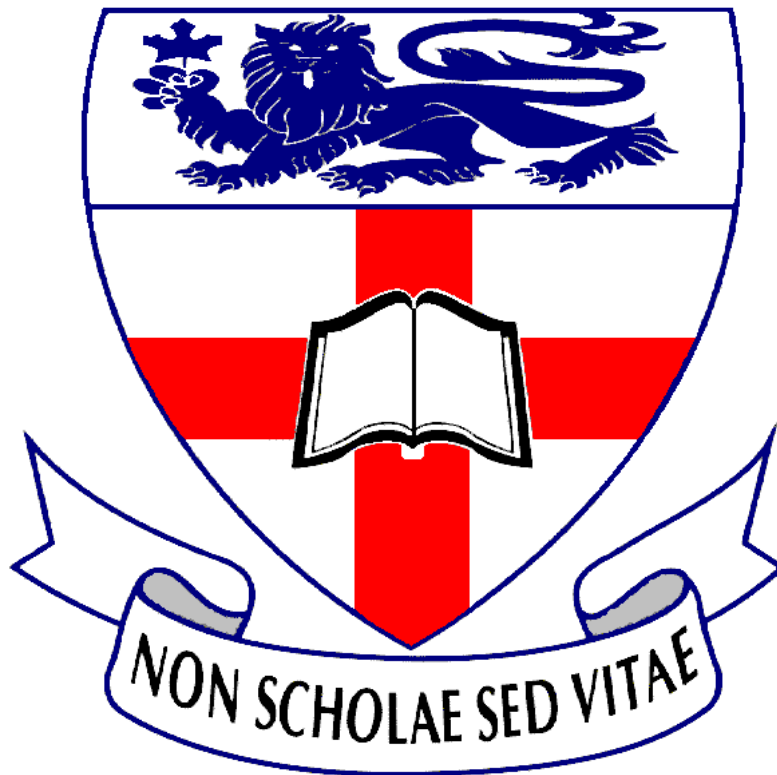


SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOL

(School website: www.swchs.ca)



**GRADE 10
INFORMATION
2011 - 2012**

The Big Leap of Faith

High school can be a great shock to many people. Differences such as 85 minute classes can be overwhelming. The curriculum moves much faster and the material must be learned in five instead of ten months. The class that you are in right now will be half over on October 31st. One of the most obvious differences is that teachers give you more autonomy and you need to be responsible for your own work!

The cafeteria is huge and noisy; there are larger classes, and the school classifies each student by a bar code; final exams are written in the gym, not in class rooms, and an important skill for new students, is learning how to negotiate the crowded, narrow hallways.

High school does have a lot of benefits. There are dozens of different clubs. There are two thousand chances to make a new friend and even a grade 12 student, who has been at Churchill for three years, can still see at least 25 new faces everyday. It is an environment where it is impossible not to find a friend.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

