



SWC BULLDOG BULLETIN – GUIDANCE EDITION #12 – Wednesday, February 25, 2026



XELLO & COURSE REQUESTS FOR NEXT YEAR = DONE!

Grades: 9–11

Link: [Xello](#)

Thank you, Bulldogs, for completing your course requests in Xello. **Xello is now closed.**

Incomplete Gr. 9–11 Course Plans were completed by Guidance, as all data needed to be submitted to the board by the deadline. As stated in the previous Bulletin, we entered compulsory credit requirements then the rest of the timetable was built using elective courses. At S2 midterms, students will receive a copy of their Grad Summary, which will show the course requests that were entered into Aspen.

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SPRING OPEN HOUSES

Grades: 11–12

Link: [College & University](#)

Date Posted: Feb 25, 2026

Post-secondary Spring Open Houses are coming up, and many will take place during March Break. Make a plan to visit some of your possible options. See which one makes you feel “at home”: [College & University Open Houses](#)

The banner features an aerial view of a university campus with a large white box in the center containing the text "Open House" in red. Below the box, there is a yellow banner with the text "We can't wait to welcome you to Brock University on Sunday, March 29, 2026 from 11 am to 4 pm" and a red link "Jump to registration".

Open House

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The banner has a dark blue background with the text "Spring Open House" in white. Below the text is a navigation bar with links: Home, Academic Displays, Services Fair, Info Sessions, Tours, Directions, Contact, and Register. Below the navigation bar, there is a yellow banner with the text "Join us for Spring Open House at the Welland and Niagara-on-the-Lake campuses on Saturday, March 28th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.!" and a paragraph of text below it.

Spring Open House

[Home](#) [Academic Displays](#) [Services Fair](#) [Info Sessions](#) [Tours](#) [Directions](#) [Contact](#) [Register](#)

Join us for Spring Open House at the Welland and Niagara-on-the-Lake campuses on Saturday, March 28th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.!

This is your opportunity to ask questions, gather information, explore our campuses, and find out what makes NC unique. Open House will take place simultaneously at both campuses. We can't wait to welcome you in-person. [Get directions to our campuses.](#) See you soon!

Minister's Certificate of Recognition for Community Involvement

Grades: ALL

Link: [Community Involvement](#)

Date Posted: Feb 23, 2026

Soooo, this is new! Below is a screenshot from the Ministry's website. If you are a Gr. 12 student who is eligible for one of these certificates, there will be a Google Form for you to complete. For now, continue to add your hours to your personal files (you should have a Google Folder that's your Brag Book). All other students, you will need to add your hours into Hour Republic in the same way as you've been adding the 40 hours that are required for graduation. DSBN is going to open up HR to accept volunteer hours beyond 40. Stay tuned for more information – we will let you know when Hour Republic is ready for the Gr. 9, 10, 11s, and when the Google Form is ready for the Gr. 12s.

Overview

Students in Ontario need to volunteer for at least 40 hours to graduate from high school. Learn more about the requirements to [get your high school volunteer hours](#).

If you go above and beyond in your volunteer work during high school, you can earn a **Minister's Certificate of Recognition for Community Involvement** when you graduate. This new certificate celebrates your dedication to helping others and for completing more than 50 volunteer hours during high school.



Bronze: 50 to 99 volunteer hours

Silver: 100 to 199 volunteer hours

Gold: 200+ volunteer hours

This certificate recognizes your civic engagement, leadership and community spirit. It can also help you stand out when applying for:

- jobs
- college or university programs
- apprenticeships
- scholarships

Scholarships, Bursaries, Awards & OSAP

Grade: 12

Link: [Scholarships, Bursaries, Awards & OSAP](#)

Date Posted: Feb 24, 2026

- **ZONTA** Young Women in Leadership Award for \$1000– \$5000. Recognizing young women for their commitment to volunteerism, volunteer leadership achievements, and dedication to empowering women worldwide. Due on March 1, 2026.

Experiential Opportunities for Grade 10 & 11 Students

Grades: 10 –12

Link: [Beyond These Walls](#)

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- **Scientifically Yours** – A two-day science experience for Grade 10 & 11 Students at Brock University, May 7–8. [Info and Registration](#)
- **Archaeology Summer Course** – Explore the archaeology of Southern Ontario at a unique summer credit field school and earn two high school credits through field work, classroom studies, and online learning. [Boyd Archaeological Field School – Toronto and Region Conservation Authority \(TRCA\)](#)
- **Study and Go Abroad Fair** – Meet universities, colleges, and graduate schools from Canada and around the world – plus explore work, travel, volunteer, and gap year options abroad. [TORONTO | Sunday, March 8, 2026 | Study and Go Abroad / SchoolFinder Fairs](#)

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