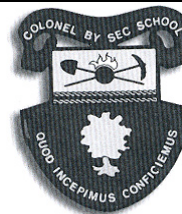




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Principal: Patricia Irving

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Principal's Message

Colonel By is such a remarkable place that every administrator should have the pleasure of being here, if only for a brief time, in his/her career. My colleague, Gail Lyon, having enjoyed the first part of this year, was effusive in her praise of staff and students. I have the pleasure of experiencing CB life in this second half of the 2009-10 school year, and very quickly can concur with her observations.

Both of us will re-enter retirement exhausted from this whirlwind of activity, both intellectual and social. We have noted that the primary focus is solidly on academic success, as it should be. Students here keep their eye on the prize. At the same time they recognize the importance of balance and develop their talents in the arts and athletics. There aren't enough hours in the day!

Not surprisingly however, they made time to mount an ambitious effort to help provide relief to Haitian victims...yet another manifestation of Cougar Character! As the saying goes: "the apple doesn't fall far from the tree". Your kids are great...I look forward to meeting many of you. Thank you for your partnership!

Sincerely,

Pat Irving

Important Dates to Remember

Parent/Teacher Interviews – Feb. 11th
from 2:00 to 4:00 and 5:00 to 7:30 pm
Option Sheet Deadline – Feb. 16th
March Break – March 15th – 19th
Easter Break – April 2nd – 5th

IB PROGRAM

- IB2 Chemistry students recently travelled to Carleton University, conducting an experiment in Carleton's state of the art laboratory. They were then treated to a first year lecture by the Department Chair of Chemistry Dr. R.C. Burk.
- the first major mail out of IB2 assignments (World Lit, ToK and Extended Essays) is coming up
- IB1 students are coming up on their first CAS meetings, giving them a chance to show their personal growth in the first part of the year
- we are in the process of finalizing next year's grade 9 IB class, and we are happy to welcome those new students into the Colonel By family
- IB Option Sheet Evenings will be next week: Tuesday, February 9th @ 7pm for students in Grades 9 & 10, and Wednesday, February 10th @ 7pm for students in Grade 11. Both parents and students are welcome at the event. Both events will be in the Library.



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO GRADUATES

All students must complete a minimum of 40 Community Involvement Hours in order to receive the Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Twenty-eight percent of graduating students do not yet have enough hours registered to allow them to be fully accepted by a university or college. If you are unsure of the status of your hours, please check with Student Services.

Student Services

Option sheet information sessions are currently underway through students' classes (grade 9 Geography, grade 10 History and grade 11 English). Parents are invited to review the feasibility of course options with their child and their child's teacher in order to ensure that appropriate courses are chosen to achieve success next year.

Student Services



Alpha assignment by student surname:

A-G	michel.belanger@ocdsb.ca
H-N	phil.roberts@ocdsb.ca
O-Z	Rachel.nakashoji@ocdsb.ca
IB Inquiries	ibcb@ocdsb.ca

New Year's Message from Student Success

Need support? Here are some key reminders of programs for you at CB:

- The Opportunity Room : open every day at lunch and staffed with student tutors
- Time Management and Study Skills Workshops: see monthly schedule outside of Guidance area.
- ASAP (After School Assistance Program): every Thursday in the library from 3:15-4:30. Teachers are there to help!

FREE ONLINE TUTORING FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS through [ilc.org](http://www.ilc.org)

Certified teachers are available five nights a week (Sunday through Thursday) and they even offer a free essay feedback service !

Go to the website – www.ilc.org – and select the tab “Ask a Teacher”.

- Scroll down to **Chat Rooms**. Students can register to receive free online tutoring and get live homework help. The Chat Rooms are free to Ontario high school students **every Sunday to Thursday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**, except during holidays.

GRADE 10 LITERACY TEST IS: APRIL 8th

- Classes will focus on practicing specific literacy skills in the weeks leading up to the test.
- After school Literacy Preparation workshops will be held by the English Department – times and dates to be announced on Cougarvision.

