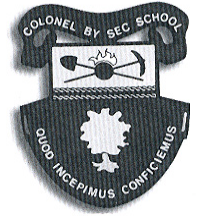


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Principal's Message

I was very pleased to see and meet so many parents/guardians at our New Teacher Night and Meet the Teacher Night. These occasions, in addition to Parent/Teacher Interviews are excellent opportunities for parents and school staff to ensure that communication between the home and the school is established and maintained, for the academic success of our students.

On Wednesday, November 16, your child received his/her first **report card** of this school year. The report card reflects your child's academic standing up to the beginning of November 2011. I encourage you to discuss with your child his/her marks, learning skills, attendance and punctuality.

As we continue into the school year, I want to bring your attention to important dates and upcoming events:

- Our **Parent /Teacher Interviews** are on Thursday, November 24, 2011, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Our next **School Council** meeting is on December 20, 2011.
- Our **Christmas Holidays** are from December 23, 2011 to January 9, 2012. Classes resume Monday, January 9, 2012.

I look forward to seeing you at our school events.

Ms. M. Bada, Principal

Information Technology/New Media/Business/Technology

Senior Journalism students and ITGS students are continuing with the **Virtual Classroom Initiative** and will be participating in a series of international video conferences with students from all parts of the globe. The sessions include Stem Cell Research, UN Climate Change Conference, Aids, VC for Hope Live from Nicaragua, Virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony from Afghanistan, and a National Virtual Town Hall on Sustainable Energy which will culminate in our students presenting the Town Hall recommendations live to the Senate.

Congratulations to Ms. Kutschke and her students Louis Burelle, Samy Coulombe, Isaac Harris and Patrick St. Onge for winning First Place for Colonel By in the **National Technology Wind Turbine Competition** held November 1 at the Science and Technology Museum.

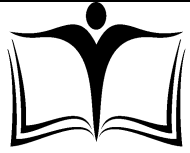
Colonel By's award winning in-school digital television station **CougarVision**, the only high school television station of its kind in Canada, is celebrating its 12th season. The daily show can be accessed at

<http://www.colonelby.com/videos.htm>.

Communication Technology classes are actively participating in the **Adobe Youth Voices Program** in which students create film and graphic design pieces raising awareness on a variety of social issues.

Open Eyes - Pancake Breakfast

Open Eyes is an International Development Club at Colonel By that raises awareness on



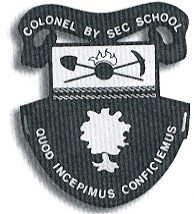
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social/development issues impacting people around the world. The club is currently twinned with the Basotho Girls' Leadership Corp. in Lesotho, Africa through local NGO Help Lesotho. Our 8th annual pancake breakfast was held on October 12. It was a tremendous success and a great deal of fun raising over \$2,000.00 for the BGLC.

Student Council - Annual Leadership Camp

Student Council's Annual Leadership Camp was held at Camp Smitty in Eganville, ON from September 2-4. The Camp is CB's largest off-campus event and was comprised of 40 senior student leaders along with 144 grade 9 and 10 campers. The students were organized in 14 different "teams" and featured leadership and team building activities and games. As always, the highly anticipated event was an incredible success providing many of our students with the highlight of their high school years.

Congratulations to all of the members of Student Council and a special thank you to the teacher volunteers.

Upcoming Council events include Spirit Week (November 28-December 2), and our Annual Snowsuit Drive (December).

International Baccalaureate Program

2012-2013 Application Information

Colonel By will host an IB Information Evening for all interested applicants and their parents/guardians on November 23 at 7:00 pm in the Colonel By gymnasium. Please note that applications will not be accepted at this time;

however, students will be able to register for the CAT entrance examination at the event.

Students Advocating For Equality (S.A.F.E.)

Combating discrimination one step at a time.

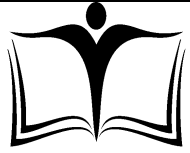
SAFE is CB's student advocacy group, with a significant GSA (Gay-Straight Alliance) aspect. We promote equality and diversity while helping to ensure that Colonel By is a safe place for everyone. We host various events throughout the school year to celebrate diversity, such as the Day of Purple, the Day of Pink, and Rainbow Week.

This year, another SAFE initiative will be to host Mental Health Assemblies for ALL students from January 23 to January 26, 2012. "Partners For Life", a Montreal-based Mental Illness Foundation, will be implementing the interactive workshop to help promote healthy lifestyles, raise awareness about mental health issues and empower teens to take action in the face of depression. There will also be an evening presentation for parents on January 24, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

Student Services

Cooperative Education

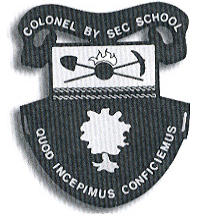
Cooperative Education is a planned learning experience, for which credits are earned, that integrates classroom theory and learning experiences at a workplace to enable students to apply and refine the knowledge and skills acquired in a related curriculum course. The majority of students taking co-op at Colonel By are taking two credits. At Colonel By students



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taking two credits will attend their placements every other day (on days 1-3 or on days 2-4) for the duration of the school year. Students can also be scheduled for up to four credits. Students taking four credits attend their placements every afternoon. Students are placed in a wide variety of job opportunities. Working in pharmacies, elementary schools, flower shops, and collision repair are just a few of the positions Colonel By students are experiencing this year. Placements are ultimately determined by your co-op teacher, but consideration is always given to the desires of the student.

How does co-op benefit students?

