

# Course Selection Parent / Student Info Night

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# Course Selection Information Night

- ▶ Graduation Requirements
- ▶ Course Offerings at STA
- ▶ Post Secondary Admission Requirements
- ▶ Questions and Answers

# BC GRADUATION PROGRAM

- ▶ BC's new Graduation Program will continue to require all students to successfully complete 80 credits in grades 10, 11, and 12, and write three provincial assessments: Grade 10 Literacy, Grade 10 Numeracy and Grade 12 Literacy assessments.
- ▶ There will be an opportunity for students to re-write the Provincial Graduation Assessments to improve their achievement level. Until graduation, students may write a Provincial Graduation Assessment up to three times: the original attempt and two re-writes.

SUMMARY OF GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	
SUBJECT	CREDITS
Composition & Creative Writing 10	4
Composition 11	4
English Studies 12	4
Social Studies 10	4
Social Studies 12 *any approved SS 12 course	4
Science 10	4
Science 11 *any approved Science 11 course	4
Mathematics 10	4
Mathematics 11 *any approved Math 11 course	4
Physical & Health Education 10	4
Career Life Education 10	4
Career Life Connections 11-12	4
Arts Education and/or Applied Design, Skills & Technologies 10, 11 or 12	4
Elective Credits	28
TOTAL MINIMUM CREDITS	80

# Graduation Requirements

## Grade 10



▶ Christian Education 10	4 Credits
▶ Math 10	4 Credits
▶ Science 10	4 Credits
▶ Social Studies 10	4 Credits
▶ Physical & Health Education 10	4 Credits
▶ Career Life Education 10	4 Credits
▶ Composition 10	2 Credits
▶ Creative Writing 10	2 Credits

# Graduation Requirements

## Grade 11

- ▶ Christian Education 11 4 credits
- ▶ Composition 11 4 credits
- ▶ a Math 11 4 credits
- ▶ a Science 11 4 credits
- ▶ a Social Studies 12 4 credits
- ▶ Elective (ie. French or Spanish 11) 4 credits
- ▶ Elective (ie. applied skill or fine arts) 4 credits
- ▶ Elective (ie. second science or PHE) 4 credits
- ▶ Career Life Connections 11 2 credits

# Graduation Requirements

## Grade 12

- Christian Education 12 4 credits
  - English Studies 12 (Literacy Assessment) 4 credits
  - Career Life Connections 12 2 credits
  - At least 4 other Grade 12 Level Courses 16 credits
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- Post-Secondary schools require the completion of at least six grade 12 courses of which five should be approved academic courses.

# Online Courses

- ▶ Online courses provide students with opportunities to earn extra credits or complete courses outside of the school timetable.
- ▶ STA recommendation is to take all academic required courses here at STA.
- ▶ For university admissions, online courses must be 100% complete before they appear on the transcript.



# Courses by Department

# Course Offerings

## ▶ **Academic Courses**

- ▶ Courses from approved lists (differs by university) used to calculate post-secondary admission averages
- ▶ i.e. Composition 11, Chemistry 11, Pre Calculus 11

## ▶ **Advanced Placement Courses**

- ▶ Offered at the grade 12 level in English, Calculus, Physics and Computer Science
- ▶ Can earn first year university credits in high school
- ▶ May be used for admissions averages

## ▶ **Electives**

- ▶ Fulfill the Arts Education / Applied Design Requirement
- ▶ Second Language Courses

