

**Class of 2027
Graduation and
Post Secondary
Information**



How to stay informed

The Guidance Website & Morning Announcements

A diagram illustrating the connection between the Guidance Website and Morning Announcements. On the left, a vertical orange sidebar lists various resources. A yellow box highlights 'Class of 2027 Information', with a yellow arrow pointing from it to the 'Guidance' link in the top navigation bar of the main website screenshot. Another yellow arrow points from the 'Morning Announcements' link in the bottom row of the main website screenshot back to the 'Class of 2027 Information' link in the sidebar.

Guidance Website Resources (Left Sidebar):

- Guidance Staff
- eLearning – Opt-Out Form
- Class of 2027 Information**
- Community Involvement Hours
- 2026-27 Course Option Sheets
- Grade 11 Pathway Planning Presentation
- Course & Pathways Planning ▶
- Plan Of Care Forms
- Career Exploration Tools

Main Website Screenshot (Right):

WELLAND CENTENNIAL Secondary School
100 Thorold Road West, Welland, ON L3C 3W2
Select Language | Student & Staff Login AA DSBN DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

Navigation: Home ▾ Academics ▾ Athletics ▾ Civics ▾ **Guidance ▾** School Council News ▾ J.M. Ennis Auditorium Alumni Contact

WELLAND CENTENNIAL
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Services and Announcements:

- Guidance Appointment (BOOK NOW)
- Graduation LIVE STREAM (WATCH NOW)
- Social Worker Appointment (BOOK NOW)
- Summer School Request Form (VIEW FORM)
- Morning Announcements (MORE INFO)**

How to stay informed

The Graduate Bulletin Board in Guidance



Download the Pulse App

DSBN Teacher Resource

Profile Wendy Huska

D2L Tutorials Self Registration Credit Recovery External Tools Request Sandbox

Notifications

Control how you receive notifications about activity in your courses. You can receive a periodic summary of activity, or receive instant notifications as things happen.

The Pulse App: Stay Up-to-date on the Go!

Pulse helps you stay connected and on track with your Brightspace courses!

Download on the App Store GET IT ON Google Play

10:52 Wednesday, July 24

Pulse

Recommended for Brightspace Educators

Google Play Brightspace Pulse - Apps...

Contact Methods

Email Address

[Enable email notifications](#)

Download the Pulse App (location is: DSB of Niagara) and/or sign up for email notifications.

d2L Key Points of Interest

The screenshot displays the d2L interface for Welland Centennial. At the top, the header includes the Welland Centennial logo (Cougars est. 1966), the text "Welland Centennial SS-Grade 12 Only", and navigation icons for a grid, email, chat, and notifications. Below the header is a row of icons for various tools: Calendar, Content, Discussions, Quizzes, Assignments, Grades, and D2L Tools. On the left side, there is a sidebar menu with the following sections:

- Graduation Information
 - ▶ University Info
0/3 Completed
 - ▶ College Info
0/1 Completed
 - ▶ Apprenticeship & Trade Info
1/2 Completed
 - ▶ Scholarships
0/3 Completed
- College to University Transfer

Keep up to date with d2L
Announcements and
Content.



d2L - University Information



[OUINFO](#) - Ontario University Information is where you start your research for programs, schools, and prerequisite courses.

[OUAC](#) - Ontario University Application Centre is your site once you are ready to begin applying to university programs. It includes [How-To-Videos](#) for creating your account and adding programs to your application, as well as a [Step-By-Step Application Guide](#).

Universities offer Undergraduate Bachelors degrees. It is important to recognize that some colleges also offer Bachelors degrees. Check out the [Ontario Colleges](#) site to see if your program is also available at a college!



d2L - College Information



Use the resources on the [ontariocolleges.ca](https://www.ontariocolleges.ca) website to help you navigate the research and application process.

<https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/apply>

The Ontario Colleges website is the go-to source of information for high school students who are exploring and applying to colleges and polytechnics in Ontario.

Here are links to just some of the resources available:

- [How to Apply](#) – Learn about the college application process, with a video walkthrough of key steps. ****Ensure that you choose the 2027/2028 school year****
- [Important Dates](#) – Review key dates in the application process, from when to apply to competitive programs to when tuition deposits are due.
- [Awards, Scholarships and Bursaries](#) – Explore financial aid options to help pay for college.



d2L - Apprenticeship Information



Steps to an Apprenticeship

ApprenticeSearch.com's **Steps to an Apprenticeship** is a detailed guide, tailored specifically for those looking to enter the skilled trades. Starting at the very beginning, this guide serves as a step-by-step walk through for the process of becoming an apprentice. Containing helpful exercises and a wealth of useful internet links, this resource should not be missed.

What You Need to Know to Become a Skilled Tradesperson

Find a career you wouldn't trade. Learn how to become a tradesperson, find resources if you're an employer or currently working, and get job advice.

One Stop Apprenticeship Resources

Great site to learn how to find an employer, learn about incentives, etc.,

Apprenticeship Training Programs across Canada

The Ellis chart - The Ellis Chart is a comparative chart of apprentice training programs across Canada produced by Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) in partnership with the Canadian Council of Directors of Apprenticeship (CCDA).

Careers in Civil Construction

Careers in Civil Construction.pdf

OYAP

DSBN Information on the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program can be found here



All Pathways Information



Regardless of the pathway you choose, if you are completing an application, use your **personal email address**. This is to ensure that your destination can still contact you after you graduate

Once you complete an application is it imperative that you **check your email regularly**. Schools may use a student portal, but many institutions still communicate key dates and deadlines through email. We have had students removed from programs for missing tuition deadlines, or missing out on residence space.