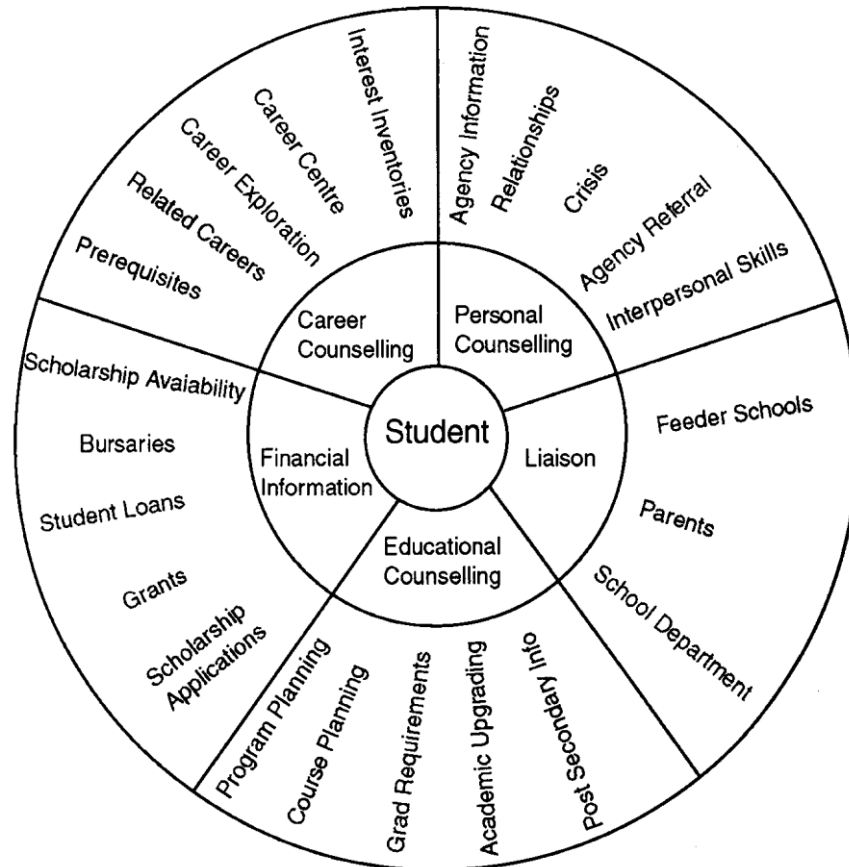
You may need to contact either the principal or your assistant principal. SWC's principal, Mr. Tuff can be found in the main office as well as around the school. There are three assistant principals:

Mr. Cusack	for last names	A – J
Mrs. Hergenhein	for last names	K – P
Mr. Baldwin	for last names	Q – Z

This is a handout to give you an introduction to Churchill's Student Services Department, as well as other information that is important to you at the beginning of your high school career.

STUDENT SERVICES

Student Services is staffed with four full-time counsellors and a full-time Student Services secretary. Counsellors are available to provide personal, educational and career counselling as well as to provide information on scholarships, grants, bursaries and student loans.



MAKING APPOINTMENTS

To make an appointment, go to the Student Services Office located behind the main office. The entrance is located in the zebra hallway. Tell our secretary, Ms. Morrissette, that you want to make an appointment, and she will book you one with your counsellor. Fill out the green student services appointment slip which will enable you to be excused from the class during the time which you booked your appointment. You must get permission from the class teacher to leave. Please check in with the secretary when you enter the Student Services Office.

WHICH COUNSELLOR SHOULD YOU SEE?

Unless you are already seeing a Counsellor, you should make appointments according to the following. Last name beginning with:

Mr. Oakes	A – J
Mrs. Alladin	K – P
Mr. Fullerton	Q - Z

RESOURCE OFFICER

Constable Jones, a member of the Calgary Police Service, is assigned to Churchill. He will assist students in a variety of ways, including legal advice, classroom presentations on numerous topics and one-to-one consultation with students. Constable Jones' main role is to assist students and improve police and school communications. His office is located in the zebra hallway.

SCHOOL NURSE

Ms. Jennifer Harvey the school nurse is frequently at Sir Winston Churchill throughout the school year. She is available to answer any health related questions or concerns you may have. If you want to be in touch with her, let your counsellor know, and they will assist you.

COMPUTER ACCOUNT

To get access to computer resources, including D2L and CBEmail from home, you need a computer account. There are 3 things you need to do as a new student:

1. Know your account username and password: Your username is ALWAYS your 9 digit CBE ID number. Your password: If you have NEVER been to a CBE school before, it is your 8 digit birthdate in YYYYMMDD format. If you have EVER been to a CBE school (such as your Junior High) then your password will have been changed by you when you first logged in. If you forgot it, you need to see Mr. Oborn in room 100
2. Hand in a signed AUP form – Your parents and you must sign this form. Your account will be disabled if we don't have one on file.
3. Do the D2L Digital Citizenship Course in September: This will be administered by your period 1 classes.

Mr. Oborn is our Vice Principal who deals with technology. If there are any issues, please see him.

