

Colonel By Secondary School

A Message from the Principal...



Ms. Lacasse and Ms. Houston present Colonel By's donation to Relay for Life 2019. This year, students raised more than \$102,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society!

5 June 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to June! (Though I did hear someone call it June-vement!)

A few bits of information for you as we head into the last few weeks of the school year:

Student Art Work: Larger Than Life - The next time you visit the school, check out any of the six new murals that have been created by CB students. Themes include Black History, safe and caring schools, and Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

Will Phee Film Festival (June 6, 2019 at 3:30pm) - Students and parents are welcome to join us for this year's screening of student-created short films. Guests are asked to sign in at the Main Office.

Grad Breakfast - June 7, 2019 - All potential graduates should attend Friday morning's breakfast event in the Cafeteria. Students can get food and drinks from 7:30am until 9:00am.

Parent Input Requested by School Council - Your [Colonel By Secondary School Council](#) would love to hear your thoughts and feedback on how they can improve the experience of parents and guardians of Colonel By students. Please consider completing this anonymous survey to help School Council serve you better. To complete the survey, click [here](#).

Valuing Voices: Parent Focus Group - The OCSB is committed to improving equity of access and opportunity for all students. In November 2019, the District will be collecting identity-based data. Identity-based data is personal information about your child and how they identify themselves. The OCDSB invites you to participate in one of the focus group discussions to be held this month. Please see the attached file and consider lending your voice to this important discussion.

[Valuing Voices - Parent Focus Group invitation.pdf](#)

Summer 2019 - Our school will be undergoing some important repairs and upgrades over the summer. As a result, the building and parts of the grounds, will be closed to the public for July and August. We will provide an update on this important work once it has been completed in September.

CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS

CB student is finalist in the *FOCUS! Climate Change Video Contest* - We are very proud of Manuel Baechlin (grade 12) on his creation of the outstanding film, [The Uninvited Guest](#), which he submitted to the Kimberley Foundation's annual video contest. Manuel's achievements were recognized by the Kimberley Foundation with a financial gift to the school and an all-expenses paid trip to the film's red-carpet screening in Vancouver last month. We thank the Kimberley Foundation for helping Manuel to inspire others to think differently about the impacts of their actions on the environment and our planet.

First Prize in the Ottawa Regional Science Fair - Amazing work by Raghav Bhargava (grade 9), first prize winner in this year's event. The Ottawa Regional Science Fair (ORSF) encourages students to research, develop, and present projects in the fields of science and engineering. Raghav's incredible work in the development of

cancer-fighting strategies won him recognition by the ORSF and got him noticed by local experts in cancer research. And he's only in grade 9! Way to go, Raghav!

Rotary Club of Orleans Young People of Character Awards - Last week, three Colonel By students received awards for their contributions to the school and community. Congratulations to Scott Sharma(grade 11) for the Leadership Award, Max Wheelehan (grade 11) for Courage, and Nora Wilson (grade 11) for Resilience. For more information about these awards, click [here](#).

Student Recognition Awards - Last week, just over 250 staff, students and their families attended the 14th annual awards celebration. The evening is designed to acknowledge the work of graduating grade 12 students from all 26 OCDSB high schools. Congratulations to Eleni Pantieras (grade 12) for representing Colonel By at this year's awards. To learn more about the awards, and to see Eleni's story, please click [here](#).

That's all the news for today. Have a great day!

Sincerely,

Steve Spidell, Principal

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