# English

Composition 11



English  
Studies 12

Honours  
English 11



Honours  
English 12



Creative  
Writing 12

Literary  
Studies 12

CCC  
Running Start  
or

AP English

# Social Studies

Social  
Studies 10

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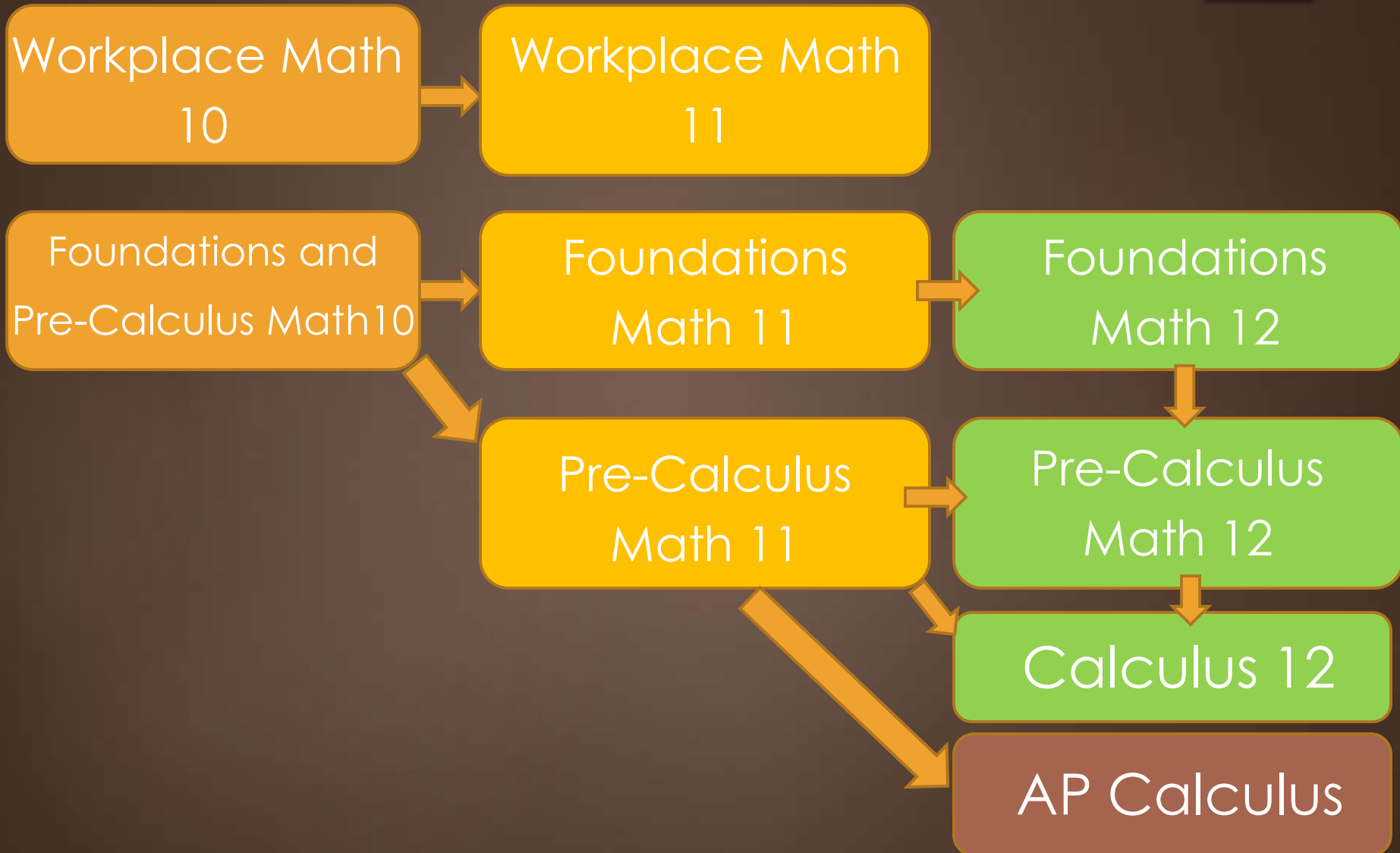
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Physical  
Geography  
12