THE LEARNING CENTRE

The Learning Centre is located in room 101. This centre is staffed with resource teachers and educational assistants. This area is open all day, including before and after school and at lunch. If you need some extra help, please feel free to drop in.

The Career Centre (Library Exchequer Room)

What Is a Career Centre?

- A place to find information about jobs & careers
- A place to find out about your interests, skills, values & personality traits
- A place to get help writing your resume & filling in job applications
- A place to practice doing job interviews
- A place to get help organizing your career portfolio
- A place to make future plans

Discover Your Potential

- Explore your interests, values, skills, personal style & passions through online tests and pen & paper exercises
- Use this information to discover possible career options

Research Possible Occupations

- Duties
- Working conditions
- Personal characteristics
- Educational requirements
- Salary
- Potential growth or decline
- Related occupations

Create Tools for Your Job Search

- Resumes
- Cover letters
- Reference list
- Career portfolio
- Thank you letter

Job Search Success

- Check for part-time, summer & volunteer positions
- Get feedback on application forms you complete
- Do practice interviews to help you prepare for real job interviews
- Job hunting techniques and tips for job search success

Access Free Resources

- Use the computers for career research and job search activities
- Access free booklets created by the provincial and federal government

**Career Centre Hours: Monday to Thursday – 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Open on Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Please drop-in and visit the Career Centre. To get help in any of the above areas please schedule an appointment with Mrs. Radder, outside of class time.

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

(for students entering high school in 1998 or later)

The Alberta High School Diploma is an official document issued by Alberta Education certifying that the student has completed the following requirements. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO BE SURE YOU ARE MEETING ALL DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS.**

1. Earn a minimum of 100 credits
2. Complete and meet the standards of the following courses:
 - English 30-1 **OR** English 30-2 **OR** Francais 30
 - Social Studies 30-1 **OR** Social Studies 30-2
 - Math 20-1, Math 20-1, or Math 20-3
 - Science 20 **OR** 24 **OR** Biology 20 **OR** Chemistry 20 **OR** Physics 20 (**OR** Science 10 and any other 5 credit science course)
3. Complete and meet the standards of the following :
 - Physical Education 10 (3 credits)
 - Career and Life Management (CALM) 20 (3 credits)
 - 10 credits, in any combination, from: Career and technology studies (CTS) **OR** fine arts **OR** second languages, **OR** Physical Education 20 and/or Physical Education 30 **OR** locally developed/acquired and authorized courses in CTS, fine arts, or second languages. This 10 credit requirement may also be met by: one 36-level course **OR** two 35-level courses from any trade in the Registered Apprenticeship program.
 - 10 credits in any 30 level courses (including locally developed) in addition to English 30-1 **OR** English 30-2 and Social Studies 30-1 **OR** Social Studies 30-2.
- For specific information on what constitutes Second Languages, Fine Arts and Career and Technology Studies, contact your counsellor.

These are the minimum requirements for a high school diploma. You must see your counselor to determine what additional requirements are necessary for your educational plans after high school.

Rules Governing the Awarding of Credits

1. A minimum mark of 50% is required to receive credits in a course.
2. A mark of at least 50% is required to move to the next level of the course(i.e., from Math 10 to Math 20)
3. You can receive credits in a course only once.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are given to students to recognize and celebrate outstanding achievement in a high school program of studies and a student's contribution to the school/ and or community. Some scholarships also consider financial need. Scholarships are awarded to assist students in their pursuit of a post-secondary education.

Grade 10 is the beginning of developing your academic and extra-curricular activity profile. Many scholarships are now awarded based upon achievements during your grade 10 and grade 11 year only. Be sure to keep an accurate record of all your extra-curricular involvement during your high school years. Record dates, length of time, nature of involvement and contact person.

