



# Colonel By Secondary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Here's a quick snapshot of some of the things going on at Colonel By!

**Labour Action** - You are encouraged to check the OCDSB website regularly for information about ongoing contract negotiations and job action by unionized staff members of the OCDSB. In the coming days, you may see information pickets taking place near schools in the community. These pickets are a component of legal job action. Please refer to the Labour Relations Update sent to your email address on November 22, 2019 for more detailed information.

**TONIGHT: Parent-Teacher Interviews (Nov 28, 2019 - 4:00-8:00pm)** - Parents, guardians, and students are invited to join us for our parent-teacher interviews this evening. Appointment request forms were included with grade 9 and 10 report cards. Grade 11 and 12 students may collect an appointment form in the main office. Alternatively, anyone is welcome to download and print their own appointment sheet: [Interview Request Form for Parents - Nov.doc](#)

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. Teachers' email addresses can be found on the Faculty page of our website.

**Snowsuit Drive (ends Nov 29)** - Student Council is collecting warm winter clothing and cash donations all week. All donations will be given to the Ottawa Snowsuit Drive. Coats, mittens, toques, snow pants, and boots are all needed by young people all over the city. Cash donations are also accepted!

**Mini-Enrichment - Students interested in mini-enrichment opportunities at Carleton University or the University of Ottawa may sign up in Student Services by December 4th.**

**Professional Activity Day (Dec 6, 2019) - Staff members will spend the day engaging in professional activities. There are no classes for students on that day.**

**Spirit Week (Dec 9-13, 2019) - All students and staff are invited to participate in our December Spirit Week. Monday = Skiers vs Surfers; Tuesday = Twin Day; Wednesday = Wacky Wednesday; Thursday = Culture Day; Friday = Grade Colours (9 = green; 10 = white; 11 = blue; 12 = red).**

#### **NEWS FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL**

**Parent Survey - School Council would like to get input from parents and guardians on setting priorities for this year's efforts and initiatives. Your voice is important and you are encouraged to complete this brief survey to share your thoughts. Survey closes on December 20, 2019.**

**I look forward to welcoming you to our school this evening.**

**Sincerely,**

**Steve Spidell, Principal**

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#### **About Us...**

**Colonel By's motto, What We Have Begun, We Shall Finish is embedded in our daily commitment to learning and school life. Colonel By is a thriving and diverse community of learners on a variety of pathways.**

**Our greatest asset as a school is our human capital - students, staff, and our community at large. We are so fortunate to be able to build on existing strengths and to develop greater talents across the school each and every day.**

**At CB, our team focus is on the learning experience of each student; we nurture strong instructional and learning practices, we work in collaborative teams, and we are life-long learners.**