



Colonel By Secondary School

A Message from the Principal...

5 February 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to a snowy February day! Here are a few announcements for you:

Reach-Up Day (Snow Day)

When school bus and van service is cancelled due to inclement weather, the school remains open and teachers are available to meet with students. It's a great opportunity to get caught up or get extra help! On Reach-Up Days, we don't introduce any new material to students and all evaluations are rescheduled.

Term 2 Report Cards (Feb 6, 2019 - 3:05pm)

Report cards will be distributed to students on Wednesday February 6, 2019. These reports are an important part of our communication strategy with parents and we encourage you to take some time to review the learning skills, comments and marks on the reports.

Parent-Teacher Interviews (Feb 13, 2019 - 4:00-8:00pm)

Parents and students are welcome to join teachers for one-on-one discussions about student achievement. Please make an appointment using the form that is included with the Term 2 report card. Due to the large volume of parents, we regret that we cannot accommodate drop-in visits. Teachers' schedules fill up quickly so please submit your requests early. Teachers who cannot accommodate all of their requests will happily make arrangements for a telephone conversation or a visit on a different day.

School Council Presents: *Partners for Life* (Feb 19, 2019 - 7:00pm)

The "Depression is Reversible" presentation, part of the Partners for Life Program, will be presented at our School Council meeting on Feb 19 at 7:00pm in the Library. Students and parents are welcome to attend. This presentation, which will be delivered to all grade 10 students as well, will

provide information about depression and the importance of taking care of one's mental health as an adolescent. The focus is on recognizing the signs and symptoms of depression and using concrete strategies to address them.

Ottawa Public Health (OPH) Immunization Surveillance

Under the Immunization of School Pupils Act, students attending school in Ontario are required to be vaccinated against nine (9) diseases or have a valid exemption. Parents are required to report all immunizations done at the doctor's office to **Ottawa Public Health** (not the school). Under this Act, OPH has the authority to suspend from attending school students for whom OPH does not have a record of immunization.

Parents/Guardians of high school students for whom records are not up to date with OPH should have received a written notice of suspension in the mail during the week of January 25. The suspension order begins on February 20, 2019.

Please note that suspensions are issued by Ottawa Public Health, not the school. **All queries and documents should be forwarded to OPH as we cannot process them at the school.** Parents seeking more information can contact OPH at 613-580-6744 or online by clicking [here](#).

School Cash Online

We are at the halfway mark of the school year and it's a good time to check your School Cash Online account to see if there are any outstanding payments. Visit <https://ocdsb.schoolcashionline.com> to register, check your balance, and make secure payments of fees for activities like field trips, yearbooks, school clothing, etc

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