

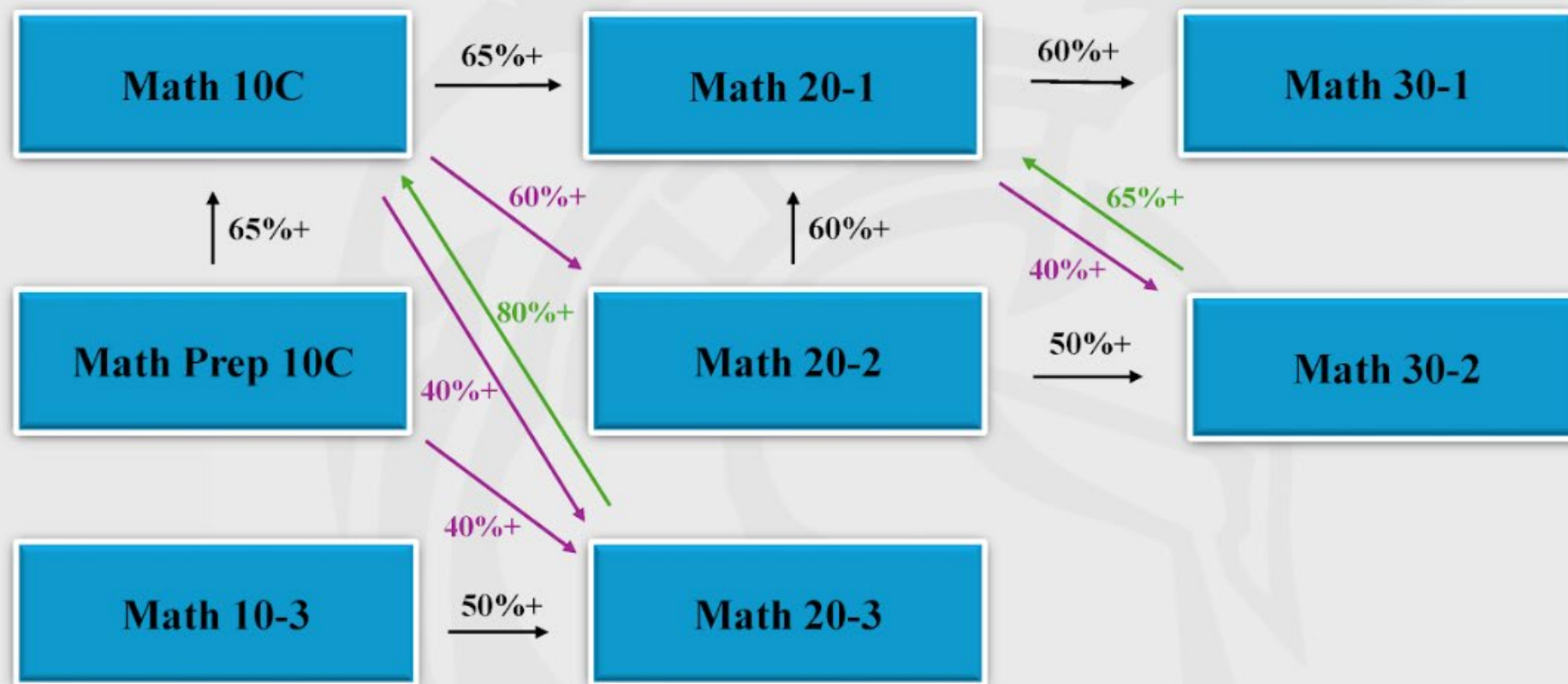
# **GRADE 12 COURSE SELECTION**

**GRAD 2026**

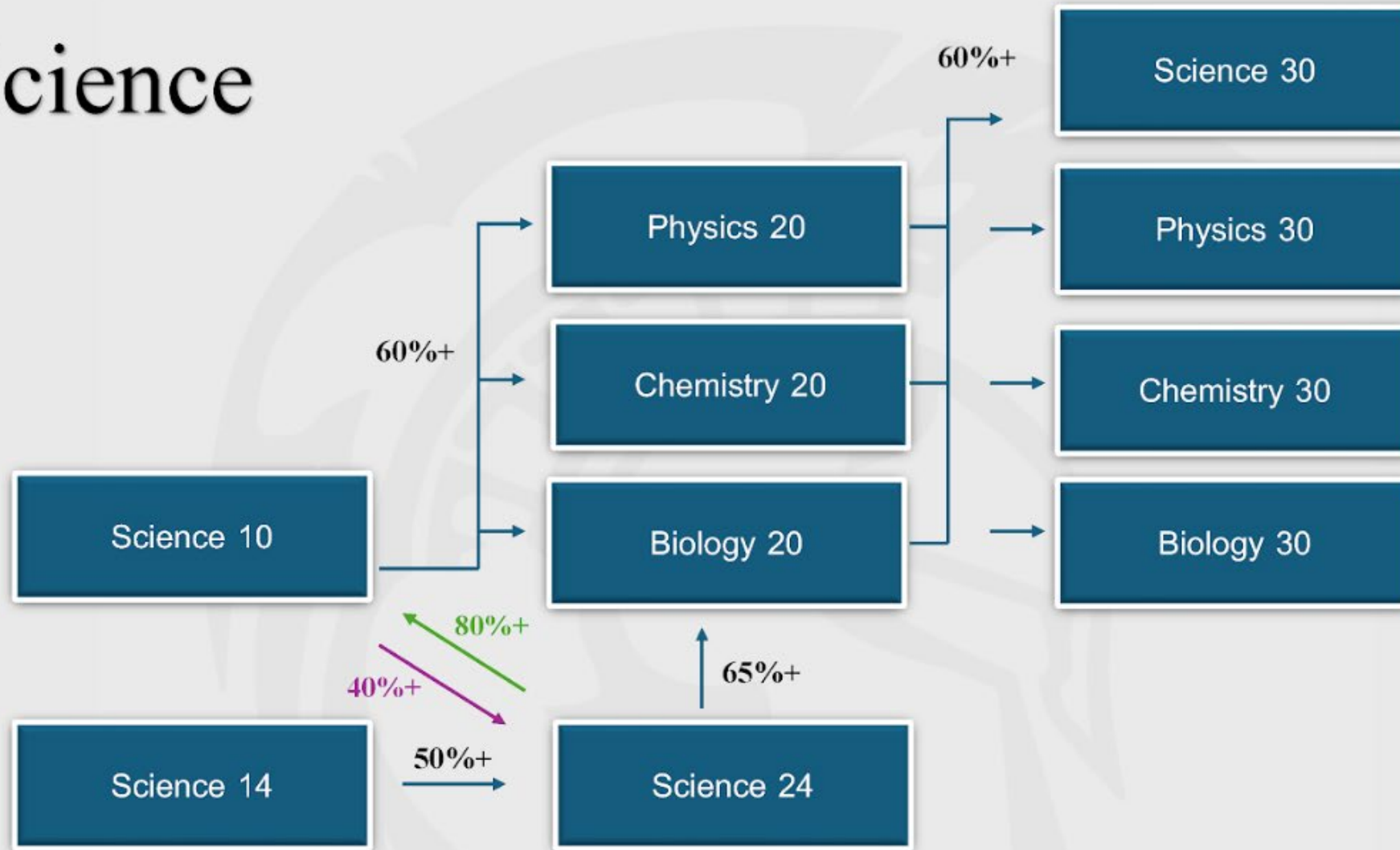
# ALBERTA HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

- ⇒ Grade 12 English - English 30-1 or 30-2
- ⇒ Grade 12 Social Studies - Social Studies 30-1 or 30-2
- ⇒ 10 credits in other 30-level courses (option or core)
- ⇒ Grade 11 Math - Math 20-3, 20-2 or 20-1
- ⇒ Grade 11 Science - Science 24, 20, Biology 20, Chemistry 20 or Physics 20
- ⇒ PE 10
- ⇒ CALM
- ⇒ 10 credits in CTS, a second language, PE 20/30, or Fine Arts. \*\*These do not have to be 30-level
- ⇒ 100 credits (105 credits with SHS for recognition ceremonies, and 6 of 8 blocks)

