

Colonel By Secondary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Term 2 of the 2019-2020 school year! Here's a snapshot of what's happened, what's happening and what's going to happen around CB:

Report Cards - Term 1 report cards will be distributed to students during last period today. Students who are in the Office Homeroom can collect their report cards from the Main Office.

International Baccalaureate Information Nights (Nov 21 and Nov 26, 7:00pm) - Anyone interested in September 2020 admission to Colonel By's IB Programme is invited to join us for one of two Information Nights. Doors open at 6:30pm, presentation at 7:00pm in the school gymnasium. Learn about the programme, the application process and take part in a Q&A. Overflow parking is available at Henry Munro Middle School and the the Beacon Hill Shopping Centre.

Parent-Teacher Interviews (Nov 28, 4:00-8:00pm) - Parents, guardians and students are invited to join us for our parent-teacher interviews. Appointment request forms are included with Grade 9 and Grade 10 report card packages. Grade 11 and 12 students may collect an appointment form from the Main Office. Alternatively, anyone is welcome to download and print their own appointment sheet: [Interview Request Form for Parents - Nov.pdf](#)

Unfortunately, given the size of our student population, we are rarely able to accommodate all requests for interviews. Nevertheless, our teachers are happy to schedule an alternative opportunity to chat on the phone or meet in person at a time that is mutually convenient. Teacher's email addresses can be found on the [Faculty page of our website](#).

School Calendar - Remember to check the [School Calendar](#) regularly to learn about upcoming events. Extra information can be found for some events by clicking on the item in the calendar. You can also learn about past and upcoming events by visiting the [CougarVision website](#) which is updated daily.

Music Night (Dec 4, 7:30-9:00pm) - The entire CB community is invited to join us for an evening of musical entertainment provided by the Colonel By Music Program. Performances will feature the three concert bands, the two jazz bands and our percussion ensemble. Admission is \$5/student, \$10/adult and \$25/family. All proceeds go towards the purchase of music program resources and learning opportunities.

CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS

Debating - Colonel By's debaters have already participated in a variety of novice tournaments as judges and as partners for new debaters. A few of our teams competed at McGill University in October and last week, 20 teams competed at Carleton University's Debating tournament. Some of our results: Speaker Award: Carol Guo (2nd place), Joy Liu and Joyce Liu (8th place). Junior Speaker: Janet Jian (3rd place). Breaking Team Finalists: Joy Liu and Catherine Ma. Semi-Finalists: Lisa Chen & Simon Zhu, Carol Guo & Hannah Zhao, and Sama'a Salama & Aya Amer.

Colonel By in South Korea - Miranda Currie-Alder Madrigal (grade 12) did an amazing job of representing Colonel By, the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board and all of Canada at last month's Jeju Youth Forum in South Korea. Miranda is an [International Certificate Program \(ICP\)](#) candidate. She collaborated with other students, exploring solutions for gender and non-violent action among youth. To learn more about her experiences, just ask Miranda! To learn more about the ICP, students should attend an information session in the Learning Commons at 12:00 on November 27.

Colonel By student attends D-Day Commemorations - During the summer of 2019, Emma Marie Blackburn (grade 11) travelled to France to attend D-Day commemoration ceremonies. Since her return, Emma has dedicated her time to sharing stories of her experiences with the school and broader community. It is wonderful to see young Canadians like Emma demonstrating their understanding of the impacts of war and the sacrifices of previous generations in the name of peace and freedom.

NEWS FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council wants to hear from you! If you haven't already shared your thoughts on Council initiatives and priorities, please complete this [brief survey](#). The survey will remain open until December 31. School Council meets monthly in the Learning Commons. Visit the [School Council website](#) for meeting dates.

Have a great day!

Sincerely,

Steve Spidell, Principal

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