Philosophy  
12

Political  
Studies 12

# Math



# Sciences

Science 10

Life Sciences  
11

Earth Sciences  
11

Chemistry 11

Physics 11

Anatomy &  
Physiology 12

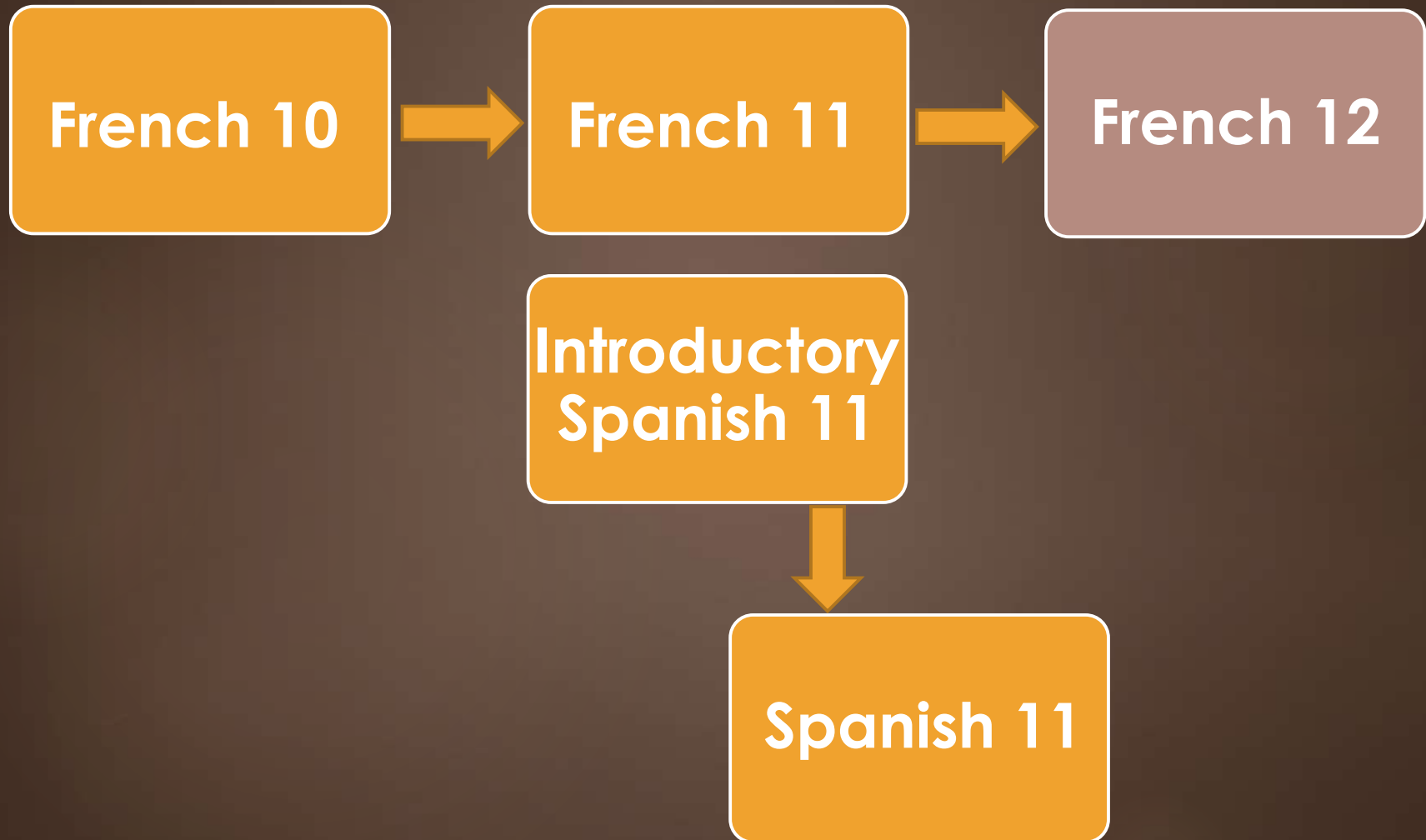
Chemistry 12

Physics 12

AP Physics



# Modern Languages



# Electives



- ▶ Business Education (Accounting, Marketing ,Economics, Entrepreneurship)
- ▶ Physical & Health Education (Active Living, Boys Basketball & Girls Sports Academies)
- ▶ Applied Design, Skills & Technologies (Media Arts, Robotics and AP Computer Science )
- ▶ Fine & Performing Arts (Studio Art, Drama, Band, Choir)





# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS REGIONAL SECONDARY

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

## COURSE DESCRIPTION CATALOGUE Grades 10, 11 and 12

2022 - 23

### Terminology for Course Requirements

- **“Recommended standard”** means any students below this standard will likely experience difficulty in the course if they choose to take it. Students require parental consent to enrol and must be committed to completion of the course.
- **“Pre-requisite”** means a specific course must be successfully completed before another course at the next grade level.
- **“Co-requisite”** means another course that is taken simultaneously with this course.

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## 2022-23 STA COURSE SELECTION LIST