# Mathematics



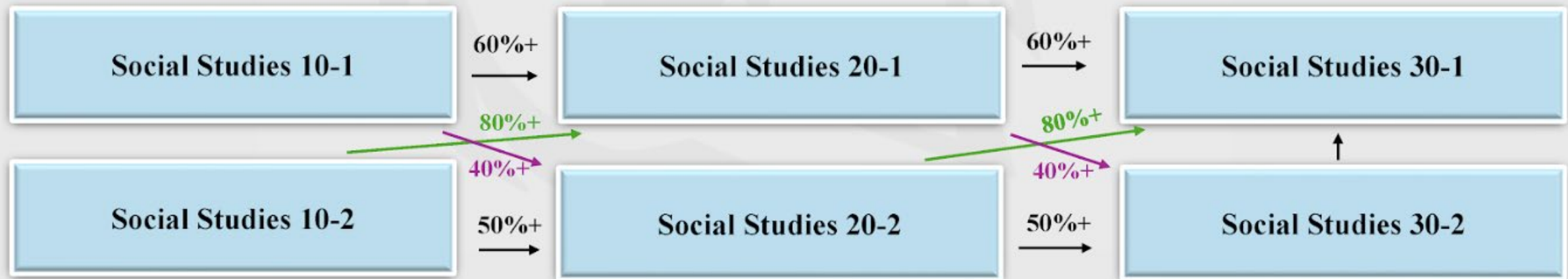
# Science



# English



# Social Studies



# ESL English

- At the grade 12 level, ESL students will need to choose English 30-2 and/or English 30-1.
- Next year, we will be offering ESL support for both these courses in Flextime.





## OTHER CHOICES

TO PREPARE YOU FOR  
AFTER HIGH SCHOOL.

### OPTIONS

Languages, Fine  
Arts, CTS

### RAP - REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Mrs. Westgard

### DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM

Mrs. Galandy

### GREEN CERTIFICATE

Ms. Westgard

### WORK EXPERIENCE

(30-level credits) -

Ms. Westgard

# SPARE OR OPTION CLASS?

- Finally, you're in grade 12 and get to enjoy some spares...or should you?
- Remember:
  - Gr. 12s are eligible for two 5-credit spares, maximum if credits allow (students must fill 6 of 8 blocks)
  - Rutherford Scholarship will allow you to use up to two 5-credit options to help raise your average (students can apply with English and Social 30-1 or 30-2 and one other academic course, including a language)
  - Some universities will allow you to use five credits of Gr. 12 CTS courses (some will also allow PE30) and many programs will accept an additional 5 credits of Gr. 12 Fine Arts (Dance 35, Drama 30, Art 30, Instrumental Music 30, Choral Music 30)
  - 30-level languages (and Aboriginal Studies) are recognized as Group A courses by universities.





# RUTHERFORD SCHOLARSHIPS

Available for Grades 10, 11, and 12

**Average of 75%-79% in five subjects =**  
respectively \$300 (Gr. 10), \$500 (Gr. 11), and \$700 (Gr 12)

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**Average of 80%+ in five subjects =**  
respectively \$400 (Gr 10), \$800 (Gr. 11), and \$1,300 (Gr. 12)

# GRADE 12 RUTHERFORD REQUIREMENTS

- English 30-1 or 30-2
- At least two of the following:

Math 30-1, 30-2, or 31	Science 30
Chemistry 30	Biology 30
Physics 30	Social Studies 30-1 or 30-2
A Second language at the Gr 12 Level	
- Any two courses with a minimum 5-credit value at the Grade 12 level including those listed above and/or combined advance CTS modules





# COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/TRADES

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## KNOW YOUR PROGRAM!

Start your research now!  
Your best friend or your  
mom and dad may not  
know!

RESEARCH

2

## CONTACT A RECRUITER

See Mrs. Wathen in  
the Learning  
Commons for help  
with this.