Be patient towards all that is unsolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves

-Rainer Maria Rilke

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please email me anytime: Amy.Burke@ocdsb.ca

Cooperative Education

Want to test-drive a career? Want to earn credits through work experience outside of school? Cooperative Education is a work-education program for which students earn either 2 compulsory credits or all 12 optional credits. The program promotes skill development, career development, and self-awareness by integrating classroom learning with supervised work experiences in a business, an industry, or a community service organization. Students in Cooperative Education spend a portion of the school day in a curriculum-related work setting for the term. To enter a Cooperative Education program the students must choose Cooperative Education (COP3PD or COP4PD) on the course option sheet, submit a completed Cooperative Education Application Form to Ms. Willison and then participate in an interview. Possible work placements can be in the following sectors: education, health and science, research, travel and tourism, business and finance, recreation, skilled trades and many more. If you have your own idea

of where you would like to have a coop placement, come and talk to the Cooperative Education teacher in the Guidance office.

Amnesty CB

<cb_amnesty09@live.com> writes:

Colonel By's Amnesty International Youth Group aims to raise awareness about human rights violations in our community and around the world. From the 30th of November to the 4th of December, we held a Week Against Gender Violence with the goal of raising awareness and prompting reflection about this important issue that is particularly relevant in the high school setting. We handed out pamphlets, held class discussions and asked members of the school community to sign a banner with the week's slogan, "Gender violence ends with us!" to show their involvement. The week was a great success and we would like to thank all the staff and students who gave us their support.

Art Department News

National Gallery of Canada

TEEN COUNCIL OFF-THE-WALL ART WORKSHOPS

Last Saturday of the month from 1 to 4:30 pm

The Teen Council of the National Gallery of Canada is offering a series of innovative workshops. Sign up for these exciting opportunities to meet other teens, get to know local artists and create off the wall non-toxic art.

Cost: \$8 per workshop (Members \$4). Registration required: 613-998-8888.

Saturday 27 February 2010, 1 to 4:30 pm

Munny! Munny! - Designer Art Toys with Colin Betts

They are an underground art phenomenon that's sweeping the nation – a trend that resonates with art collectors and artists alike. They are 7" inches tall, white and ready to be customized by you! Jump on the Munny bandwagon as you customize these DIY

hard vinyl art toys with local artist Colin Betts. Paint, sculpt, and decorate your Munny based on a work from the Gallery collection, creating a personal, one of a kind and never before seen toy. Cost of workshop includes Munnys.

Saturday 27 March, 1 to 4:30 pm

Printmaking Made Easy – The Teen Council

City of Ottawa -Young at Art Competition

Young at Art is a juried art competition that brings the work of young visual artists to local art galleries across the City of Ottawa. The competition, held annually since 1996, represents a tremendous opportunity for the public exhibition and recognition of the creative efforts of these young local artists.

Creators of accepted works will have their pieces displayed in a community gallery – often near where they live – and are eligible for a number of prizes and awards contributed by the City of Ottawa and Young at Art Sponsors.

Application forms are available here at school, at community centers and libraries and online at ottawa.ca. The deadline for submitting application forms is March 5, 2010, with artwork submitted at a later date. There is a small fee for each artwork submission (a maximum of two works).

Artwork will be evaluated by a jury, and accepted pieces will be hung at the designated galleries in the spring at dates to be determined. A separate awards night will be held at an appropriate venue within each of the three regions of the City. Artwork will be picked up at designated galleries at the end of the exhibitions.

There are also volunteer opportunities available.

Ottawa Art Gallery

Ten of our students have been invited to be a part of the 10th edition of the exhibit, "Students Interpret the Firestone Collection", where student work will hang alongside a work from the Firestone Collection at the Ottawa Art Gallery. The exhibit will open in May 2010.

English Department News

Marilla Caines' colleagues and students said goodbye to her last Friday, January 30. Ms. Caines retired as a well-loved, respected friend and teacher, and she will be greatly missed. The English department welcomes Ms. Robin Small, an experienced and talented English teacher, who will be assuming Ms. Caines' English 4U classes, and two of her English 3UE classes. Laura Waddell, a veteran of the English department, and a conscientious, dedicated IB teacher will be leading Ms. Caines' remaining English 3UE class. Andre Mazhar has the responsibility of Ms. Caines' English 3U class, and is taking over one of Ms. Waddell's English 3U classes. We are delighted to have Mr. Mazhar increase his status with us; he is a wonderful, enthusiastic addition to the English 3U team. All of these senior students with teacher changes will find themselves in competent, excellent hands as they seamlessly continue the grade 11 and 12 English courses of study.

