlueprint  
under the  
discipline **virtual  
eLearning***

# WHAT'S S.H.S.M.?

## SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR

\*earn a red seal on your diploma when you complete:

1. A bundle of credits related to your sector
2. Two credits in coop
3. Free first aid/CPR and WHMIS training
4. Sector related certificates
5. Experiential Learning

**BUSINESS**

**HOSPITALITY**

**ARTS &  
CULTURE (TBD)**

**NON-PROFIT**

**MANUFACTURING**

**TRANSPORTATION**

**SPORTS**

# **S.H.S.M. CONT'D**

**HOW DO I SEE IF I QUALIFY FOR SHSM?  
&  
HOW DO I SHOW I AM INTERESTED?**

**MyBlueprint SHSM  
PLANNER BESIDE  
HIGH SCHOOL PLAN**

**MAKE AN  
APPOINTMENT  
WITH YOUR  
GUIDANCE  
COUNSELLOR**



# DUAL CREDITS (GR.12)



CONESTOGA  
Connect Life and Learning

\*Attend Conestoga College

\*Earn at least 1 credit with the college AND 1 credit with GRCI

Link

[HTTPS://SCHOOLS.WRDSB.CA/  
PATHWAYS/DUAL CREDIT/](https://schools.wrdsb.ca/pathways/dual_credit/)

## DAY AWAY

- \*1 day per week
- \*for students pursuing studies in the listed areas

## EXPLORING THE TRADES

- \*1 day/week, pair with coop
- \*for students wanting to explore a trade at college

## C.A.P.P.

- \*full time for May & June
- \*student has some previous experience in the trade

## LEVEL 1 OYAP

- \*full time for May & June
- \*for students who have an apprenticeship in sem 2

SEE YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR TO APPLY TO THIS PROGRAM AFTER YOU SUBMIT COURSE SELECTIONS



# SUMMER SCHOOL

- CHOOSE BETWEEN IN PERSON OR ASYNCHRONOUS ONLINE
- INPERSON - 8:30-3:00PM (LOCATION TBD)
- ASYNCHRONOUS - PLAN ON 6 HOURS PER DAY

Link

**JUNE 29-JULY 24**

SUMMER COURSE OFFERINGS



# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT HOURS

HOW MANY HOURS  
DO I NEED?

40

Link →

[VOLUNTEERWR.CA](https://volunteerwr.ca)

Completed your  
hours?

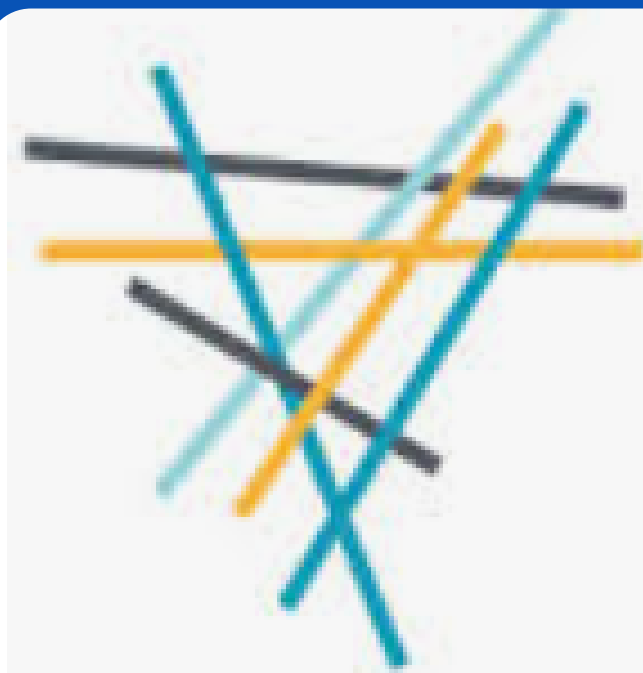
**STEP 1:** Go to the guidance  
google classroom for the  
class of 2028

**STEP 2:** Click on Classwork

**STEP 3:** Scroll down to  
Volunteer

**STEP 4:** Click on Important  
Form



**STEP 5:** Complete the form  
and submit





Volunteer  
WATERLOO REGION







# GRADE 10 REQUIREMENTS



<b>ENGLISH</b>		<b>ENG2DI</b>
<b>HISTORY</b>		<b>CHC2DI</b>
<b>MATH</b>		<b>MPM2DI</b>
<b>SCIENCE</b>		<b>SNC2DI</b>
<b>CIVICS/CAREERS</b>		<b>CHV2OH/GLC2OH PACKAGE</b>



# GRADE 10 EXTENDED FRENCH REQUIREMENTS

	<b>EXTENDED FRENCH</b>		<b>FEF2DI</b>		
	<b>HISTORY</b>		<b>CHC2DF</b>		
	<b>CIVICS/CAREERS</b>	<b>CHV2OF/GLC2OF PACKAGE</b>			

# GRADE 10 REQUIREMENTS (FF)

ENGLISH		ENG2LI
HISTORY		CHC2LI
MATH		MAT2LI
SCIENCE		SNC2LI
CIVICS/CAREERS		CHV2OB/GLC2OB PACKAGE

# ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

*Class of*  
**2029**



## DO YOU HAVE...



PHYS. ED CREDIT?



ARTS CREDIT?



ONE TECH COURSE IN GRADE 9 OR 10?



STEM CREDIT? [LINK](#)



# CHANGING COURSES

ONCE YOU SUBMIT YOUR COURSE SELECTION  
YOU MUST SEE YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR TO  
MAKE ANY CHANGES

**BEFORE** the end  
of SEMESTER 2,  
June 24, 2026

1

the week **BEFORE**  
**SCHOOL STARTS**  
in September

2

**CHOOSE  
WISELY!**

You might not be  
able to change.  
Waitlists will be  
started.

# GRAD SUMMARY CHECKLIST:



## What am I missing?

- \*Gr. 9/10 Tech credit?
- \*STEM credit?
- \*Phys Ed credit?
- \*Art credit?
- \*English?
- \*Math?



## How many Volunteer Hours do I have?

- \*you need 40 hour
- \*complete this summer
- \*enter in the google classroom



## Do I have my other requirements?

- \*2 online courses
- \*successful completion of the literacy test?



## What pathway reflects my learning skills and goals?

- \*responsibility
- \*organization
- \*initiative
- \*self-regulation
- \*collaboration



## Where am I headed?

- \*Apprenticeship (C, M, or U)
- \*Certificate (C)
- \*Degree (M or U)
- \*Diploma (C or M)

# MYBLUEPRINT COURSE SELECTION

FEBRUARY 9-23, 2026

STEP 1:

GO TO [MYBLUEPRINT.CA/WRDSB](https://myblueprint.ca/wrdsb)

Link

STEP 2:



*Examine your graduation summary & MyBlueprint to see what you are missing*

STEP 3:



*Check prerequisites & pick 8 COURSES*

STEP 4:



*Submit your course selections & email your guardian for approval*

# KEEP INFORMED



GUIDANCE GOOGLE  
CLASSROOM FOR THE  
CLASS OF 2029:

**vzlpfhz4**

✱ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

✱ POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION

✱ SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

✱ COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES





## BREAKOUT SESSION

# BREAK OUT!

- FIND YOUR COUNSELLOR IN THE CAFE
- EXAMINE YOUR GRADUATION SUMMARY
- ASK QUESTIONS
- SELECT YOUR COURSE FOR GR. 10 2026-2027

**COURSE SELECTION  
CLOSES FEB. 23**

**SUBMIT YOUR COURSES AND  
SEND AN EMAIL TO YOUR  
CAREGIVER/GUARDIAN**

