

**E.L. Crossley**  
**Graduation date: June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**At a Glance**  
**Dates To Remember**

**September 20<sup>th</sup>-November 17<sup>th</sup>**

- College and University representatives come to Crossley. Sign up in guidance at least 24 hours in advance.

**October 3<sup>rd</sup> – December 19<sup>th</sup>**

- Make your Grad.  
Appointment in guidance

**October 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Ontario Universities Fair – Toronto

**October 25<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>**

- Ontario University Information program-  
25<sup>th</sup> – St. Michael's,  
Niagara Falls  
26<sup>th</sup> – Sir Winston Churchill,  
St. Catharines

**October 25<sup>th</sup>**

- Ontario College Information Fair – Toronto

**October 13<sup>th</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup>**

- Plan to attend College or University open houses

**January 11<sup>th</sup>**

- University application deadline for equal consideration to competitive programs

**February 1<sup>st</sup>**

- College application deadline for equal consideration to competitive programs

**October 1<sup>st</sup> - June 15<sup>th</sup>**

- Complete your applications for various scholarships.  
Start at:  
<http://www.dsb.org/Awards/default.htm>

**Planning For Life after Graduation**

1. **Plan to attend each school's information session at Crossley.** Consult the back page for the dates of all Ontario College and University Liaison visits. Be sure to sign up in guidance well in advance of each date.
2. **Grad Interviews:** Starting on October 3rd, we request that all potential grads book an individual appointment with a Guidance Counselor to discuss their graduating year and plans for post secondary.
3. **Plan to attend the following post secondary fairs:**
  - a) **Ontario Universities Fair:** Every year Toronto hosts a fair at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. This year the fair is **Friday October 14<sup>th</sup> - Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup>**. Bring your family and invite your friends. Admission is FREE! Visit all University exhibits; attend information sessions; learn about undergraduate programs; meet University representatives; take advantage of great giveaways. See the poster outside Student Services for more information or visit [www.ouf.ca](http://www.ouf.ca)
  - b) **Ontario College Information Fair:** Every year Toronto hosts a fair at the Direct Energy Center, Exhibition Place. This year the fair is on Tuesday October 25, 2011. See the poster outside Student Services for more information or visit [www.aprod.com/ocif](http://www.aprod.com/ocif)
4. **Plan to attend the following local post secondary programs:**
  - a) **C.I.P. (Ontario College Information Program):** This is a great opportunity for college bound students to meet and ask questions of college representatives from across Ontario. This year it will be held at Niagara College, Welland Campus, on Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 9 – 1p.m and 4 – 7p.m.
  - b) **U.I.P. (Ontario University Information Program):** This is an excellent opportunity to attend information sessions for both students and parents. "Remember, your decision-making will only be as good as your research." Involve your parents! This year there will be 2 sessions available in the Niagara Region, St. Michael Catholic High School in Niagara Falls from 7 - 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, or Sir Winston Churchill in St. Catharines from 7 - 9 p.m. on Wednesday Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>.
5. **Make a road trip to visit open houses.** Plan to attend the open house for each school that you are interested in. Dates will be posted at each individual institution's website.

6. **Apply.** Be prepared to make a college or university application. Continue to update your research in preparation for making an application prior to Christmas. Book your personal interview with a counselor beginning the week of Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> to ensure that you are on the right track.

Be sure to do your scholarship research!

University research begins at: [www.electronicinfo.ca](http://www.electronicinfo.ca); Apply to university at [www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca)\*

\*University applicants will require a PIN to apply. Obtain this in guidance late November.

College research begins at: [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca); Apply to college at the same site!

7. **Conduct Scholarship research.** Each student should consider investigating the variety of scholarships available to graduating students. You owe it to yourself and your parents/guardians!
- Start at <http://www.dsbm.org/Awards/default.htm>
  - Continue with creating an account at [www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com)
  - Check the Financial Aid section of the website for each institution to which you apply!
  - Check the board outside of guidance!
8. **O.S.A.P – Ontario Student Assistance Program.** Students are encouraged to complete the O.S.A.P estimator at <https://osap.gov.on.ca> to determine how much money you may be able to borrow.

## Other Considerations

### *Students who are U. S. Bound*

- Students will need to complete their S.A.Ts before gaining acceptance into a US school. To learn more about test dates, locations and fees, students are advised to create an account at: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) - School Code is 826161
- Quite often US schools will require additional information from our guidance department. Be sure to alert Ms. Cripps to any requirements well in advance of the deadlines.

### *Taking Some Time Off to Work*

- More and more students are considering taking a year off to work before they attend post-secondary education. To find out what types of jobs are in demand now and in the future. Visit:
  - [www.jobbank.gc.ca](http://www.jobbank.gc.ca) [www.jobgym.ca](http://www.jobgym.ca)
  - Labour Market Information-visit: [http://www.ontario.ca/en/life\\_events/job/004472](http://www.ontario.ca/en/life_events/job/004472) or <http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/labourmarket/>

### *Apprenticeships*

- To learn more visit: <http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/employmentontario/training/>
- Or visit the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities at Garden City Tower, 301 St Paul St 10th Flr, St Catharines, ON L2R 7R4 or call 905-704-2991

### *Military*

- To learn more about career opportunities visit: [www.forces.gc.ca](http://www.forces.gc.ca) or contact Sergeant William Durrant – 1-800-856-8488 ext 2431

## Post Secondary Presentations 2011 - 2012

You must sign up 24 hrs prior to the presentation if you are interested in attending. If you are signed up and must cancel, please remove your name so that we have an accurate list for our presenters. Check the calendar inside Guidance for location of the presentation.

### Colleges:

September 21, 2011	10:00 a.m.	Sheridan College
September 26, 2011	8:30 a.m.	Mohawk College
October 3, 2011	10:00 a.m.	D'Youville College
October 11, 2011	8:30 a.m.	Niagara College
October 28, 2011	10:00 a.m.	Fleming College

### Universities:

September 20, 2011	8:30 a.m.	Brock University
September 20, 2011	1:15 p.m.	University of Guelph
September 22, 2011	10:00 a.m.	University of Waterloo
September 28, 2011	12:00 p.m.	Lakehead University
September 29, 2011	8:30 a.m.	University of Toronto
September 30, 2011	10:00 a.m.	Buffalo State University
October 3, 2011	1:15 p.m.	University of Tyndale
October 4, 2011	1:15 p.m.	Ryerson University
October 12, 2011	12:00 p.m.	University of Western Ontario
October 12, 2011	1:15 p.m.	Carleton University
October 13, 2011	1:15 p.m.	Queens University
October 13, 2011	8:30 a.m.	Brescia University
October 24, 2011	1:15 p.m.	McMaster University
October 28, 2011	1:15 p.m.	Redeemer University / College
November 1, 2011	10:00 a.m.	Kings University / College
November 1, 2011	1:15 p.m.	Nipissing University
November 8, 2011	10:00 a.m.	Richard Ivy School of Business (University of Western)
November 14, 2011	1:15 p.m.	York University
November 15, 2011	1:15 p.m.	Dalhousie University
November 15, 2011	8:30 a.m.	Wilfred Laurier University
November 17, 2011	12:00 p.m.	University of Windsor