



Colonel By Secondary School

A Message from the Principal...



Colonel By students on exchange in Marseille, France

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Here are a few updates and other important pieces of information for you this week!

Changes Coming to the Admin Team - At the end of August, we will be saying farewell to Vice Principal Labelle as she has been transferred to Cairine Wilson Secondary School. Ms. Labelle has been an incredible leader in our school and community and we will miss her very much! At the same time, we are happy to

welcome Ms. Anne Corrigan who will be taking over Ms. Labelle's portfolio. Ms. Corrigan is an experienced Vice Principal, having served at Cairine Wilson SS and Brookfield HS.

NEW! Indigenous Studies Course for 2019-2020 - Colonel By Secondary School continues to work in the spirit of reconciliation with Canada's Indigenous peoples. We will be introducing a new course, *Issues of Indigenous Peoples in a Global Context* (Course Code NDW4M). Although students have already completed their course selections for next year, those who are interested in NDW4M may make changes now by speaking with their Guidance Counsellor. Note: this course is a University/College prep course and can be used as one of a student's top 6 university entrance courses.

IB Exam Fees - Students should have now made all applicable payments for the IB Exam fees. Please check School Cash Online to ensure your account is up-to-date before May 3.

Interested in Going on a Student Exchange to France? - There are several opportunities for CB students to study abroad with the OCDSB serving as agent. The cost of the exchange is \$1700 and there are several bursaries available to help students cover these costs. Applications are due May 8, 2019. See your Guidance Counsellor for more information.

Student Voice with EQAO - The Education Quality and Accountability Office, which administers the Literacy Test and the Grade 9 Assessments of Mathematics, has established a Student Advisory Committee. This committee will help foster two-way communication between Ontario's students and EQAO. The application for is attached here: [Application Form - EQAO Student Advisory Committee.pdf](#)

OCDSB Speaker Series - When Technology Takes Over: Navigating Through the Teen Years (May 2, 2019 - 7:00pm @ Sir Robert Borden High School) - This free session offers parents practical strategies to encourage healthy use of technology in teens. The session will be led by Liz Parsons and Matt Young, Youth Services Managers from Rideauwood Addictions and Family Services. No registration is required. Everyone is welcome.

CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS

DECA - This week, eight CB students are taking part in the DECA International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida. Our students competed against thousands of others throughout the province and will join the Ontario team as they work with 18,000 other high school students, advisors, businesspersons and alumni to develop knowledge and skills for university and careers.

Spring Music Night - On behalf of the entire Colonel By community, I thank all of the CB bands and ensembles for an incredible night of musical performances on April 24th. Throughout the evening, a number of students were recognized for their contributions to the Program. Emily Hou (grade 12) is the recipient of several scholarships and special awards from the Kiwanis and Ottawa Piano Festivals. Emily has also performed at Carnegie Hall in New York! Our Music program's success is in no small part to the support you provide as parents to these talented musicians. I would also like to thank the members of our Music Department: Mr. Richardson, Mr. Nurse, and Mr. Gray for their leadership and vision.

Debate Club - Congratulations to the CB Debate Team continue to enjoy an amazing year! Carol Guo (grade 11) and Samantha Lin (grade 12) qualified and competed in the National Debate Competition in Halifax earlier this month. Collin Wang (grade 11) and Carol Guo (grade 11) competed in the Sir Winston Churchill Society Debate Tournament on the Senate floor last week, while Joy Liu (grade 10) and Catherine Ma (grade 10) will travel to Montréal this weekend to take part in the French National Debate Tournament.

HOSA - 82 Colonel By students attended the HOSA Spring Leadership Conference in Toronto last month. Each year, HOSA Canada organizes Canada's largest health science competition, featuring over 40 competitive events. Some events were focused on developing profession-specific technical skills while others focused on important soft skills like teamwork, leadership and communication.

Badminton Team Going to OFSAA! - Colonel By has dominated the National Capital's badminton scene this year. In fact, of the 15 students who qualified for OFSAA in the National Capital Region, SEVEN of them are Colonel By students! We wish the following students the best of luck as they travel to North Bay next week:

Andy Bai (grade 11), Kevin Hu (grade 12), Thomas Zhang (grade 11), Kailey Chen (grade 11), Stephanie Huang (grade 12), Richard Xu (grade 11) and Emily Chen (grade 12).

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dragons Soccer - Registration is now open for recreational youth soccer. It's open to boys and girls born 2001-2015 and features the lowest registration fees in the city. For more information, or if you're interested in coaching soccer, please visit www.dragonsoccer.ca

Gloucester Emergency Food Cupboard - The GEFC has recently celebrated its 30th anniversary of serving our community. It is one of Ottawa's largest and busiest food banks, supporting over 3500 neighbours in need of food, 46% of them below 18 years of age. GEFC will be acknowledging their 30-year milestone with a multicultural gala event tonight (Apr 26) at 7:00pm. Visit gefc.ca to purchase your tickets or call the GEFC directly at 613-749-4728.

Please do your best to stay dry out there. It's going to be a challenging weekend for many in our region. Our thoughts are with them.

Sincerely,

Steve Spidell, Principal

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