1. You learn about your strengths, interests, and special skills
2. It provides career exploration and planning
3. It allows for enhanced and enriched academic experiences
4. It improves your employability skills
5. Co-op creates better-prepared workers, reduces time-consuming and costly recruiting, hiring and training.
6. Applies curriculum knowledge in an out-of-school settings
7. Students learn valuable lessons such as pride in a job well done, punctuality, dependability and accountability.

A further benefit to taking co-operative education is a chance to experience work in trades and trades related fields. With Colonel By's very strong academic focus, there are few opportunities for students that would like to build hands-on skills as apprentice in the trades. The Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) offers secondary school students the opportunity to train as apprentices while enrolled in school. It allows students to complete their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) and to gain

apprenticeship training leading to a Certificate of Qualification with journey person status in a skilled trade. An apprenticeship is a hands-on program for people who want to work in a skilled trade and who enjoy learning by doing. For more information on OYAP, please go to www.oyap.com.

If you would like more information about Co-operative Education at Colonel By you can access our co-op wiki page at <http://colonelbycoop.wikispaces.com> or you can contact Mr. Harvey in the Co-op office, room 108.

Careers

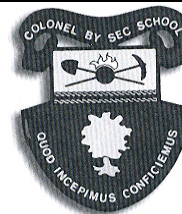
Careers is a .5 credit course offered to all grade 10 students to allow them to start exploring and planning for their future. This course is truly about the student. After working through a number of exercises to discover their likes and dislikes, strengths and weaknesses the students are now working on their educational plan. This allows students to identify the correct courses to take to finish up their high school diploma and be on the right path for their choice of post-secondary plans. The last part of the course the students will be researching universities/colleges and apprenticeships as part of their summative mark. This course finishes up in the third week of January when the students will move on to their Civics education course.



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The Guidance area has been abuzz this fall with plenty of back to school activity. Counsellors visited all grade 9 classes to see how our new learners were settling into life at Colonel By. All grade 12 classes have had presentations on post secondary options and our accompanying parent post secondary information night was held on October 21. Parents are invited to go to the website for a copy of this presentation. Each grade 10 and 11 class was also visited to encourage students to best understand their personal academic goals and to ensure they were on track to achieve their goals.

Graduating students wishing to pursue College programs are signing up now at www.ontariocolleges.ca; no access PIN numbers are required. When the PIN numbers arrive for students wishing to apply to University, we will call students down to pick them up. The timeline for receiving these PIN numbers is late November. Using their PIN number, students then apply to Ontario universities of their choice at www.ouac.on.ca/101/

Excitement continues to build at all grade levels with the first report card being issued and thoughts on course options and planning beginning to take shape for next year.

Students wishing to book an appointment with their counselor may do so by coming into student services and filling out a gold appointment slip.

Student Services Alpha assignment by student surname:

Mr. M. Bélanger	A to G
Mr. D. Holl	H to N
Ms. R. Nakashoji	O to Z

Learning Support Teachers:

Paul Chapman
Alexandra Fazakas

Student Success Teacher

Catherine Rider

IB Coordinator

Lewis Harthun

Student Success

In an effort to provide the time and support many students need to achieve academic success; Colonel By Student Success is helping to facilitate the following programs:

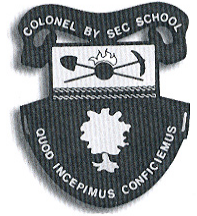
- **The Opportunity Room:** Room 255 is open every day at lunch for students who need help with their course work. Peer tutors, teachers, and technology are all available as required. Students may bring their lunch to work in this quiet and relaxed, yet productive, learning environment.
- **Time and Support Nights:** At the end of each term, a Time and Support Night (TSN) will be held to facilitate review of the term concepts while providing an opportunity to raise marks for those



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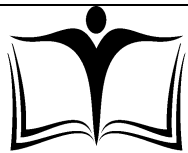
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struggling with the curriculum of their courses.

These programs are in addition to the extra help provided by teachers at Colonel By.

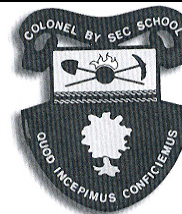
"Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education." - Martin Luther King, Jr.



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Library

The Colonel By Library has had a number of exciting events this fall. On September 30 we were able to host a wonderful presentation by Marcia Kampman, a local author. She has written about mythology, particularly, the myths of Ancient Sumer, and she shared her knowledge of this topic with three classes of students.

Next, we held two presentations by the Neuroscience Department at Carleton University. Dr. Alfonso Abizaid and his colleagues did a wonderful presentation on current brain research. They even brought along some preserved animal brains, which added much to the enjoyment of the students.

On October 25, we were very fortunate to host Alan Cumyn, a local author who was doing presentations during the Writer's Festival. He read some passages from his new book. We were able to have four classes attend this presentation and the students were really interested as he answered their questions about the writing process.

Finally, we were also able to host our annual Coffee Break for Hospice. Together, we raised over \$2,000.00 for the Hospice at May Court. Congratulations to the grade 11 IB students who worked so very hard to make this event a great success.

Stay tuned for more exciting news from the library!

Please note:

It has come to our attention that an agency, Breakaway Tours, has been selling a trip to Quebec City (February 3rd to 6th) to our students.

It is important to note the following information:

Please note that this is **not** a Colonel By trip. It is **not** sanctioned by the school nor the board. Also, school staff are **not** supervising this trip.

We share this with you in the event that you or your child receives information on this trip, you make an informed decision.

For more information, please feel free to call us at Colonel By, 613 745-9411.

Ms. M. Bada