<p><b>Grade 10</b> <i>Required Courses</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Christian Education 10  <input type="checkbox"/> Composition 10  <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing 10  <input type="checkbox"/> Science 10  <input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies 10  <input type="checkbox"/> Core French 10</p> <p>Mathematics 10: (choose one)  <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Math/Pre-Calculus 10  <input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Math 10</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education 10  <i>(Regular or Academy*)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Career &amp; Life Education 10  <i>(semester course)</i></p> <p><b>Grade 10 Course Elective</b>  <i>For Grade 10 choose one (1) course from...</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Drama 10  <input type="checkbox"/> Media Design 10  <input type="checkbox"/> Music 10  <input type="checkbox"/> Art Studio 10</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> LRC BLOCK 10/11/12  <i>(Must be approved by LRC Coordinator)</i></p> <p><b>*Note: PE academy programs</b> are by application only. Contact Mr. Prescott if interested.</p>	<p><b>Grade 11</b> <i>Required Courses</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Christian Education 11</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Career Life Connections 11</p> <p>Language Arts 11: (choose one)  <input type="checkbox"/> Composition 11  <input type="checkbox"/> Composition 11 Honours  <i>(based on English 10 mark)</i></p> <p>Mathematics 11: (choose one)  <input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Math 11  <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Math 11  <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Calculus Math 11</p> <p>Science 11: (choose at least one)  <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry 11  <input type="checkbox"/> Earth Sciences 11  <input type="checkbox"/> Life Sciences 11  <input type="checkbox"/> Physics 11</p> <p>Social Studies 11-12:  <i>(students must take a minimum of one Social Studies 12 course in either their grade 11 or 12 year)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 20<sup>th</sup> Century World History 12  <input type="checkbox"/> Comparative Cultures 12  <input type="checkbox"/> Human Geography 12  <input type="checkbox"/> Law Studies 12  <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy 12  <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Geography 12  <input type="checkbox"/> Political Studies 12</p>	<p><b>Grade 12</b> <i>Required Courses</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Christian Education 12</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Career Life Connections 12</p> <p>Language Arts 12: (choose one)  <input type="checkbox"/> English Studies 12  <input type="checkbox"/> English Studies 12 Honours  <i>(prerequisite Composition 11 Honours)</i></p> <p><b>Grade 11 &amp; 12 Course Electives</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Anatomy &amp; Physiology 12  <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry 12  <input type="checkbox"/> Physics 12  <input type="checkbox"/> AP Physics 12</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Math 12  <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Calculus Math 12  <input type="checkbox"/> Calculus 12  <input type="checkbox"/> AP Calculus 12</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Introductory Spanish 11  <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish 11  <input type="checkbox"/> Core French 11  <input type="checkbox"/> Core French 12</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing 12  <input type="checkbox"/> Literary Studies 12</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Psychology 12</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Accounting 11  <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing &amp; Promotion 11  <input type="checkbox"/> Economics 12  <input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneurship 12</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Media Arts 11  <input type="checkbox"/> Media Arts 12  <input type="checkbox"/> Robotics 11  <input type="checkbox"/> AP Computer Science 12</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Art Studio 11  <input type="checkbox"/> Art Studio 12  <input type="checkbox"/> Drama 11  <input type="checkbox"/> Drama 12  <input type="checkbox"/> Instrumental Music 11  <input type="checkbox"/> Instrumental Music 12</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Physical &amp; Health Education      Active Living 11-12  <input type="checkbox"/> Physical &amp; Health Education      Sports Academy 11-12</p>
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### STA 2022-2023 Course Registration Steps:

1. Login to your Power School account at <https://ps.aquinas.org/public/>
2. Select 'Class Registration' from the menu bar on the left.
3. Check the notifications at the top for requirements.
4. Look at the indicators at the right to see if you have met the requirements of the course groups, these will change as you select your courses.
5. Look at the counter at the bottom to check to see how many credits you have registered in.
6. Click the pencil icon to select courses in that group. Some course groups have more than one page, so scroll to the bottom. Please ensure you have selected eight courses in addition to CLC 11 or 12.
7. When you have made all your selections, scroll to the bottom and click the 'submit' button. If you get a 'Request Submission Failed' notice, you will have to go back and fix the problem it indicates before you are done.
8. As long as the system is open you can go back and change requests. After that you will be able to view them.
9. Print your course registration confirmation, have it signed by a parent or guardian, scan and email a copy to [courseselection@aquinas.org](mailto:courseselection@aquinas.org)

# Applying to University



Search Universities of interest **NOW**

- ▶ Research Admission Requirements by program. Check out SFU Admission Compass  
<https://www.sfu.ca/students/admission/admission-requirements/compass.html>
- ▶ Attend Info Sessions at STA in the Fall at the Post-Secondary Institutions Evening.
- ▶ Go to Post Secondary Open Houses/Tours.





## The Right Way to Choose a College

What students do at college matters much more than where they go. The key is engagement, inside the classroom and out.



## CREATE A LIST OF IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

- **Unique programs or opportunities** – Cooperative education, undergraduate research, combined studies, cohort programs, etc.
- **Class size** – Contact with instructor and classmates.
- **Culture** of university, college or institute, city, and **distance** from supports.
- **Religious, athletic, and extracurricular activities.**



Consider starting at a smaller post-secondary school and benefit from much smaller classes, focus on teaching (not research), similar environment, lower admission requirements, university transfer or full degree options, with a highly specialized and diversity of programs.

