



Colonel By Secondary School

Home of the Cougars

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A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We've just completed the second week of classes and I must say how happy we were to see students in classrooms and at home taking part in a variety of rich learning activities. More than once this month, I've said that we are building an airplane after it's already in the air. Despite these challenges, I can report that students have timetables, learning resources are in place, and our health and safety protocols appear to be effective. As we all adjust to an ever-evolving educational world, the entire Colonel By community has been demonstrating resilience, collaboration, innovation and creativity. These are the characteristics that have brought us success in over 50 years of public education at Colonel By Secondary School and will continue to do so into the future.

On behalf of the entire faculty, I thank you for your words of encouragement and support; I thank you for putting your faith in us to deliver quality education; and I thank you for sharing your family with us every day. Cougar Pride runs strong in this building and that is thanks to the enduring relationships we have built with you.

Sincerely,
Steve Spidell, Principal

News and Information

Revised 2020-2021 Calendar

We have received permission to make some small amendments to the School Year calendar I shared with you last week. These changes have been made in order to address some imbalances in Octomesters 7 and 8. The new calendar is available on the [Colonel By website](#) and can also be accessed [here](#).

Managing Student Workload

Our student timetable is designed to allow students to focus on one course in each given week. Students and parents should expect homework to be assigned only for the class that is currently in session. This may include some tasks being assigned on a Friday, but not due until the next week that class is in session. Students in the IB Diploma Programme will continue to work on CAS, EEs, IAs and TOK in parallel with their classes.

Concert Band/Repertoire

The Colonel By Concert Band program will be run virtually for the time being. We will provide resources and instructions asynchronously for personal practice on a regular basis and will provide synchronous instruction and guidance to students during scheduled times. These scheduled online lessons will take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week from 3:15 - 5:00pm. These google meets may take place in small groups or one on one. Students will also have the option to submit recordings where appropriate. Further information will be sent to band members through ManageBac along with sheet music and other resources.

Last spring, the Concert Band produced an excellent virtual performance and we will work to produce another one this fall. The production process takes several months to edit and prepare, but the students find the final product rewarding. We are hopeful that the band might return to the regular format sometime in the new year. In the meantime, please enjoy the Spring 2020 Virtual Band Performance by clicking [here](#).

Bicycles

Students are encouraged to walk or bike to school whenever possible. For their convenience, we recently installed 120 bike racks around the building. There remains a few locks attached to fences and signposts from last year. These locks will be cut off after September 27.

Cougar Vision is Back!

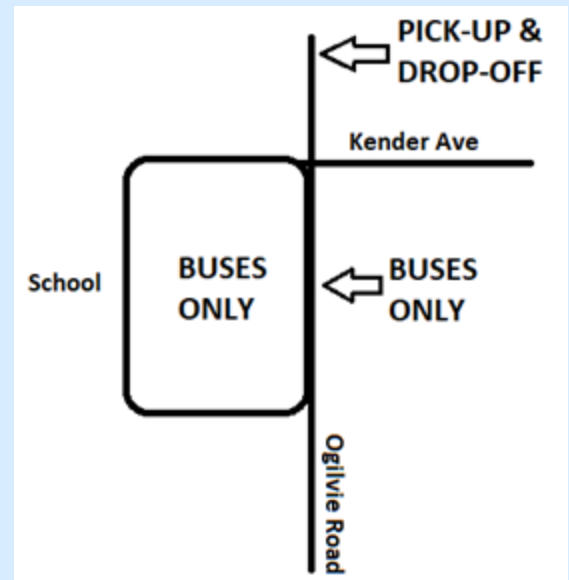
Our daily news and information broadcast will hit the airwaves once again starting on September 21. The show will air daily at 9:35am and can be accessed afterwards on the [Cougar Vision website](#).

Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Please remember that our driveways and parking lot are reserved for buses, OCDSB vans, and permit holders. Drop-off and pick-up should take place on Ogilvie Road, north of the school. Kindly obey all posted traffic signs and be respectful of private property. Remember that stopping in No Stopping zones on Ogilvie Road and Kender Avenue restricts other drivers' view of our stop signs and crosswalks and poses a safety risk to our students.

Parking Permits

Students may park their vehicles only in the student-designated area of our parking lot, the parking spaces closest to Ogilvie Road. Students must register the vehicle at the start of the year and obtain a parking pass from the Vice Principal. Applications are available in the main office. Students are expected to drive slowly and carefully on school property. Students who do not abide by these rules will lose the privilege of bringing a vehicle onto school property.



International Certificate Program

Colonel By is a proud participant in the [OCDSB's International Certificate Program](#). This program is a way to formally recognize students who go above and beyond in their pursuit of global citizenship and intercultural awareness. For many students, participation in the Program requires very little extra work. Students who would like to learn more about the Program should check out [this video](#) or connect with their Guidance Counsellor.



Lockers

This week, students had the opportunity to collect belongings from lockers that had to be abandoned during our school closure in March 2020. Any lockers that remain occupied after September 27 will be emptied and their contents stored temporarily. We will make every effort to identify the owner of the locker contents and return their items to them.

Meet the Teacher

We are currently developing a Virtual Meet the Teacher experience for parents and guardians. We will share information about its format and accessibility in an upcoming newsletter.

Student Planner

This week, each student in the school was issued a Colonel By Student Planner. Parents are encouraged to review the Planner as it contains important information about school operations, assessment and evaluation and student services. Please note: this Planner was printed before changes were made to the school format and may contain information that is currently out-of-date.

Textbooks

Students who have textbooks or other learning resources at home from last school year are encouraged to return them to the school as soon as possible. Tables have been placed at all of the school entrances for a convenient drop-off. In some cases, students who graduated last year may still have learning materials at home. If you are in touch with a June 2020 grad, kindly ask them to make arrangements to return this school property.

School Cash Online

Parents are encouraged to regularly review their School Cash Online account to ensure timely payment of fees. If you have any trouble accessing your School Cash Online account, please contact the Main Office.

Did you know...

During construction of the Rideau Canal, Colonel John By established a community at the confluence of the Ottawa and Gatineau Rivers. That community was named Bytown but was later renamed Ottawa.

Information for IB Diploma Candidates



IB Annual Fees

This is a reminder that the 2020-2021 IB annual fees were due in May 2020. Parents may check their annual fee status by reviewing their School Cash Online account. Families with demonstrated financial need are encouraged to contact the Principal to discuss financial assistance or installment plans. The fee schedule can be accessed [here](#).

IB Exam Fees

This is a reminder that the May 2021 IB exam fees are **due October 31, 2020**. These fees are only applicable to grade 11 and 12 examining IB courses and will appear on School Cash Online in the coming days. Parents will receive a notice from School Cash Online when the exam fees are posted. Families with demonstrated financial need are encouraged to contact the Principal to discuss financial assistance or installment plans. The fee schedule can be accessed [here](#).

School Council

The Colonel By School Council meets once per month and is open to all students, parents, guardians and community members. School Council will begin the year with virtual meetings and expects to share dates and times in the next week or two. Even if you are not able to attend the meetings, we encourage you to read [this document](#) as it contains important information about how you can help School Council make a difference in our school and in our students' lives.

Helpful Links

[Colonel By Secondary School's Official Website](#)

[Ottawa-Carleton District School Board](#)

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