February Guidance Newswire Update:

As an extension from Bell Let’s Talk Day last week, have you had a moment to check out the Board’s update Mental Health and Wellbeing webpage? This is a “one stop shop” where you can find links to targeted resources to promote wellbeing during Covid, examples of meditations/calming strategies to share with students, resources specific to various roles (i.e. leadership, educators, students, families), links to services in our community, and general mental health information. Please help raise awareness about this resource! [WCDSB Mental Health and Wellbeing Website](#)

**COURSE CHANGE REQUESTS?**

Please be aware that there is limited opportunity to change courses this quad. Many courses do not have room to make changes. Course changes will be prioritized for the following reasons:

- In Gr. 9, 10 and 11 and do not have 2 courses on your timetable for quad 3.
- Failed a course and do no longer have the prerequisite for a course on your timetable.
- In grade 12 and do not have enough course on your timetable to earn 30 credits/graduate by the end of this year.
- Level changes (for example, moving from academic to applied)
- Missing a prerequisite course for entry into a post-secondary institution

Please complete the following form for course change requests. [Course Change Request Form](#)

**Requests are due by Thursday February 11, 2021 at 3pm!**

![myBlueprint](#)

Course Selections for the 2021/2022 Year coming up!!

Information regarding course selections will be coming your way soon.

**Stay Tuned!**

All selections in myBlueprint are due on Friday February 26!
Course selections will be completed and approved electronically this year (No need for paper copies or signatures). When students have completed their course selection in MyBlueprint they will enter a parent/guardian email address. The course selections will be emailed directly to the Parent/Guardian who can see and approve the course selections directly from the email. Please check our Course Selection website which is currently being updated with a target date of Feb. 8 2021.

Attention Grade 11 and 12 SHSM students:

- If you have applied to University and/or College remember to check your OCAS and OUAC account regularly! It is your responsibility to check your academic information to ensure it is up to date and accurate.

- COMMUNITY SERVICE hours are due May 1st for Grade 12 graduating students!! Don’t forget that these hours are a diploma requirement. The Ministry of Education announced that due to Covid-19, only 20 hours instead of 40 hours are required. 
**SCHOLARSHIP INFO:**
A reminder to continue seeking out scholarship opportunities!!

**NEW NEWS**

**Guidance Staff Update for students with last names S-Z:**
A huge Thank You to Ms. DaCosta who did an amazing job working with our students with the last names S-Z.
She will be teaching Religion starting Feb. 4th and then transitioning into maternity leave in March. Good luck!
Welcome to Ms. Jayasundera who will be working with the alpha S-Z for quads 3 and 4. Ms. Jayasundera returns to guidance from her maternity leave. Welcome Back!