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Dear Parents or Guardians,

Second semester is starting and we have reached the halfway point in this school year. As unbelievable as it may sound, it is now time to begin planning for next September. Starting on February 13th, Fenelon students will begin the course selection process. Guidance Counsellors will make a presentation to all grade 9, 10 and 11 Block B classes. Each student will receive a detailed outline of the course selection process, an individualized status sheet (listing their total credit accumulation to date) and a course planning sheet. A copy of the course calendar is available on the school website. Please take some time to go over this information and review the following with your child:

1. Using your son's or daughter's individual Student Status Sheet, what compulsory credits are still required in order to graduate?
2. What do they plan to do after high school (workplace, apprenticeship, college or university) and have they chosen the appropriate level to achieve this?
3. How successful have they been at their present level? Do they need to rethink their level choice for next year? Ideally, they should be achieving 70% or higher to continue at their current level. As well, colleges do not differentiate between university and college level course marks. The higher mark will be viewed more favourably regardless of level.
4. Have they chosen an alternate course in case one of their choices is not available to them?

Detailed information regarding the course selection process and course descriptions for each grade can be found on the school website. Go to ffs.tlds.on.ca. Click on Guidance and then Course Selections.

If a student misses the presentation, the handouts will be available from the Guidance office. As well, students are encouraged to make an appointment if they have any questions regarding what courses they should choose and how these are related to their post-secondary school plans.

Starting on February 21st, students will begin to complete their course selections on-line. Most students are familiar with this process from last year and we will review this during the presentations. Students in grade 9, 10 and 11 classes will be booked into a computer lab with a guidance counsellor to complete their course selections online. Students in grade 12 can go online and complete the course selection sheet at their convenience. This can be done on a school computer or at home. They will have computer access to PowerSchool from February 21st to March 2nd. A detailed outline on how to log in to PowerSchool is available in Guidance and is also available on our website. Guidance Counsellors will be available if they require more support. After students submit their choices, they must print a copy of their course selection

form and review this with parents. This must be signed by the student and the parent and returned to The Guidance Office by March 3rd. It will be assumed that Grade 12 students who do not complete an option sheet by March 2nd, are not returning next year and a “Not Return” will be inputted.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the course selection process or about the academic choices to be made by your family, please contact the Guidance Department and a Counsellor will assist you.

Parents of grade 12 students should be aware that the deadline for both college and university applications has passed. Students may still apply but will not be given first consideration. **It is not too late to apply.** Many colleges and universities have spaces available in some programs. This information can be found on both the college and university application websites. For students who have applied, they will be receiving important information from colleges and universities regarding offers of acceptance, confirmation deadlines, and residence applications, It is important that you read these letters carefully because the deadlines are final. If you have any questions regarding the information you are given please contact Guidance.

Parents of grade 12 students are also reminded that potential graduates must have their community service hours into the student service office and processed before graduation and ideally, before the awards selection meeting (non-academic awards only). This meeting takes place at the end of May. Only students who have completed and handed in all their community service hours prior to May 22nd, 2017, can be nominated for these non-academic awards.

Yours truly,

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