



# Colonel By Secondary School

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## A Message from the Principal...

10 Jan 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to 2020! We are quickly approaching the halfway point of the school year so now is a good time for students to take stock of their achievements to date and to look ahead to the end-of-year tasks that are on the horizon. Final evaluations, exams and the completion of important graduation requirements such as 40 hours of community involvement should be a high priority.

Flags at Half-Mast (Jan 10, 2020) - Today, schools across the OCDSB are honouring the many Canadians lost in this week's tragic plane crash in Iran. On behalf of the entire Colonel By community, we offer our condolences to those who lost loved ones. We share your grief and offer our support in this difficult time.

EQAO - January's Grade 9 Assessment of Math - As you may have heard, the Minister of Education, Stephen Lecce, has made an announcement regarding the impact of the current labour situation on the administration of the EQAO Grade 9 Math assessment. The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board has made the decision not to administer the EQAO Grade 9 Math Assessment as currently scheduled for January 2020. Because we are a non-semestered school, Colonel By does not participate in the January assessment anyway, so this decision does not affect us at this time. Grade 9 Math students at Colonel By are scheduled to take part in the Assessment of Mathematics in June 2020.

Immunization - Ottawa Public Health is required to maintain and review the immunization records annually of all students under 18 years of age attending school in Ottawa, in accordance with the Immunization of School Pupils Act. In November 2019, some students received notices from Ottawa Public Health saying that their immunization records were either missing or contained incorrect information. If you received that notice and have since updated your child's immunization records with Ottawa Public Health, no

further action is needed. If the information has not been updated, you are encouraged to complete this task as soon as possible. If Ottawa Public Health does not receive an up-to-date immunization record or a standardized approved medical or non-medical exemption form from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, they may direct that the student be suspended from school. For more information about immunizations required to attend school and answers to frequently asked questions, please click [here](#) or call Ottawa Public Health at 613-580-6744.

**Student Safety** - Parents and students are reminded that our driveways are restricted to buses and permit holders 8:30-9:30am and 2:45-3:30pm. Students can be picked up and dropped off on Ogilvie Road, north of the school. Kindly respect posted signs on school property and in our community. Students who drive to school are reminded to collect a parking permit from the Main Office.

**2020-2021 School Year Calendar - Share your thoughts!** - The OCSDB is seeking your input on the 2020-2021 school year calendar, particularly when the winter break should begin and if we should consider the addition of up to two Board holidays. Click [here](#) to check out the options and to cast your vote.

**School Council (Jan 21, 2020 - 7:00pm)** - Parents, students and community members are welcome to attend this monthly meeting. It's a great opportunity to collaborate with the Principal, share ideas on school direction, and contribute to school activities. Visit the [School Council website](#) for more information.

#### **CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS**

Congratulations to the entire Colonel By family on December's successful Holiday Hamper Drive. Students, staff and community members filled 16 hampers full of delicious food and raised nearly \$1900 for people in need in our neighbourhood! This effort truly showed that our Cougars are [collaborative, goal-oriented, globally-aware and ethical decision-makers!](#)

Wishing you a wonderful weekend. Stay safe and warm out there!

Sincerely,

Steve Spidell, Principal



Just a reminder that you can always catch up on daily news and information by visiting our [CougarVision page](#).

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