## SOME PROGRAMS REQUIRE

3

## VOLUNTEER HOURS

Animal Health Tech,  
Social Work

4

## A DRIVER'S LICENCE

(EMR/EMT/  
Paramedic)

5

## EXTRACURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT

UBC and UBCO  
portfolio

# Applying



Application dates for each college, university, and trade school are different! Often, they open around **October 1**. We will have more information on this in September.



Go to the school website and listen to Homeroom announcements for information.



We encourage you to apply **before Christmas break**.



Lots of schools will come to SHS to present in the fall. Talk to Mrs. Wathen if you have interest in a school.



Make sure to attend our **post-secondary fair** in the fall.



# TIME AND MONEY

- It is a year-long process to apply for scholarships; you need to begin in September (research now!!)
- Volunteering, community service, and school involvement are necessities for successful **scholarship** applications in addition to excellent marks. Most scholarships want history for Gr. 10, 11, and 12.
- The U of L offers Gr. 11 entrance scholarships that have online applications. A link will be sent to you in an email.
- Marks are NOT generally a factor for many **bursaries** based on financial need, overcoming adversity, children's services, etc
- Student Services has a pamphlet with tips!

# STRATEGIES

- Once you receive your timetable, book your meeting **PRIOR** to the end of June.
- Schedule your **grade 12 meeting** with the counselors in the fall.
- If you are unsure (and the majority will be), talk to Ms. Westgard and/or Mrs. Galandy about career options.



Chem 30	Social 30-2
Bio 30	

Physics 30	Eng 30-2
PE 30	

Eng 30-2	Const Adv
French 30	CALM
Robotics Photo Adv	Social 30-2
Dance 35	

Eng 30-1	Math 30-1
Chem 30	
Physics 30	Social 30-1
Bio 30	

# COURSE SELECTION

- If you are planning to only take Science and/or math to a grade 11 level, you need to ensure that you are taking at least 2 option classes at the 20 and 30 levels by the end of next year.



