

E.L. Crossley

Graduation date: June 26th, 2014

At a Glance Dates to Remember

September 17th-November 22nd

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

September 21st

- Study and go Abroad Fair – Toronto
<http://www.studyandgoabroad.com/toronto.html>

September 27th - 29th

- Ontario Universities Fair – Metro Toronto Convention Center

September 30th

- Ontario University Information program- Sir Winston Churchill, St. Catharines 7pm – 9pm

October 1st – December 6th

- Make your Grad. Appointment in guidance

October 4 – 6

- Student Life Expo
<http://www.studentlifeexpo.com>

October – November

- Plan to attend College or University open houses

October 16th

- Christian College Fair
<http://myblueprintstory.com>

October 21st

- Ontario College Information Fair – Toronto
21st 6:30 pm – 9 pm
22nd 10 am – 3 pm

October 23rd

- Ontario College Information Program
Niagara College
Welland Campus 9am – 1pm

January 15th

- University application deadline for equal consideration to competitive programs

January 31, 2014

- College application deadline for equal consideration to competitive programs

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 1st, we request that all potential grads book an individual appointment with a Guidance Counsellor to discuss their graduating year and plans for post secondary. Consider the planning sheet in summer mailing before your appointment.
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 September 27th - Sunday September 29th**. 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
 - b) **Ontario College Information Fair:** Every year Toronto hosts a fair at the Direct Energy Center, Exhibition Place. This year the fair is on October 21, 2013 6:30pm – 9pm and October 22, 2013 10am – 3 pm. See the poster outside Student Services for more information or visit 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 23rd 9 am – 1pm
 - 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 a session available in the Niagara Region at Sir Winston Churchill in St. Catharines from 7 - 9 p.m. on Monday Sept. 30th
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. **Check the Student Services website for more useful links and recent announcements at elcsstudentservices.weebly.com**

But wait. There is more. Consult the next page to continue!

7. **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 counsellor beginning the week of Oct. 1st to ensure that you are on the right track.

Be sure to do your scholarship research!

University research begins at: www.electronicinfo.ca; Apply to university at www.ouac.on.ca*

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

College research begins at: www.ontariocolleges.ca; Apply to college at the same site!

8. **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.dsb.org/Awards>
- Continue with creating an account at www.studentawards.com
- Check the Financial Aid section of the website for each institution to which you apply!
- Check the board outside of guidance! Check our Students' Services website.

9. **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 - School Code is 826161 or visit <http://elcssstudentservices.weebly.com/useful-links.html>
- 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 www.jobgym.ca
 - Labour Market Information-visit: 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 or contact Sergeant William Durrant – 1-800-856-8488 ext 2431

Post Secondary Presentations 2013 – 2014

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:

October 7, 2013	1:00 p.m.	Niagara College
October 8, 2013	8:30 a.m.	Georgian College
October 9, 2013	12:00 p.m.	Lambton College
October 28, 2013	10:00 a.m.	Conestoga College
November 21, 2013	10:00 a.m.	Mohawk College
November 22, 2013	10:00 a.m.	Sheridan College

Universities:

September 17, 2013	1:00 p.m.	Lakehead University
September 19, 2013	8:30 a.m.	Brock University
September 19, 2013	1:00 p.m.	McMaster University
September 23, 2013	10:00 a.m.	University of Waterloo
September 23, 2013	1:15 p.m.	Brescia University
September 24, 2013	10:00 a.m.	University of Guelph
September 25, 2013	1:15 p.m.	Carleton University
October 7, 2013	8:30 a.m.	Richard Ivy School of Business (University of Western)
October 8, 2013	1:00 p.m.	Redeemer University / College
October 10, 2013	12:00 p.m.	D'Youville University / College
October 15, 2013	8:30 a.m.	Ryerson University
October 15, 2013	12:00 p.m.	Trent University
October 25, 2013	8:30 a.m.	University of Toronto
October 30, 2013	1:00 p.m.	University of Windsor
November 11, 2013	1:15 p.m.	Dalhousie University
November 12, 2013	1:00 p.m.	University of Western Ontario
November 14, 2013	8:30 a.m.	Wilfrid Laurier University
November 18, 2013	8:30 a.m.	Laurentian University
November 19, 2013	12:00 p.m.	Queens University