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News from the Cloud

School Events - Cancellations and/or Rescheduling

Friday the Education Minister Stephen Lecce announced that all publicly-funded schools will remain closed until at least May 31, 2020, as part of an effort to keep students, staff and families safe from COVID-19.

We are very sorry to confirm that the Board communication concerning the following is accurate.




- All school board **Proms** have been cancelled.
- **Graduation Ceremonies** for grade 12 graduating students have been postponed. Our plan is to hold our Graduation Ceremony on Friday, Oct 9th, 2020. This is the Friday before Thanksgiving. Mr. Bernards will be in touch with the graduating students as we re-confirm the time and location of the event. He will provide all necessary information and details concerning the event in due time so that all graduates will be well prepared. (i.e. time, location, gowns, grad fees, etc.)
- **School Scholarships and Monetary awards** will be distributed to grads in June 2020.
- **7&8 End of Year Awards** will be rescheduled to the fall.
- **School Student Council Elections** will be held at the start of the 2020 school year.
- The Minister also asked that [this letter](#) be sent home to all parents. The OCSB distributed chromebooks not IPADs, as these were the compatible school resource for students.

Catholic Education Week

Igniting Hope

We want to create hope for the person; we must give hope; always hope. ~St. Teresa of Calcutta

#OCSBHope – Catholic Education Week 2020 – May 3rd - 8th

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
For the ones we love - send a message of hope to someone in your family	For the ones who teach us - send a message of hope to your educator(s)	For leaders - send a message of hope to a leader in your community/world, such as, government leaders, school board leaders, your parish priest, Archbishop Pengergast, Pope Francis	For those in need and those who care for them - send a message of hope to a nursing home, hospital, The Mission, Shepherds of Good Hope, frontline and healthcare workers	For yourself - send yourself a message of hope - for today and the future
				
OCSB is inviting schools, staff and families to share photos and stories of how they are sharing, inspiring ... igniting hope around them by using the #ocsbHope hashtag on social media				

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Each year, the Catholic community of Ontario engages in a week-long celebration of the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic education during **Catholic Education Week**.

Catholic Education Week celebrates the ongoing gift of publicly-funded Catholic education. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations.

This year's celebration is entitled, "**Catholic Education: Igniting Hope**" and will be celebrated during the week of **May 3 – May 8, 2020**. More than 600,000 students in over 1,500 Catholic schools across Ontario normally take part in this special week to celebrate the distinctive contribution their schools make in the lives of our students and the community.

Sadly, given our current circumstances, all Ottawa Catholic School Board in-person activities have been cancelled, however we would like to take this celebration to a virtual model. As a Catholic community, we are called to "**Ignite Hope**" in our community. Each day, we will invite all our families to demonstrate their **hope** for others and themselves with a message: See above schedule.

Capture by video or photo and send that hope-filled message to your family and those you love! Be sure to share your message using the hashtag #ocsbHope

We look forward to celebrating Catholic Education Week 2020 this year with your messages and images of Hope in our community!



From the Classroom - High School Exams and Report Cards

- The Ministry of Education has cancelled June exams. CTV News - [Ontario cancels final exams for high school students due to COVID-19 pandemic](#)
- There is a plan to have marks and report cards for all students in June.

Lockers

- Ottawa Public Health has not given the go ahead for students to access the school building or lockers. If there is an emergency need to access, please communicate with the school. LesterB.Pearson.High@ocsb.ca

Guidance - Summer School

- This is the information that we have received for summer school.

In-Class Reach Ahead - If a Reach Ahead course cannot be taught on site, distance learning will be utilized by the summer school teacher;

Online Reach Ahead - Online courses will be taught.

Skills Builder - This program will **NOT** be offered during summer 2020;

SHSM CO-OP - This program will **NOT** be offered during summer 2020;

Credit Recovery - Information on this has not been released yet. We will send it once we get it.

To register for a **Reach Ahead** course (ie Online or In-Class), you will be required to complete the registration form below. It is a Google form.

[registration form](#)

NOTE: You may only register for ONE course. You may also request a 2nd choice should your first choice not be available.

Please do not hesitate to contact your guidance counsellors for information regarding summer programs:

Colleen.Connor@ocsb.ca (grade 9 and grade 12)

Jodie.Keough@ocsb.ca (grade 8 and grade 11)

Rebecca.Powers@ocsb.ca (grade 7 and grade 10)

Community Assistance

- Here are helpful resources for families in need:
 - Ottawa Food Bank: b.link/foodbank
 - Distress Centre: b.link/dcott
 - Ottawa Public Health: b.link/oph
 - 211: b.link/211
 - City of Ottawa: b.link/311
 - Gov. Support: b.link/ontgov

Mental Health Services at YSB during COVID-19

<p style="text-align: center;">Information Line for Child and Youth Mental Health and Youth Addictions Services</p> <p>We heard you! YSB has expanded the role of the crisis line and online chat to provide information about child and youth mental health and youth addiction services in Eastern Ontario. Not sure what mental health and addiction services are open or how they can be accessed? Call YSB's trained professionals or contact us through the chat – they are very knowledgeable about local services and can help you get to the supports you want.</p> <p>The information and crisis line can be reached by calling 613-260-2360 or 1-877-377-7775 and the online chat at chat.ysb.ca.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Virtual Walk-In Clinic</p> <p>Our hours are the same, but our sessions are now being done by phone or videoconference. To access the clinic, call us at 613-562-3004 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12 noon to 8 p.m. (last session at 6 p.m.). Leave us a message and we will call you back, usually within 30 mins depending on how busy the walk-in is, to connect you with a counselor.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Youth and Family Counselling</p> <p>Our mental health counselors have adapted their services, and are now providing individual and family counselling sessions via phone or videoconference to youth over the age of 12 and their families. Please call us at 613-562-3004 to discuss your needs. Please leave a message letting us know that you are interested in youth and family counselling and we will call you back as quickly as possible.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Crisis Line and On Line Chat</p> <p>Our crisis line and online chat are available 24/7 for children and youth aged 18 and under who are experiencing a crisis. Parents, guardians, caregivers, friends, or service providers who are concerned about a young person in crisis can also contact us. There is no fixed definition of a mental health crisis. If you feel that your situation is in crisis, we urge you to call the 24/7 crisis line to talk to YSB's trained professionals, who will provide immediate assistance and can help you access other local services and programs, as appropriate.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">24/7 Crisis Line: 613-260-2360 or 1-877-377-7775 (toll free for Eastern Ontario)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">24/7 Crisis Chat: chat.ysb.ca</p>



Les services de santé mentale du BSJ pendant COVID-19