Once you confirm an offer, check out the school's **Awards page**.



d2L - Scholarships and Financial Aid



Scholarships

Some select scholarships will be advertised in d2L announcements. Most scholarships are the responsibility of the students to use the links provided in d2L.

Financial Aid

Students can use the OSAP estimator, however actual OSAP applications usually do not open until the Spring. We will be hosting a virtual OSAP presentation in the Spring.

Graduation Requirements

30 Credits	• 18 Compulsory • 12 Optional
OSSLT	• Pass the Literacy Test <u>OR</u> • Pass the Literacy Course (OLC40)
40 Community Involvement Hours	• These should be complete and entered into Hour Republic by the beginning of semester 2
Two Online Courses	• Students are encouraged to complete two online courses • An opt out form is available in the Guidance office and can be completed through School Cash Online



Graduation Interviews

Guidance will be meeting with all Grade 12s between now and Winter Break to discuss post-secondary plans.

Please do your research ahead of time and plan to come with questions.



Semester 1 Checklist

Graduation Class of 2027 Semester 1 Checklist

	Tasks	Due	Notes
	Order your Grad Hoodie 	New Orders Accepted starting September 22nd	• Orders placed last year are available for pick-up in the main office • Scan the QR Code to access the on-line store and place an order
	Graduation Survey 	October 23rd	• Report your height so we can order your grad gown • Provide details to assist in scholarships

Semester 1 Checklist

Click the images below
to start your research



	Research your Post-Secondary Options	Ongoing	• Search Ontario University Programs: https://www.ouinfo.ca/ • Search Ontario College Programs: https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en • Search Apprenticeships: https://www.skilledtradesontario.ca/apprenticeship/
	Meet with College/University Reps at Centennial 	October 19th-30th	• Some Ontario Colleges / Universities will have representatives visit Centennial in October • These are lunchtime booths located outside of the caf • Scan the QR to see the schedule of visits and sign up for Brock/NC sessions Sessions Requiring Sign-Up: Max 120 students Brock University Period 2 - October 19th Niagara College Period 3 - October 27th

Semester 1 Checklist

	Book your Grad Photo 	Now accepting appointments Photos will be taken Nov. 10th – 20th	• Scan the QR Code (to the left) to book your appointment • Sitting Fee paid on the day of your photo (cash, debit, credit) • Proofs will be mailed to your home • If you want to order grad photos, the cost is extra • Get your photo done so you are in the Class of 2027 Composite and in the Yearbook!
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Semester 1 Checklist

☐	Apply to University	Applications open Late September DUE: Jan. 15th	• Apply at https://www.ouac.on.ca/ • Make sure you have started your application before the Winter Break and finalize well before the Jan 15th deadline!
☐	Apply to College	Applications open Early October DUE: Feb 1st	• Apply at www.ontariocolleges.ca • Make sure you have started your application before the Winter Break and finalize well before the Feb 1st deadline!

Semester 1 Checklist

☐	Complete and enter your 40 community involvement hours	Ongoing	• Log into Hour Republic to make sure your hours have been verified by all parties (parents, supervisor, and Centennial) • Video tutorials are posted in the Centennial Community Service d2L shell if you forget how to enter your hours • Please make this a priority because you will not graduate without the 40 verified hours
☐	Complete two online classes OR sign the opt out form	Ongoing	• Night school courses do not count as online • Opt out forms can be signed through School Cash Online
☐	Certificate of Recognition	April 1st	• Completed, verified hours by April 1st to earn Gold, Silver, or Bronze Certificate for community service beyond 50 hours



Youth Educational Support Program (YESP)

Who am I?

Myriam Thomas

- YMCA Youth Empowerment Coach and YESP Coach
- Worked with youth for 10 years
- Former SWC Alumni
- Originally trained to be a Teacher, moved into Social Services

YESP - Program Goals

Designed to support YOU:

- ✓ Stay on track in school
- ✓ Improve your grades
- ✓ Plan for life after high school
- ✓ Access money and school resources
- ✓ Build confidence and motivation

Who is Eligible for YESP?

Students who are:

- Enrolled in Grade 11, Grade 12
- First year post-secondary students
 - college, university, trades
- Canadian citizens, permanent residents, convention refugees

Fully Government Funded:

- It's free! – Registration is required
- Registration gives access to all program supports

How YESP Supports You

We focus on 3 areas:

- School Success
- Post-Secondary and Career Planning
- Well-being and Personal Growth

Various formats:

- One-on-one support
- Classroom Workshops – organized by teachers

How YESP Supports You: **School Success**

- Tutoring & homework help
- Study skills & time management
- Mentoring and guidance
- Access to technology and learning tools

How YESP Supports You: **Planning Your Future**

- College & university info
 - Workshops on: Pathways, Trades, and Scholarship
 - Campus Tours: What to Expect, actual Tours
- Career exploration
- Scholarships & funding support
 - Tuition, books, living accommodations
 - Application Fees

How YESP Supports You: **Well-being & Life Skills**

- Mindfulness & Wellness workshops
- Communication & conflict resolution skills
- Meal Planning, Nutrition, Exercise
- Budgeting Skills
- Access to essential supports

Other YMCA Youth Programs

- **NYE:** Newcomer Youth Employment Services
- **Employment Services**
- **YGAP:** Youth Gambling Awareness Program

**Interested in
support? Scan the
QR Code now!**

**One of our team
members will reach
out to see how YESP
can help you.**