Check the web sites: www.scholarshipscanada.com
www.alberta-learning.ab.ca
www.studentawards.com
www.educationmatters.com

SCHOLARSHIP TIPS GRADE 10

- Get involved with your school and community in grade 10
- Start looking at post-secondary programs
- Choose related activities to the fields which interest you
- Investigate sponsorships ... they are invaluable
- Start researching scholarships and set realistic goals
- Work hard and keep your marks up
- Volunteer www.volunteercalgary.ab.ca

BOOKS

Calgary Public Library
(Guide to Canadian Scholarships – call#: Career R378.30971 Gui 98/99)

RESOURCES AT SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

Scholarship File cabinet in Student Services (along back wall)... current applications available
Check the Bulletin Board in Student Services
Scholarship Binder ... summary of each presentation

ALEXANDER RUTHERFORD SCHOLARSHIP

In grade 10 and grade 11 the basis for selection is an **average** of 75% or higher in 5 subjects. The subjects must include: English, 2 academics (math, sciences, second languages, social studies) and a student's next 2 highest subjects at that grade level. If the average is 75%-79.9%, you are awarded \$300.00 for grade 10. If the average is 80% or higher, the amount is \$400.00.

Students are awarded the monies for the year they qualify. You do not need to qualify each year to make an application for the scholarship. **Applications are made in grade 12 only, for all three years.**

M. CECIL BROWNLEE BURSARY - grade 10 students only

The basis for selection: financial need, academic average, citizenship

Value: \$100-\$300

Applications will be available in the spring

CRAIG JOHNSTON MEMORIAL AWARD

The basis for selection: excellence in computer programming.

Value: \$250

Applications will be available in the spring.

ACTIVITY PROFILE

Begin your scholarship application process immediately, by compiling an **ACTIVITY PROFILE** that summarizes your extra-curricular involvement through your high school years. Include information about the activity and the time commitment.

The following formats may be used as a guide.

GRADE 10

One-time Activity

i.e. , attendance at conference(s), Model Parliament, volunteer at blood donor clinic, etc.

Short-term Activity

Indicate time commitment in hours/weeks and weeks/year (i.e., 1/wk for 4/wks.) (i.e., Grad Committee, Tennis Club, Camp Counsellor, etc.)

Long-term activity

Indicate time commitment in hrs./wks. And wks./yr. (i.e., Yearbook Editor, Peer Support Team, football team, etc.)

OR

GRADE 10 ACTIVITIES

Volleyball Team
Model Parliament
Future Conference

TIME COMMITMENT

Hrs./Month	Month/Year
48 hrs.	2 months
6 hrs.	1 month
6 hrs.	1 day

REPEAT THE SAME FORMAT FOR GRADE 11 AND 12

CAREER PLANNING AND OCCUPATION INFORMATION WEBSITES

ALBERTA LEARNING INFORMATION SERVICE <http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca>

- **Career Resources**
Alberta Career Services, Career Planning Tools, Occupational Information
- **Learning Resources**
Places to learn, Educational Links, Apprenticeship and Industry Training, Transfer Information, Financial Assistance
- **Employment**
Looking for work, Labour Market Information, Self-employment, Workplace information

CANLEARN www.canlearn.ca

A one stop online resource for information and interactive tools to help you decide where and what to study, and how to cover the costs.

CAREER CRUISING www.careercruising.com

Username: sirwinston

Password: churchill

NEXT STEPS <http://www.nextsteps.org>

Calgary Youth Employment Centre

Career planning, occupation information, job search skills

CAREER EDGE <http://www.careeredge.org>

A national youth internship program to enhance youth employability.

SCHOOLFINDER <http://www.schoolfinder.com>

Information on Canadian universities, colleges, career colleges, scholarships and careers.

AMERICAN COLLEGE SEARCH – College net <http://www.collegenet.com>

ACT WEBSITE www.act.org

COLLEGEBOARD (USA) www.collegeboard.com

SAT information and registration. CSS/Profiles

CHINOOK COLLEGE – self-directed & classroom www.chinookcollege.com

CBelearn – online www.cbelearn.ca

STUDY SKILLS www.stuygs.net
www.fhs.edu