Halifax West High School

Grade 10 and 11 Parent Night
Halifax West High School
February, 2015
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Alanna Campbell.......G-M
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Secretary.........Cathy Fitzgerald
SERVICES AVAILABLE

- PERSONAL COUNSELLING
- CAREER/Academic COUNSELLING
- Transition Planning
- POST SECONDARY INFORMATION
- LIAISON WITH RESOURCE PERSONNEL FOR EXTRA HELP, SUPPORT, TUTORS
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- TOTAL OF 18 CREDITS
- 3 ENGLISH 10,11, and 12
- 2 MATH
- 2 SCIENCE (Sci10, Bio11, Phy 11, Chem 11) plus one
- 2 OTHER (Math, Science OR Tech)
- 1 SOCIAL STUDIES (MkQ10, CHis11, Acs11)
- 1 GLOBAL STUDIES (Ggs12/Hgs12)
- 1 FINE ARTS (Art, Music or Drama)
- 1 PAL or PHE
- No more than 7 grade 10 credits towards 18 mandatory credits
- Min. 5 grade 12 credits
There are 13 compulsory credits/courses:

- 3 English / English Communications 10, 11, 12
- 2 Math courses at 10 & 11 levels
- 2 Sciences
  - One of Science 10, Chemistry 11, Biology 11 or Physics 11 and one other science courses from a
  - variety of choices.
- 1 Canadian Studies
  - (MK’Q10, African Can.Studies11 or Canadian History 11)
- 1 Global Studies 12
  - (Global History 12 or Global Geography 12)
- 1 Physically Active credit
  - PAL 11, Phys Ed 11, Yoga 11, Phys. Ed. 12
- 1 Fine Arts credit
  - (Art, Drama or Music)
- 2 others from either Math, Science or Technology

Plus 5 more electives to total 18 credits
*5 grade 12 level credits
*no more than 7 grade 10 level courses.
Course Selection Guide

Guidance website
Course Load

- Grade 11’s: 7 courses
- Grade 12’s: 6 courses
- Extra rare; Only where space available and need is demonstrated
SCHEDULE FOR COURSE SELECTION

- Students receive registration form and credit check
- Forms signed and returned by Monday, February 23rd, B Block teacher
- Lab input to Power School; month of March
- Opportunities for individual discussion
Alternates

- Give careful consideration because:
- Classes fill
- Classes can be cancelled
- Conflicts can happen
- Grades 12’s given preference
Course Changes

- Course changes cannot be made for grade 11 students.
- Required changes made for 12’s, if possible.
- Students are choosing courses for the year and they do not have a choice of the semester in which the course falls.
CAREER CHOICES

- As many as 8-10 career changes
- Ever evolving vocations
- Constantly developing new technologies
- Continuing education opportunities
- Global effects on regional/local career demands
Occupations that didn’t exist ten years ago:

- Electronic Commerce Specialist
- Electronic Research Technician
- Internet Development Specialist
- Webmaster
- Digital Animator
- Direct Broadcast Satellite Services Technician
- Video-server Technician
- Wireless Communications Technician
- Laser Electro-Optical Technician
- Computer Network Administrator
- Biomedical Engineering Technician
- Global Positioning Systems Technician
Post Secondary Choices.....

- Bachelor of Information Systems
- Geographic Sciences GIS at COGS
- Marine Geomatics
- Marine Navigation
- Built Program
- Bioengineering
- Architectural Studies
- Industrial Design
- Aquatic Resources

- The list goes on.....
Some further programs of study:

- Avionics
- Environmental Physics
- Engineering as an example.....as many as 10 programs of study. Mechanical, Electrical, Environmental, Geological, Software, Civil, Geomatics, Chemical.
- Desire/imagination are only limitations.
SCHOLARSHIPS

- WWW.STUDENTAWARDS.COM
- Internal Awards Database
- University Entrance Awards
- Money Matters
Sample University Requirements

- B Arts  English 12, plus 4 grade 12’s academic
- B Comm English 12, Math 12/Precal, plus 3 grade 12 academic
- B Science English 12, Precal 12, 2 grade 12 sciences, plus 1 grade 12 academic
- B Nursing English 12, Math 12, Chem 12, Bio12, plus 1 grade 12 academic
Many courses require a high school diploma
Some courses have specific requirements (BE SURE TO CHECK) such as math, physics etc.,
Others may have portfolio requirements

Apply now to secure your spot!!!!
Guidance Website

http://www.hwhs.ednet.ns.ca/guidance/
Career Cruising

University Preparation Courses


- http://www.smu.ca/conted/uprep.html
Admissions

- Deadlines
- Application Averages vs Acceptance Averages
- Student Responsibility
Grade 11 marks

- Predictors
- May affect grade 12 admission/scholarship average
# Bachelor of Commerce (Business)

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Alternate Choice for University Business Degree

Nova Scotia Community College
2 + 2 Program
2 year Business Diploma at NSCC

+ 

2 - 2.5 continuing years at an affiliated university = Bachelor of Business/Business Administration/ or Commerce Degree

*To check out the participating colleges and universities go to
Power School – Quick Look Up
# Quick Lookup

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Show dropped classes also
# PowerSchool - Attendance

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Power School – Course Overview
Parent/Student Responsibilities

- Get informed to meet expectations and deadlines
- You are a consumer – know your product!
- Encourage self-advocacy in your children!!