Our grade nine students are very busy reading *Great Expectations* and studying Greek Mythology. Grade ten English classes are studying *Lord of the Flies* and *Macbeth*, and one grade ten class is pioneering a project with a local elementary class, working as reading buddies. Grade elevens are considering an upcoming poetry slam to be held in the library in April, and the grade twelves develop their own literary criticism as they work on independent reading selections, on top of their classroom work.

Farewell to Colonel By - Marilla Caines

As I begin my retirement, I want to say it has been a pleasure to be a part of Colonel By at the end of my career. During my thirty-year career I've had countless students and colleagues in three different provinces, but I say without hesitation that the caring, supportive staff and students of Colonel By have brought me the most joy. I look back over the last ten years fondly and wish the Colonel By family all the best, now and in the future.

Music at CB

C Flats



Once again this year, Colonel By's international award winning vocal jazz ensemble, the "C Flats", have been busy entertaining Colonel By and the wider community with numerous holiday shows and impromptu concerts. The group is currently working on material for their upcoming competition in Washington D.C., songs to be presented as 'sing-a-grams' for Valentine's Day, pieces for their performance at the OCDSB elementary teachers' board-wide P.D. day and, of course, a whole bunch of music for their annual concert "A Night with the C Flats" (which will be held this year on Thursday April 1st at 7pm). Everyone is encouraged to attend; students, staff, family, friends and members of the CB community.

For information regarding this show or for the C Flats in general, please contact teacher Greg Crossett.

Music Theatre

As the dead of winter stares us straight in the face, the theatre department at Colonel By is beginning to heat up with students beginning the task of preparing the musicals which will hit the stage this coming spring. As in years past, it is an extraordinarily busy time for the students in the music theatre department. This year's programme of shows features full-length musicals from both grade 11 classes, as well as the 'big show' put on by the grade 12 class.

The grade 11 shows are taking place on Thursday April 15th and Thursday April 29th, 5pm, in CB's cafetorium. These shows are free to all those who wish to catch the first glimpse of Colonel By's theatre stars of the future. The period 2B class will be presenting the musical "The Royal Bachelor" and the 2C class will be presenting "Lucky Dollar - Private Eye".

This year's grade 12 musical will hit the stage on Thursday May 29th and run through Saturday June 1st. Curtain will be at 7pm. What show is it this year? Well, suspense is key to a successful drama so everyone will just have to wait and see!

Canadian World Studies

The Canadian and World Studies department is once again supplementing its Grade 11 academic curriculum with an educational tour through Italy and Switzerland. History, Geography, World Religions, Philosophy and Art will be illuminated by touring Rome, Florence, Venice, and Lucerne. A visit to the large hadron collider at CERN, outside Geneva, promises to accelerate our minds into the mysteries of the subatomic world. This trip will take place in early April and two dozen students are eagerly counting down the days. For more information please contact Mr. Duncan, Mr. Richardson and/or Ms. Wallace.

Congratulations are in order to Colonel By geography student Rosey Li. Rosey's ecological integrity poster on Jasper National Park was selected out of thousands of submissions from across Ontario for the cover of the Parks Canada 2009-2010 calendar. Congratulations Rosey!

Students in Canadian & World Studies classes have been active across the fall and winter months. IB2 Geography students have finished their internal assessments based on field studies of Ottawa's Green Belt, notably Mer Bleu Conservation Area. In November, grade 12 Canadian & World Politics students attended an all day Atlantic Council of Canada conference at the Department of Foreign Affairs Lester B. Pearson building. Students heard from and were able to pose their questions to notable speakers, including H.E. Jawed Ludin, Ambassador of Afghanistan to Canada, H.E. Marie Gervais-Vidricaire, Canada's representative on the NATO Secretary General's Strategic Concept panel of experts, and General Walter Natynczyk, Chief of the Defence Staff, Canadian Forces. In addition to these field trips, pre-IB, Grade 10 History classes will be traveling to the War Museum on April 1st; students will take a guided visit of the World War II exhibit in order to conduct research in preparation for their summative evaluations.