UBC reserves a full one third of their upper level new student seats for Transfer students

## Starting at college a smart move for B.C. students

BY TRACY SHERLOCK

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**Daniel Dubois made a successful transition from college to university. Now he's founded two companies.**

*Gerry Kahrmann / PNG*

# KEY MESSAGES TO STUDENTS



- ▶ Universities will look at your grades in nearly ALL your academic Gr.11 and Gr.12 courses.
- ▶ Particular attention to courses related to what you want to study at university. If you have the course at both the Gr.11 and Gr.12 level, more emphasis will be placed on the Gr.12 grade.
- ▶ Be aware that having the highest grades is not the only way to get in – challenging yourself by taking more courses or more rigorous courses can also be beneficial.

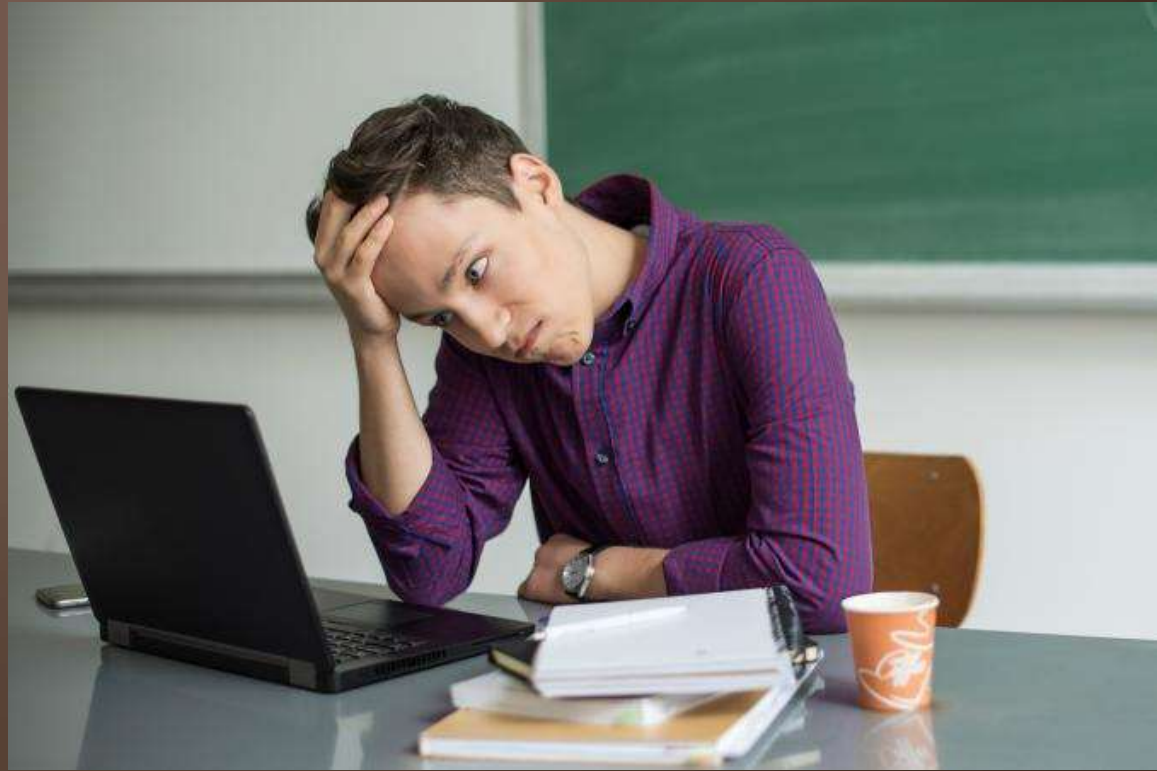


**Grade 11**, including the summer afterwards, is a very important year to achieve academically, be involved in extra-curricular, community service and the school in general, and to establish yourself as an individual with solid character, a strong work ethic, maturity, self-discipline, and responsibility. This is the last full year before you begin your applications.



**Grade 11** is also a very important year to complete **most** of your post secondary research and planning in order to take the pressure off of your grade 12 year.

Grade 12 should be about finalizing choices and applying, not beginning from scratch.



Create a **broad plan with back up**  
– never assume anything – you, your grades, your finances, your interests – lots and lots of things will change by the time you are finishing grade 12.



**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
PLAN  
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# QUESTIONS ?

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