

# In Touch

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Surviving the Transition and Staying in Touch

## Supporting Your Student

You may notice that your student has become more independent over the last few years. Most students “grow up” while at college, and their new maturity comes from their studies, their interactions with new people, the challenges that they have faced, and their accomplishments. You, as a parent/supporter, play an important role in helping your student to be a dedicated and focused student and to achieve success in his/her studies. Support your student by listening, by opening doors to possibilities, and by ‘being there’ when he/she needs your guidance and advice. When the school and the home work together to maximize student success, students are empowered to achieve their full potential.



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## Peer Tutoring



It is never too late to seek help with study skills, test taking, or assistance with course content. Free peer tutoring and mentorship is available through Cambrian’s Learning Centre and the Wabnode Institute. The Learning Centre is located in room 3024 across from the Library. Their hours of operation are Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

As of October 10, 133 students have registered as tutees and 40 students as tutors. As well, 169 students have been helped by staff tutors at least once. The Wabnode Institute provides Anishnaabe peer mentoring for students who may be experiencing academic difficulty. Aboriginal students who have achieved academic excellence and have participated in a training/orientation program provide the tutoring service.

**For more information, please contact:**

**The Learning Centre at extension 7262**

**The Wabnode Institute at extension 7242**

## Health Insurance

All full-time students are enrolled in the College's student insurance plan. The plan covers 80% of the cost of the drugs listed on the National Formulary to a maximum of \$3,000/benefit year. Full-time students are covered from September 1 to August 31 each year. If a student withdraws from his/her program during the academic year, he/she will no longer be considered a full-time student and the coverage will end in the month he/she withdraws.

To fill a prescription, a student gives the pharmacist his/her plan number, ID number, and insurance company number (see "Pay Direct Coverage Card" on Student411). Once his/her information is entered into the computer at the pharmacy, his/her student drug plan will immediately cover 80% of the cost and the prescription. The remaining 20% must be paid at the time of purchase. If he/she is covered under your plan, you may claim the remaining cost of the prescription to receive 100% coverage.

## Holiday Closure and Winter Semester Start Up

The College will be closed from December 25 to January 4. Registration day is January 5 and/or 6 and all students must register in their department or program coordinator's office on one of those days. Classes start on January 7. A complete listing of registration rooms will be available on Student 411. Students must register for the winter semester to ensure they are in the proper class section, to add or drop a course, and to register for courses scheduled for the second semester.



## Holiday Planning

When planning family vacations, please consider your student's academic responsibility. Missing one week of classes can severely affect his/her grades and success in his/her program.

### **Christmas Holidays:**

December 19 to January 2

### **Reading Week:**

March 2 to March 6



# Scholarships and Bursaries

The Cambrian Foundation annually administers over 400 scholarships, bursaries and awards valued at more than \$350,000, which provide financial assistance for Cambrian College students. These scholarships, bursaries, and awards recognize academic achievement or practical skill, and provide financial assistance for students in postsecondary programs.

The Cambrian Foundation is pleased to announce that over 50 new awards were added to the Cambrian College Awards Program for the 2007-08 academic year. As a result, there is now at least one award for every full-time program and every apprenticeship program offered at Cambrian College's Barrydowne campus – a first for the Cambrian College Awards program.

The application deadline for most awards is November 28, 2008  
(Please read each award description, as some awards have a different deadline date).

## **Please note:**

- All awards will first be applied toward any outstanding tuition, residence fees, or any outstanding balance owing to Cambrian College.
- Due to fluctuating market conditions, our award values are subject to change.

## **Want to help your student to apply for an award?**

1) Print and complete the appropriate application form from the Cambrian Foundation website.

## **Remember, your student must:**

- Provide his/her Student Number and Social Insurance Number.
- Provide additional information on his/her extra-curricular activities.
- Obtain signatures for College activities.
- Provide a phone number and email where we can reach him/her.
- Sign and date the application form.

2) Return completed application to the Cambrian Foundation Office, Room 2609.

For a complete listing of scholarships, bursaries, and awards, please visit  
**[www.cambrianfoundation.com](http://www.cambrianfoundation.com)**

## **For more information, please contact:**

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## **Important Dates**

<b>Mid-December:</b>	Final exams begin
<b>December 19:</b>	Final grades will be posted on Student 411
<b>December 25 to January 4:</b>	The College is closed
<b>January 5:</b>	The College re-opens. "Getting Connected" orientation, in the afternoon, for students in programs that start in January.
<b>January 5 – 6:</b>	Registration for all students
<b>January 7:</b>	Classes begin
<b>February 10:</b>	Career and Job Fair
<b>February 24 – 25:</b>	Scholarship and Bursary Award Ceremonies
<b>March 2 – 6:</b>	Reading week

## **Residence Update**

A new three-storey dorm-style residence is being constructed at the College's Barrydowne campus and will be available for occupancy for the 2009-2010 academic year. The addition of the 178 rooms will bring Cambrian's student residence capacity to 678 through dorm-style and townhouse-style residences.



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## **Income Tax Forms**

The T2202A income tax forms will be available online on Student 411 under "Your Information" in February. Students have the option of transferring unused tuition, education and textbook amounts to parents.

For more information, visit the Canada Revenue Agency website at [www.cra.gc.ca](http://www.cra.gc.ca) or contact the Office of the Registrar at extension 3003.

