

A Message from the Principal...

25 February 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Here are a few updates and other important pieces of information for you from Colonel By Secondary School!

Course Selections for 2019-2020 (due Feb 22, 2019)

Students should have now completed their course selections for 2019-2020 using the CareerCruising online service. Students who have not completed this process, should contact their guidance counsellor ASAP. Late submissions may result in limited access to courses!

Pink Shirt Day (Feb 27, 2019)

Student Council, CougarVision, and Leadership Camp Leaders are working together to support *Pink Shirt Day*, raising awareness about the harmful effects of bullying in our schools, workplaces, homes, and online. Everyone in the school is encouraged to wear **pink** on Feb 27th!

As a school we will watch a special anti-bullying video presentation and then proceed to attempt to break a GuinnessWorld Record for the largest Music/Movie Trivia Competition. It will be Colonel By's 4th Record attempt all as part of events raising awareness for important social issues or local organizations.

Chicago: The Musical (Feb 27, Feb 28 and Mar 1 - 7:00pm)

This year's musical production features the work of nearly 100 students who make up the cast, crew, band and promo team. It's sure to be an excellent showcase of student talent and creativity. Join us for one, two, or all three shows! Tickets are \$10 and can be bought at lunchtime or at the door. Doors open at 6:30pm.

OCDSB Speaker Series: Unstoppable You (Feb 28, 2019 - 7:00pm)

This free information session, which takes place at Earl of March Secondary School (4 The Parkway, Kanata) will be led by Tracy Schmitt. No registration required. Everyone is welcome. Free parking.

Tracy Schmitt is a highly acclaimed current, #1 International Mega Success Motivational Speaker, bestselling author of *Unstoppable You*, TV show host and TEDx speaker. For more info, click [here](#).

March Break (Mar 11-14, 2019) - no classes

A reminder that students will be enjoying their March Break in a couple of weeks. The Main Office will be open 8:00am to 3:00pm during the Break.

International Certificate Program Presentation (Mar 21, 2019 - 12:00pm)

Students who are considering the ICP are encouraged to attend this information session. Please register your attendance by clicking [here](#). In the meantime, take a look at [this website](#) to learn more and prepare questions for the session.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS!

Women's Self-Defense - Congratulations to Grade 12 student Moiz Lakhani, who was recently recognized by the International Baccalaureate Organization for his work to support women's self-defense initiatives. You can access the whole article [here](#).

Debating - Carol Guo (grade 11) and Samantha Lin (grade 12) performed extremely well at last weekend's Provincial Debating Tournament. In fact, they've now qualified for the National Debating Tournament that takes place in Halifax in April. Joy Liu (grade 10) received recognition in the Best Speaker category--5th place! Well done to Carol, Samantha, Joy and the entire Debate Team at CB!

Break the Stigma - Three Colonel By students have won first place in The Royal Mental Health Centre's Youth Video Contest. Jimmy Boutzouvis (grade 11), Tip Finless (grade 11) and Josh Storm (grade 11) won \$1000 and will be presented with their prize at the Inspiration Awards next week, where their video will be released to the public and will become part of the The Royal's *Break the Stigma* campaign. Here's a link to the video: <https://youtu.be/61-GojMiTQM> This is the second year in a row that CB students have taken first place in this contest. A great honour with a great message!