



Colonel By Secondary School

A Message from the Principal...

6 Apr 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we begin Phase 2 of the provincial Learn From Home model, I would like to provide a brief update for you here. You are probably receiving many school-related messages and I don't wish to clog your inbox with unnecessary information. Nevertheless, I want to stay connected with you and provide relevant updates.

Learn From Home: Phase 2 - This morning, I emailed a message to all of the students at Colonel By. Hopefully it helped to frame our common expectations around our new teaching and learning environment. Our students need to know that the CB faculty is aware of the challenges they're facing and that we're here to support them. To review the message, please see the link below:

[Message to Students \(6 Apr 2020\).pdf](#)

Community Involvement - Students who are currently in Grade 12 have had the community involvement graduation requirement waived. Students are welcome to continue with community involvement activities in the community so long as it is safe to do so. Documented hours will still be recorded in a student's official record. Some creative ideas that have been shared with me: letter-writing to residents of seniors' homes; YouTube story-telling for kindergarten students; or online tutoring of course work and physical activities.

Continuing Education: Mandarin Classes - Several of our students have been taking after-school Mandarin classes at Colonel By on Tuesdays and Thursdays. These classes will transition to the Learn From Home model this week. Students should watch for a message from Ms. Sun (yitao.sun@ocdsb.ca) in the coming days.

Course Selections for 2020-2021 - All of our students have now selected their courses for next year. Over the next three weeks, our guidance counsellors will be reaching out to students to clarify requests, notify of acceptance into specialized classes (ex. Link Crew, CougarVision, Yearbook), and share other information that may affect a student's timetable for next year.

Bus Route Changes - At the moment, we are planning for students to return to classes on Monday May 4. If that happens, it is important to note that some of our yellow bus services have changed route numbers.

Original Route Number New Route Number

Campeau C-01 First Student E-01

Campeau C-07 First Student E-07

Campeau C-135 First Student E-135

Note: There is no change to the actual routes or pick-up/drop-off times. If you have any questions, please contact OSTA at 613-224-8800.

School Council - Please note that School Council meetings are cancelled for the time being. Please keep an eye on the [School Council web page](#) for information about upcoming meetings.

As Phase 2 evolves and everyone begins to work with this "new normal", I encourage you to reach out with questions, suggestions or concerns. Provide feedback to your child's teachers. Monitor your children's work and stress levels. Promote a balanced lifestyle that includes healthy eating, regular sleep patterns, and physical activity. This is the first time any of us has taken part in a venture like this and it will be through patience, compassion and careful communication that we make the best of a difficult situation.

Keep an eye on the [Parent FAQ document](#) that I've shared with you over the past few weeks. It is updated as I receive questions from parents and students.

I thank you for your continuing support. We're all on the same team, with the same goals: our students' academic achievement and overall well-being. Stay strong!

Sincerely,

Steve Spidell, Principal

CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS

Heathers: The Musical (High School Edition) - If you didn't catch this year's musical production, you missed an amazing show and the Cappies critics agree! Check out their reviews in the Ottawa Citizen or by clicking [here](#). Congratulations to all members of the cast and crew for a job well

done! Big thanks go out to Mr. Crossett, Mr. Nurse and Mr. Skuce for the hours of time and effort that went into supporting this student endeavour!

Robotics Champions! - In late February, CB sent four teams to the VRC Provincial Championships. 72 of the best teams in Ontario were competing for a spot in the World Championships. Colonel By ranked among the best in Ontario with a 19-9 record. One of our teams actually qualified for the Worlds that were, unfortunately, cancelled. This was the first time that an OCDSB school has qualified for Worlds since 2011! This season, the CB Robotics Team carried home a lot of hardware: 2 Excellence Awards, 3 Tournament Championships, 1 Skills Champion, 2 Innovation Awards and 1 Build Award. Congratulations! Please join me in thanking Mr. Hudson for everything he did to support this program!

Senior Girls Volleyball Champs - Congratulations to the Senior Girls' Volleyball Team for taking the Tier 1 City Championships at the end of the winter athletics season. What a great way for the team, and Coach Angel Lacasse, to wrap up an undefeated season!

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