

**Secondary V Important Dates  
2016-2017**

<b>September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Apply for your <i>Social Insurance Number</i> this year, if you don't have one</li> <li>➤ Make sure you are taking the courses you need to graduate and for future studies</li> <li>➤ Check out the <i>BULLITEN BOARD outside the guidance office</i> for information</li> <li>➤ <i>Start thinking about your plan for next year – more education?, a job?, something else?</i></li> <li>➤ Remember that <b>first term marks</b> are important for your CEGEP applications</li> <li>➤ <b><i>If you will be applying to the John Abbott POLICE TECHNOLOGY program, sign up for the pre-admission physical testing scheduled for DECEMBER 3, 2016. Pick up registration package from the Ms. Peacock</i></b></li> </ul>
<b>October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Attend Open Houses at CEGEPs and Tech/Voc Centres</b> (check school websites, or notices on the Guidance Bulletin Board on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor)</li> <li>➤ <b>Make an appointment with Ms. Peacock , the Academic Counselor</b>– to check credits, get information about programs, schools, or if you are not sure what you want to do next year</li> <li>➤ Start researching Vocational Education Programs (DEP i.e. Carpentry, Mechanics)</li> <li>➤ <b>Apply to D.E.P. programs at any time</b> (go to each school's website) or see the counsellor for help in finding the right program and the schools where it is offered.</li> </ul>
<b>November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Attend Open Houses at CEGEPs and Tech/Voc Centres</b> (check school websites for dates)</li> <li>➤ Research schools and programs</li> <li>➤ <b>Make an appointment with the Guidance Counselor</b> – if you want to find out information about programs, schools, Adult Education or work opportunities.</li> <li>➤ <b>Apply to D.E.P. programs at any time</b> (<a href="http://www.inforoutefpt.org">www.inforoutefpt.org</a>) or see guidance counselor for assistance.</li> <li>➤ Start looking at external scholarship information (Pick up info in Guidance Office)</li> </ul>
<b>December</b>	<p><b><i>Sign up for Champlain Lennoxville Field Trip with Ms. Peacock and then you will be HO-HO-HOME for the holidays !</i></b></p>
<b>January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ CEGEP applications will be available online <b>AFTER THE 15TH OF JANUARY"</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Apply on-line to SRAM CEGEPs</b> (<a href="http://sram.omnivox.ca">http://sram.omnivox.ca</a>) beginning on January 15<sup>th</sup></li> <li>➤ Champlain Lennoxville Campus Day for Sec. V students</li> <li>➤ <b>CEGEP applications</b> for: Dawson, Champlain-St. Lambert, Champlain-St. Lawrence will be available on-line at <a href="http://www.commonapplication.qc.ca">www.commonapplication.qc.ca</a>. You can start <b>applying</b>.</li> <li>➤</li> </ul> <p><b><i>WARNING: NO ON-LINE APPLICATIONS MAY BE FILED BEFORE JANUARY 15<sup>th</sup>. IF YOU SEND THEM EARLIER, THEY WILL BE REJECTED AND YOU WILL LOSE YOUR APPLICATION FEE DEPOSIT!</i></b></p>
<b>February</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Apply to CEGEPs (reminder)</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Apply to DEP programs</b>, if you haven't done it yet (<b>reminder</b>)</li> <li>➤ Attend information sessions at CEGEPs, if interested (check CEGEP websites for dates)</li> </ul>
<b>March</b>	<p><b><u>MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> – CEGEP APPLICATION DEADLINE</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Apply to Champlain-Lennoxville Residences</b> (application online) – <i>March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline</i></li> </ul>
<b>April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Complete <u>local scholarship application</u></b> (information session will be given by Award's Committee)</li> <li>➤ 1<sup>st</sup> round Acceptance Notices from CEGEPs should start arriving</li> <li>➤ Apply to Round 2 SRAM, if needed (mid-April deadline)</li> </ul>
<b>May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ If needed, <b>apply for <u>Loans and Bursaries</u></b> from the government (<a href="http://www.afe.gouv.qc.ca">www.afe.gouv.qc.ca</a>) – no specific deadline (before June 30<sup>th</sup> is best)</li> <li>➤ <b>Apply to John Abbott residence</b> (application online) – <i>May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline</i></li> </ul>
<b>June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ If needed, <b>apply for <u>loans and bursaries</u></b> from the government (<a href="http://www.afe.gouv.qc.ca">www.afe.gouv.qc.ca</a>) – no specific deadline</li> </ul>

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Dear Parents:

On the back of this letter, I've included a 'timeline' of important dates that may be of interest to you and your teen. I have also included general information about graduation requirements, OPEN HOUSE visits and what is needed to apply to a DEP in Vocational Education. Please encourage your graduate to make an early appointment to see me. It takes time to plan a future and I want to ensure that they have accurate information before sending any applications. You are also welcome to accompany your graduate or make an appointment of your own to access the Guidance Services.

**To graduate from high school**, students need to earn a minimum of 54 credits in Secondary IV and V combined, with at least 20 of those credits being at the Secondary V level. As part of these credits, they need to pass Secondary V English and French and Secondary V Phys. Ed. or Ethics, as well as Secondary IV Math, Science, History and the Arts.

The **minimum requirement to enter CEGEP** is a High School diploma (see above), although many programs require additional courses. The following website provides the prerequisite requirements for all CEGEP programs in the province - <http://www.mels.gouv.qc.ca/ens-sup/ens-coll/Cahiers/treparti.asp>. The minimum requirement to enter most D.E.P.s (tech/voc program) is Secondary IV English, French and Math, although it is highly recommended that students have a High School leaving diploma.

**CEGEP applications** are due March 1<sup>st</sup> -all applications received by the deadline will receive equal treatment. (If you are mailing applications, please make sure to give enough time for them to arrive and make sure there is SUFFICIENT POSTAGE). However, the on-line option allows you to pay fees with a credit card and ensures an immediate confirmation that the application has been received. While there is no specific deadline to **apply to a D.E.P. program**, I would suggest that your son/daughter apply as soon as they are confident in their choice (many programs fill quickly, and have waiting lists – most of the programs work on a 'first come-first admitted' policy). You will find a complete list of available programs at [www.inforoute.fpt.org](http://www.inforoute.fpt.org)

Students have a number of ways to finance their education. Government **Loans and Bursaries** are available, and can be applied for in the spring at [www.afe.gouv.qc.ca](http://www.afe.gouv.qc.ca) (the "**Assessment simulator**" function on the loans website can give you an estimate to what they may be entitled). The **awards** that are given as part of the MVHS Awards Program at graduation are applied for in May and application forms will be available following a student assembly in April). Finally, students may also wish to apply for **external scholarships**. The criteria and deadlines for these vary – generally the focus is on strong academic achievement, leadership skills and community involvement and in some cases, financial need. These scholarships are applied for independently by the students. A complete list of external scholarships and bursaries is available in the guidance office.

I will be visiting the Secondary V classes throughout the year to provide the students with information and reminders. I encourage students to make an appointment with me if they have questions about specific programs or schools, or if they simply don't know what they want to do after high school.

As parents, if you have any questions in the coming months, please feel free to call me at Massey-Vanier at 450-263-3772 local 23427.

Sincerely,  
Constance Peacock  
Massey-Vanier High School Guidance Services