In November, the Canadian & World Studies Department was pleased to work with the Chancellery of the President of the Republic of Poland in order to host a presentation entitled "When Decency Meant Heroism". Speaker

Marianna Krasnodebska was born in 1923, near Lublin, Poland. During the war Ms. Krasnodebska's family helped Jews imprisoned in the Piaski ghetto. At great personal risk to themselves, they provided food for the ghetto, produced fake documents for the fugitives and sent parcels to Dachau concentration camp. Also presenting to students, Ms. Janina Rozecka was born in 1922 near Lvov, soon after moving to Warsaw. After the outbreak of the war Ms. Rozecka joined the underground movement, and provided care and protection for individuals who would have otherwise suffered persecution at the hands of the Nazi state. Students from the grade 11 World Religions classes and the Grade 12 I.B. History classes found this presentation to be extremely informative and moving.

Finally, the Canadian & World Studies / Social Sciences Department would like to encourage students to take advantage of the rich and varied courses offered for 2010-2011. If you have any questions about the courses taught in the Department, please drop by Room 152, speak with your teacher, or contact Mr. David Parsons, Head of Canadian and World Studies / Social Sciences.



New: Environmental Leadership Program

Colonel By is excited to introduce a new interdisciplinary, multi-year academic program beginning September 2010! The Environmental Leadership Program (EL) is designed to develop knowledge and skills that will train students for leadership in society as well as prepare them for a future in a wide variety of environmental fields. Building upon the skills learned in Outdoor Education (PAD30) and the background of environmental issues learned in Environment and Resource Management (CGR4M), EL students will develop skills of observation, data collection and

scientific analysis through experiential, hands-on learning as a means to examine the inter-

relationships between science, the environment, and global citizenship. Beyond field work techniques, students will also demonstrate an understanding of the intricacies of communicating the critical messages of their discoveries, developing skills for media, journalistic and formal academic responses. Environmental literacy will be fostered in order to better understand the moral and ethical challenges that face our local community and the world at large.

Through participation in Colonel By's Environmental Leadership Program students will be participating in environmental initiatives within the school community and will partner with local organizations in order to fulfill the students' Ministry of Education OSSD requirement of 40 hours of community service.

Students in the Environmental Leadership Program will have the exclusive opportunity of participating in Canada World Youth's Global Learner Program. The EL will also provide a structured and supported educational program which addresses the criteria of the prestigious Silver and Gold levels of the Duke of Edinburgh Award for leadership.

For more information, teacher contacts, and to obtain an application form, visit the web site: <http://teachers.colonelby.com/environmentalleadership/>



Library News

This term we started our pilot project "Reading Buddies," pairing one grade 10 English class with a Junior Kindergarten class at Robert Hopkins. Once a month, we get the classes together and our students read Ottawa Public Library books to their partner. It has been very successful so far. In January, our topic was penguins. Both classes are enjoying themselves and learning so much about reading and early literacy. In February the partners will start writing a children's book together.

Our "Forest of Reading" program is going smoothly. We have many students who are participating by reading as many of the ten books as possible. Voting for the best one will take place in April. Our lunch time book club is going well too. Students who are following the "Forest of Reading" selections have had the chance to get together and talk about the books. Lots of fun!

Math Department

Yuliya Nesterova and Eric Wu designed an hour long math contest (Gordian with an excellent and well thought out combination of multiple choice, short answer and long, full solution questions). It was a great success with over 50 students from 6 different schools in the board participating. Congrats to James Rickards who had the highest score in Ontario East in the COMC (Canadian Open Math Challenge).

A Big Shout-Out to our Community Partners: Bradda Printing Services and the Ottawa 67's

Colonel By Secondary School appreciates our community partners. This year CB was fortunate to have been sponsored by Bradda Printing Services for the Adopt-a-School program run by the Ottawa 67's organization. Many of our students have had the privilege of attending a 67s game with their family and friends. Students are chosen for a variety of reasons: some have contributed to the school, some have displayed the attributes of Cougar Character, and some have shown improvement in their attendance and achievement. Whatever the reason, our students are thrilled when chosen and enjoy supporting our local Junior Hockey team.

