

# Colonel By Secondary School



## A Message from the Principal...



*Biology students explore marine life from the bottom of the Bay of Fundy during their excursion to the Huntsman Marine Science Centre in New Brunswick.*

*25 Sep 2019*

*Dear Parents and Guardians,*

*Here are some information and news items for you this week!*

**Action Required: Medical Information Forms** - If your child has a medical condition that may require the assistance or intervention of another person, we require appropriate medical documentation on file at the school. These documents must be resubmitted each September. Access to all of the forms is available on our website by clicking [here](#).

**Individual Education Plans (IEP)** - IEPs will be distributed to designated students this week. Students in grades 9 and 10 will receive their IEP by mail. Students in grades 11 and 12 will receive their IEPs directly from our Learning Support Teacher, Mr. Chapman. Kindly review the document, sign the appropriate page, and return it to the school. For questions about the IEP, please contact Mr. Chapman.

**Meet-the-Teacher (Sep 26, 2019 - 5:15-8:00pm)** - Students, parents and guardians are invited to join us for our Fall Meet-the-Teacher event. This is a great opportunity to learn about curriculum, assessment and evaluation, and teacher expectations for student success. Parents are encouraged to bring a copy of their child's timetable but we will have timetables available for pick-up, too.

Timetable pick-up: 5:15-6:00pm (Atrium)

Club Booths and Displays: 5:15-6:00pm (Cafeteria)

Presentation from School Administration: 6:00-6:20pm (Gym)

Meet-the-Teacher: 6:20-8:00pm (classrooms, as per student timetables)

Please note that this evening is not intended for discussions of individual students' progress in a particular class. Parents may contact teachers to request a personal meeting or phone call at a mutually-convenient time.

**Atlantic Universities' Fair (Sep 26, 2019)** - Colonel By is proud to host representatives from all of the Atlantic Canada universities during lunch on September 26. Students can learn about admissions, scholarships, and campus life.

**Proposed Global Climate Strike (Sep 27, 2019)** - As you may be aware, there are efforts underway in many communities across the country to organize marches and student strikes on Sep 27 in an effort to promote awareness of concerns pertaining to climate change. As a school district we encourage our students to develop well-informed opinions regarding social issues such as climate change and to express those views appropriately. Should Parents/Guardians decide to permit their child's participation in this event, they are asked to notify our attendance line ([cbattendance@ocdsb.ca](mailto:cbattendance@ocdsb.ca)) and follow the sign-out procedures outlined in our Student Planner. Schools will not be organizing field trips or other events in support of the proposed marches. September 27 will be a regular school day though we have asked teachers to avoid scheduling major assessments on that day. For more District messaging on this event, click [here](#).

**Changes to Yellow Bus Route C-01 (Sep 27, 2019)** - Effective Sep 27, the pick-up time at Jack Donohue PS will be scheduled 15 minutes later, as follows:

Halton Terrace (Jack Donohue PS) - new time 7:45am

**400 Keyrock (St. Gabriel School) - new time 7:55am**

**Colonel By Secondary School - new drop-off time 9:00am**

**Last Day for Timetable Changes (Sep 30, 2019) - Students who are considering a timetable change must make an appointment with their Guidance Counsellor before September 30.**

**Fast Fall Fiesta (Oct 3, 2019 - 4:00-7:00pm) - FAST! is a Colonel By club that raises awareness and funds for the Muringato School and the Wema Centre Orphanage in Kenya. The Fast Fall Fiesta is a fundraising mini-concert that takes place on the back lawn of Colonel By. Food for purchase, games, and musical performances by Colonel By students will fill out the night. Admission is \$5 per person. Grade 9 students have free admission.**

**School Council - meets once a month during the school year. This advisory group to the Principal helps to set direction, celebrate successes, and bring the community into the school. For more information, please visit the [School Council website](#).**

**Staying Connected - Did you know that the Colonel By website includes three calendars that feature school events for the entire school year? Visit them regularly to stay informed. Simply click the Calendars tab at [colonelby.com](http://colonelby.com)**

**EQAO Results - This month, parents and guardians of students in grade 10 will receive their child's Individual Student Report (ISR). This report contains their child's results from the Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics, administered in June 2019. EQAO results offer an independent snapshot that shows whether students are meeting math expectations from The Ontario Curriculum. In receiving the ISR, there is an opportunity for parents and guardians to have discussions about their child's achievement within their family or with a teacher. EQAO data should be considered alongside other information--such as in-class assessment results, report card grades and teacher observations--so parents and guardians can build a fuller understanding of their child's learning. You can learn more about assessment results through the [EQAO website](#).**

#### **Celebrating Success**

**CB Chess Player Represents Canada - Congratulations to Svitlana Demchenko (grade 11) who is representing Canada at the 2019 Vladimir Dvorkovich Cup. Svitlana is among the finest young Canadian chess players and has already shown mastery at a very young age. The event takes place this week in Aktobe, Kazakhstan. Way to go, Svitlana!**

**Enjoy the last few days of September, Cougars!**

**Sincerely,**

**Steve Spidell, Principal**