



Colonel By Secondary School

A Message from the Principal...



Everyone is all smiles at Grace 10 Leadership Camp!

17 April 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Here are some announcements and important information for you!

Summer School Applications - available now in Student Services. Students should see their Guidance Counsellor for more information.

Students with surname A-G = Guidance Counsellor Ms. Badgery

Students with surname H-M = Guidance Counsellor Ms. Storey

Students with surname N-Z = Guidance Counsellor Ms. Nakashoji

Marks Update (Apr 18, 2019) - Tomorrow afternoon, students will receive an interim marks update and confirmation of their course selections for the 2019-2020 school year. Students who have questions or concerns are encouraged to speak with their subject teacher or their Guidance Counsellor.

Plastic Bag Challenge (week of Apr 23, 2019) - Students are encouraged to bring plastic bags to school so that our environment club can safely recycle them!

Oscars Dance (Apr 26, 2019 - 7:00-10:00pm) - Student Council will be hosting our spring semi-formal dance. This dance is open to all current Colonel By students. Tickets on sale lunchtimes in the Atrium for \$5.

OurSCHOOL Student Survey (April-May 2019) - The OCDSB is committed to creating inclusive, safe and caring environments. As part of this commitment, along with direction from the Ministry of Education, our schools administer school climate surveys to students at least once every two years. The purpose of a school climate survey is to better understand students' perceptions about bullying, safety at school, and student engagement. We know that when students feel safe and welcomed at school that they are more likely to achieve at higher levels and have a stronger sense of well-being.

The school climate survey that has been used by the OCDSB since 2012-13 is called the OurSCHOOL Survey for students (formerly Tell Them from Me or TTFM) and was developed by The Learning Bar. More information about this survey is available on the OCDSB website www.ocdsb.ca.

On this survey, students are asked to answer questions related to school climate and safety, bullying, the perception of the school, sense of belonging, and their background, including age, gender, and grade. The data from this survey will be used to help school staff develop strategies to prevent bullying and to promote safe and inclusive schools. Students who are in grades four to twelve will complete the OurSCHOOL Survey for students online at school between April 23rd and May 10th, 2019. Parents who do not want their child(ren) to complete the survey must advise the school in writing by April 26th, 2019. This form is provided for your use. [OurSCHOOL non-consent.pdf](#)

The survey takes approximately 30 to 40 minutes to complete. The survey is completely anonymous; it does not include any student names. The survey is also voluntary; students can decide whether they want to complete the survey, and they can also choose to skip any question they do not want to answer. The survey results will be reported at an aggregate level only and will not be linked to any other student data.

We are confident that the survey will be effective in helping us better meet the needs of our students. If you have specific questions about the survey, please do not hesitate to contact Vice Principal Ruch.

CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS

Colonel By sends players to the OHL! Two of our students have been selected to join the Ontario Hockey League next season. Congratulations to Gabriel Crete (grade 10) who will be joining the Ottawa 67s and Mark McPhee who will be with the Barrie Colts.

2019 Fermat Contest - Congratulations to Michael Yang (grade 11) for his outstanding performance on the Fermat Math Contest hosted by the Centre for Education in Mathematics & Computing at the University of Waterloo.

Wishing you a great day!

Sincerely,

Steve Spidell, Principal

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