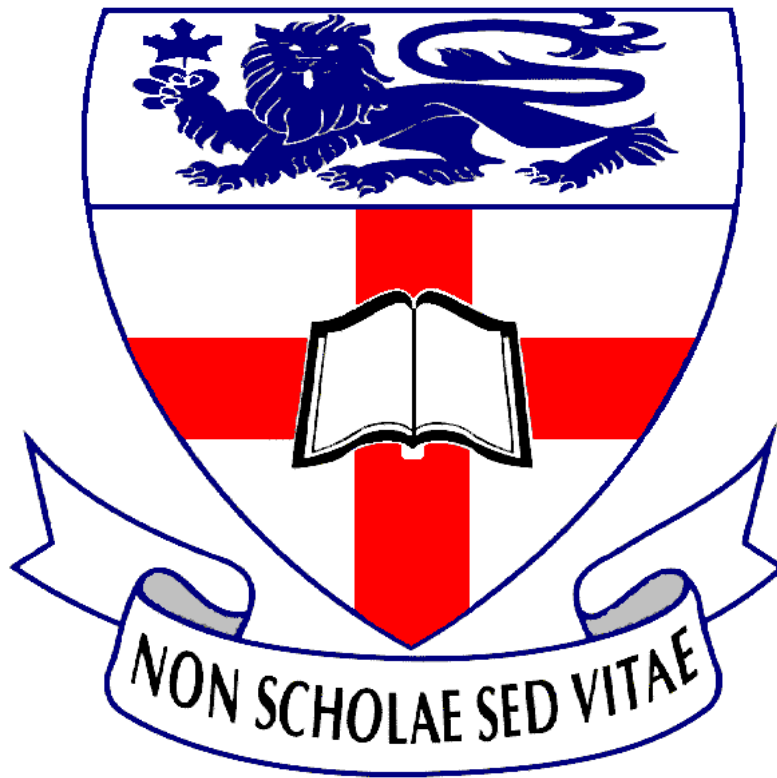


SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOL

(School website: www.swchs.ca)



**GRADE 10
INFORMATION
2016 - 2017**

The Big Leap of Faith

High school can be a great shock to many people. Differences such as 80 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.

Counsellors will visit grade 10 classrooms in September to review all of the supports available to help students successfully transition into high school.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

You may need to contact either the Principal or your Assistant Principal. SWC's Principal, Mr. Rajan, can be found in the main office as well as around the school. There are three Assistant Principals:

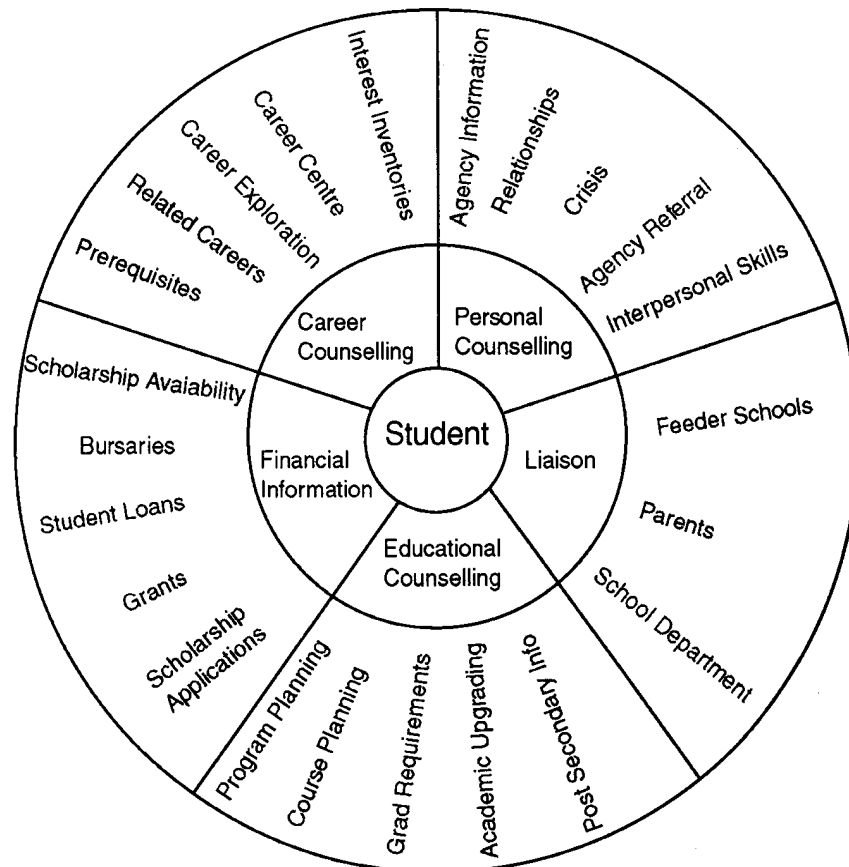
Mr. Cusack	for last names	A - H
Mrs. Hergenhein	for last names	I - O
Mrs. Cave	for last names	P - Z

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 Guidance Counsellors, and a full-time Student Services Secretary. Guidance Counsellors are available to provide personal, educational and career counselling.

