



Informed Massey Parent Advisory Council
Vincent Massey Secondary School



IMPAC is the Informed Massey Parent Advisory Council. We meet the first Tuesday of every month during the school year at 7pm in the Library. All parents are welcome (and encouraged) to attend the meetings. Our aim is to help keep parents informed of the many different activities and events that happen at Massey, and to help with the different questions and issues which may occur at each grade level. If you are not able to attend the meetings, the IMPAC minutes are posted on the school website. There is also an IMPAC binder available in the front office which contains the minutes and various handouts.

IMPAC helps fundraise for many school activities. In the past we have helped offset costs for various math and science competitions, Reach for the Top, Literary Journal, Odyssey of the Mind, uniforms for sports teams etc. This has been done several ways such as raffles, selling Massey Spiritwear and FundScrip gift cards. IMPAC is also involved with Parent-Teacher Interview nights, Grade 8 Night, Grade 9 Orientation night, Staff Appreciation lunch and Distinguished Student Awards (for graduating students).

In the past we have been awarded Parent Reaching Out grants which have helped sponsor information nights for parents. The focus has been to provide information to parents about the transition into high school, high school in general and Massey specifically, as well as information about the post-secondary choices students have.

For general information about Vincent Massey school, high school curriculum, Greater Essex County District School Board (GECDSB), literacy test, EQAO and volunteer hours, both the GECDSB and Ontario Ministry of Education have excellent websites, with links for students, parents, tips, homework help, trustees etc. There are a number of information sheets which can be downloaded. The Guidance office will have copies of any GECDSB document.

<https://publicboard.ca>
www.edu.gov.on.ca

The Massey school website is accessed through the GECDSB site and has announcements, monthly calendar, IMPAC minutes, Code of Conduct etc.

<https://publicboard.ca/schools/massey/Pages/default.aspx>

People for Education also has a very useful and informative website with information and “Tips” sheets in many different languages, such as Urdu, Arabic, French, Hindi, Punjabi, Korean, Somali, Chinese, Filipino etc.

www.peopleforeducation.com



Each grade in high school has its own set of questions and concerns for parents and students. In grade 9, apart from the transition into high school, there is the Grade 9 EQAO math assessment. The OSSLT (Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test) occurs in Grade 10 and is a graduation requirement. Grades 11-12 focus on post-secondary education, apprenticeship and work placement. All students must have 40 volunteer hours in order to graduate. The students will be given information in each grade about what is

pertinent to them, however, that doesn't always mean the parents will see it!! Several websites are listed below to help keep parents aware of what their student may be doing

GRADE 9 Grade 8-9:

Transition <https://publicboard.ca/Parents/Entering-Secondary>
Secondary www.edu.gov.on.ca/morestudentsuccess

Grade 9:
EQAO Math www.eqao.com

GRADE 10
OSSLT Literacy test: www.eqao.com/students/secondary
<http://vmssliteracyconnection.wikispaces.com>

GRADE 11 & 12:

VERY USEFUL information about www.electronicinfo.ca
university, programs, requirements, academic cut-offs etc

General information	www.campusaccess.com
High school course options eg Co-op	www.ontario.ca/morestudentsuccess
Ontario Colleges	www.ontariocolleges.ca/portal/ONTCOL/Home
Ontario Universities	www.ouac.on.ca
Student Apprenticeship	www.apprenticesearch.com
General info (Federal govt)	www.canlearn.ca
General info (Ontario govt)	www.edu.gov.on.ca
Scholarships	www.scholarshipscanada.com
Scholarships	www.studentawards.com
Scholarships	www.gwmsc.ca
Student Aid/Loans	www.osap.gov.on.ca
Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) universities/colleges	www.collegeboard.com required for US