

Colonel By Secondary School

A Message from the Principal...

6 May 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the first few days of spring-like weather! Here are a few announcements and other important information for your review.

Our SCHOOL Student Survey - Technical difficulties at the survey source last week necessitated the rescheduling of the survey for many schools in our District. We have rescheduled the survey to Tuesday May 7, 2019. This survey gathers valuable, anonymous information to help schools identify program needs, set priorities for student services, and get a snapshot of students' perceptions around bullying, school safety, and learning resources. Participation in this survey is optional for all students.

Potential Grad List - This week, the Student Services office will be posting a list of students who are on track to meet their graduation requirements by the end of June. Students must complete a minimum of 30 credits, 40 hours of community involvement, and must have successfully met the Ontario literacy requirement. Students who expect to graduate but don't see their name on the list should immediately make an appointment to see their guidance counsellor. The list will be posted outside the Main Office.

IB Exams - International Baccalaureate students who come to school on the days when they don't have an IB exam are must sign in at the main office upon arrival. This is to ensure attendance is recorded appropriately.

Exam Schedule - The June 2019 exam schedule will be posted at www.colonelby.com by the end of this week. Students and parents are reminded that exams are compulsory for those courses that require them. Families must not make travel arrangements before the exam schedule has been published as we are unable to accommodate changes to the schedule.

Relay for Life - Registration is now open for this year's edition of the Canadian Cancer Society's Relay for Life. This whole-school event raises funds for cancer research, prevention and treatment. Students sign up in teams and can find the registration link at www.colonelby.com. This annual event has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars since Colonel By began participating and we expect our year-to-year total to surpass \$1 Million this year!!

CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS

CEMC Cayley Contest - Congratulations to Wen Ou (grade 10), Ryan Sun (grade 10) and Danny Zhang (grade 10) for their Gold Level achievement in the University of Waterloo's 2019 Cayley Math Contest!

RBC Spirit of the Capital Youth Awards - We are very proud of Brooke Shaw (grade 11), recipient of a RBC Spirit of the Capital Youth Award. Brooke was recognized in the Strength Through Diversity category and will receive her award with 16 other Ottawa youth in a glamorous ceremony May 14th at City Hall. Brooke's achievements will be celebrated by the Mayor of Ottawa, former Governor-General Michaëlle Jean, and several other community leaders. She will also receive a cash prize to support her in her education and leadership development pursuits. Way to go, Brooke!

Congratulations also go out to Malindu Danthanarayana (Class of 2017), who will receive the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Spirit of the Capital Youth Award.

uEducate Science Competition - This year, over 200 students participated in the University of Ottawa's uEducate Science Competition. Five students from CB scored in the top three (English category). That's right...Colonel By swept the entire

contest!! Congratulations to third place winners: Vivian Bai (grade 12), Alim Dhanani (grade 12), and Abraham Wan (grade 12). Second place winner was Neha George (grade 12). First place honours went to Sheel Ayachi (grade 11). What an incredible achievement!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Volunteers Needed - The Breast Cancer Society of Canada is organizing a Mother's Day Walk on May 12 at Walter Baker Park. One in eight women in Canada will be diagnosed with breast cancer over their lifetime. So grab your laces and let's step forward together to support the Breast Cancer Society of Canada. Visit mothersdaywalk.ca to learn more or sign up on the volunteer portal at www.kindnessconnect.com/bcsc

Thanks for reading!

Sincerely,

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