Our Work Experience teacher, Mrs. Behrens, also works with scholarships. She will provide information on scholarships, grants, bursaries and student loans. She is located in the library.



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, Mrs. Austin, that you would like to make an appointment, and she will book you one with your Guidance Counsellor. Fill out the green Student Services appointment slip which will enable you to be excused from the class during the time of 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. Please book appointments before school, at lunch, or after school (not during class).

WHICH COUNSELLOR SHOULD YOU SEE?

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

Mr. Oakes	A – G
Mrs. Murray	H – K, P
Mrs. Alladin	L - O
Mr. Fullerton	Q - Z

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

We are fortunate to employ a half-time school psychologist in our building. The psychologist will offer assessments, individual counselling, and one-time consultations. You may access the school psychologist through your guidance counsellor.

GRADUATION COACH

Our graduation coach will provide assistance to students through academic support and mentorship. You will find Mrs. Chan in the Chartwell room that is located in the library. This room will be a place for students to work quietly to complete credits that are needed for high school graduation.

INTERNATIONAL COORDINATOR

Churchill has over 100 international students who travel from all over the world to live and study in Calgary! Some students stay until they graduate, others come for a few semesters to experience Canadian culture. The International Coordinator, Ms. Fulwiler, helps to support our international students with their academics, homestays, social and cultural adjustments, and overall experience in Canada. She also connects Canadian students with international opportunities, including the International Certificate, the International Youth Leadership Summit, and Intercultural Studies 35 (offered to grade 12 students – please see Ms. Fulwiler in Room 121 if you have any questions!).

RESOURCE OFFICER

Constable Courchesney, 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 Courchesney's main role is to assist students and improve police and school communications. His office is located in the zebra hallway.

SCHOOL NURSE

We do have a school nurse available 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 Guidance Counsellor know, and they will assist you.

TUTORIALS

- 8:15 AM – 8:55 AM, Monday – Thursday
- Fantastic opportunity to ask questions and get help from your teachers
- Regular attendance at tutorials is highly recommended

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 class teachers.

Mr. Nestor is our technology support. If there are any issues, please see him in Room 102.

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. The Learning Centre hours are from 7:30 AM to 3:45 PM. If you need some extra help, please feel free to drop in.

Peer Tutors are also available in the Learning Centre. Please inquire for details.

PEER MENTOR (New in Fall 2016!)

You will be assigned a peer mentor on your first day of school. After the grade 10 assembly, you will go to your homeroom. After a brief homeroom, you will then move to your period 1 class. At that time a group of our grade 11 and 12 students will greet you to explain the mentorship program. You along with 4-5 peers within your period 1 class will be assigned to the same mentor. There will be a brief icebreaker activity, and then your mentor is available to answer your questions, tour you around the school, and even show you where your classes are. Afterwards, he/she will walk you out to the Grade 10 Welcome BBQ. Your peer mentor will provide you with a business card detailing his/her contact information should you have further questions. Your peer mentor will check-in with you a few times throughout the first semester to offer support!

CLUBS & ATHLETICS

One of the best ways to quickly feel a part of your new school community is join a club or athletic team. There will be announcements at the beginning of the year, informing you of tryout dates. Our leadership club also hosts a club fair for several lunch hours during the second week of school. We encourage you to check out all of the amazing opportunities to get involved.

ALBERTA HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA: GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
The requirements indicated in this chart are the minimum requirements for a student to attain an Alberta High School Diploma. The requirements for entry into post-secondary institutions and workplaces may require additional and/or specific courses.
100 CREDITS including the following:
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS – 30 LEVEL (English Language Arts 30-1 or 30-2)
SOCIAL STUDIES – 30 LEVEL (Social Studies 30-1 or 30-2)
MATHEMATICS – 20 LEVEL (Mathematics 20-1, Mathematics 20-2 or Mathematics 20-3)
SCIENCE – 20 LEVEL (Science 20, Science 24, Biology 20, Chemistry 20 or Physics 20)
PHYSICAL EDUCATION 10 (3 CREDITS)
CAREER AND LIFE MANAGEMENT (3 CREDITS)
10 CREDITS IN ANY COMBINATION FROM:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career and Technology Studies (CTS) courses • Fine Arts courses • Second Languages courses • Physical Education 20 and/or 30 • Knowledge and Employability courses • Registered Apprenticeship Program courses • Locally developed/acquired and authorized courses in CTS, fine arts, second languages or Knowledge and Employability occupational courses
10 CREDITS IN ANY 30-LEVEL COURSE (IN ADDITION TO A 30-LEVEL ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND A 30-LEVEL SOCIAL STUDIES COURSE AS SPECIFIED ABOVE)
<p>These courses may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30-level locally developed/acquired and authorized courses • Advanced level (3000 series) in Career and Technology Studies courses • 30-level Work Experience courses • 30-level Knowledge and Employability courses • 30-level Registered Apprenticeship Program courses • 30-level Green Certificate Specialization courses • Special Projects 30

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
- Keep a resume including your employment and your volunteer placements
- Keep track of the volunteer hours you accumulate during each of your high school years

Books

Calgary Public Library

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

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. /yrs. (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