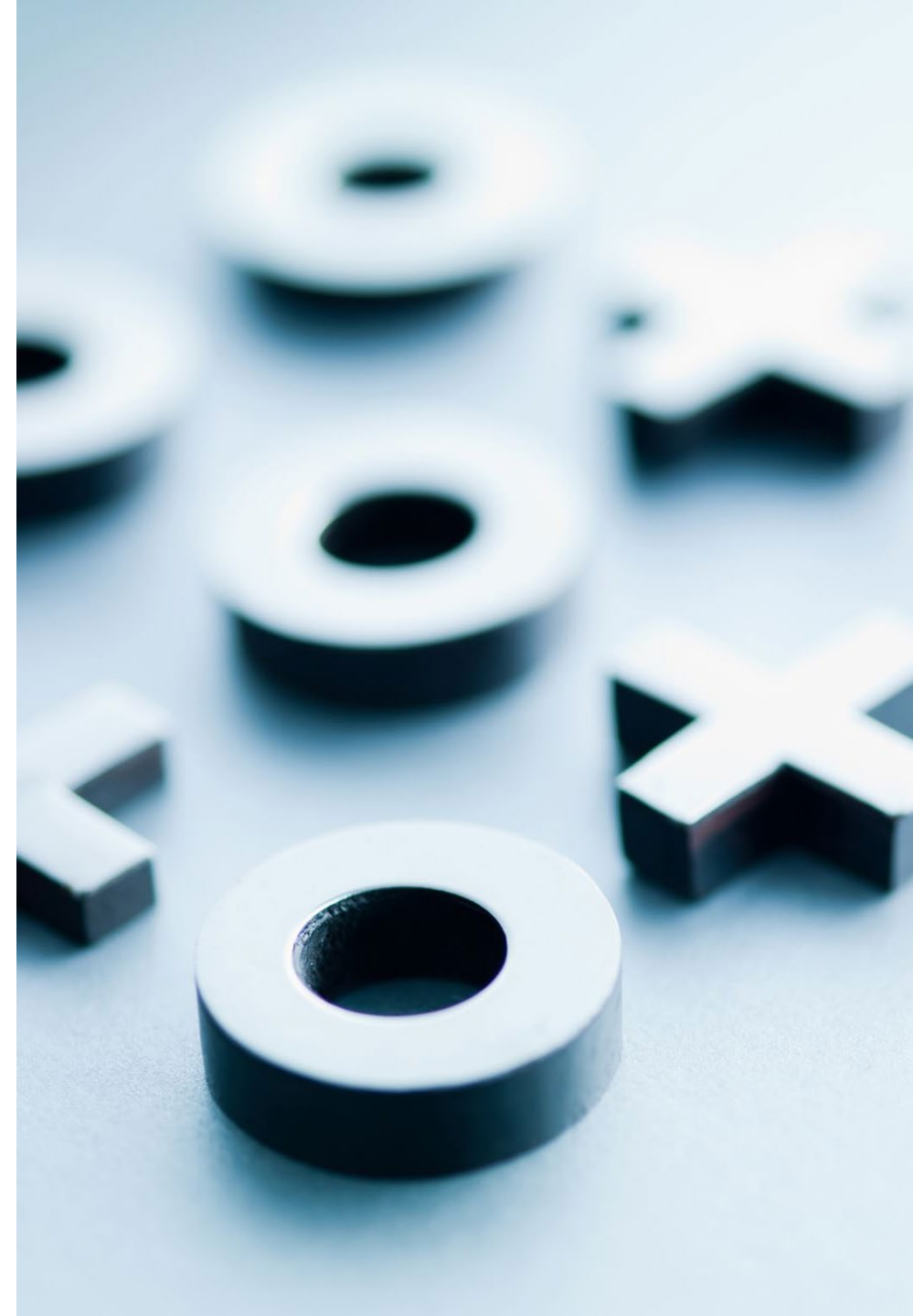
# COURSE SELECTION, CON'T

- Students should not select courses that will fill less than 6 or more than 8 five-credit blocks of time (choose 3-credit classes in pairs to fill a block).
- You may go to the next level in a course if you were successful in the previous or prerequisite course. Success is defined as a minimum of 50%; however, most students will struggle at the next level with a mark below 60% and should consider dropping a level.

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# COURSE SELECTION, CON'T

- If you failed an academic course (English or Social 20-1 or Math 20-1 or 20-2) with 40%-49%, you can
  - Move to the lower level grade 11/12 course (English or Social 30-2 or Math 30-2 or 30-3) and receive retroactive credits one you have successfully passed the course or
  - Re-do the course
- If you failed the course with marks below 39%, you must retake the course or move to the lower level at the same grade (English 20-1 to English 20-2)



# COURSE SELECTION, CON'T

- Teacher choice is not available.
- This year, we are moving to **PICK & STICK** for option classes. In completing course selections, students are booking a spot in specific classes.
- We DO NOT offer a hybrid program with Learning Academy.
- If you wish to take a course online that we offer at SHS, you will be expected to carry a full schedule here. (6 of 8 blocks)
- Storefront School is NOT a school of choice. Admission is based on need and availability and is determined at the district level.

# A FINAL WORD...

- Gr. 12 can be stressful because suddenly there are many important decisions to be made. Plans are good!
- Is a spare your best choice? Marks in CTS, Fine Arts, PE, and other 30-level option courses can be calculated/used for the Rutherford Scholarship and post-secondary entrance.
- It's OK if you don't know "what you want to be when you grow up" – plan to have five 30-level course to apply to university.
  - English
  - Math
  - 2 other academics (sciences, social studies, or languages)
  - a fifth subject (drama, dance, art, etc.)
- Please don't look for the easy way out. Employers and post-secondary institutions are looking for the best you can be!



# WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE?

- A program to help you with high school, post-secondary, job, and career planning.
- Also includes career assessment quizzes, a financial planner, a resume and cover letter builder, and a portfolio creator.
- You may have activated your account in CALM. If you need help, please see Mrs. Galandy or Mrs. Wathen.

# SUMMER SCHOOL

- Summer school is offered through Learning Academy
- Students need to apply directly through GHLA website starting April 15th.
- Students will not be registered in the course until they have paid the summer school fee
- Recommended academic courses to take in summer school are
  - English
  - Social
  - Biology