

Nourishing the Flame



Lisgar Collegiate Institute

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A Message from the Principal

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

As we enter the last two months of the school year, we turn some of our thoughts to next year's priorities. This week, students in grades 9-11 elected their Student Council leaders for next year and I would like to be among the first to offer congratulations to incoming Student Council Co-Presidents **Angela Jin** and **Maida Hajradinovic**. Over the next two months, Angela and Maida will work closely with current Co-Presidents **Isla Rennison** and **Zane Balkissoon** to set the vision for the next 12 months of Student Council activities.

Timetable construction is well underway and students can expect to receive their schedule on the first day of school, September 5th. It may not be possible to honour all of a student's course requests for a variety of reasons (ex. missing prerequisite, course was cancelled due to low subscription, two courses scheduled in the same block, etc.), thereby resulting in a timetable conflict. Beginning in June, guidance counsellors will be working with students and parents/guardians to resolve conflicts. It is important that students monitor their OCDSB email accounts for important timetable information.

We've also begun our staffing process for the 2023-2024 school year. I'm very much looking forward to continued work with Vice-Principals **Janice Bernstein** and **Babak Ghiri** in support of students and staff. The Leadership Team will welcome **Jeremy Cheeseman** as the Head of Science and **Lani Sommers** as the Head of Music and Languages. **Ramsey Shuck**, Head of Student Services, has been seconded to the school board office to serve as an instructional coach and **Zachary Logue** will serve as Acting Head for the 2023-2024 school year.

Although we are talking a lot about next year, it's important to remember that we still have two months to go before our summer break begins. If there's any way we can support you and your family, please don't hesitate to contact me or our Student Services Department.

Sincerely,

Steve Spidell, Principal

News and Information

May is Asian and South Asian Heritage Month

Did you know that May is Asian and South Asian Heritage Month in Canada? It's a time for all Canadians to celebrate and reflect on the extensive and remarkable history of Asian Canadians from East Asia, Southern Asia, Western, Central and Southeast Asia, as well as their vital contributions to Canada's progress and prosperity.

We also want to take this time to acknowledge the historical hardships endured by Asian Canadians and the discrimination they still face today. It is important for all of us to work together to combat stereotypes and challenge anti-Asian racism. By speaking out against hateful language or actions, reporting incidents of discrimination are important steps to take to challenge anti-Asian racism. Even small actions can make a big difference in creating a more welcoming and safe school.



May is Jewish Heritage Month

Jewish Heritage Month is a time for all Canadians to learn about the history, contributions, and culture of Canadians of Jewish heritage who have made significant impacts in communities across the country. We acknowledge and celebrate the rich cultural and historical legacy and wonderful contributions to literature, art, science and philosophy.

As we celebrate Jewish Heritage Month, it's important for us to not only learn about the culture and contributions of Jewish Canadians but also to take action against antisemitism. We want to encourage you to speak out against hateful language or actions, report incidents of discrimination, and educate yourselves and others about the harmful effects of antisemitism. By doing so, we can help make our school and our community more welcoming and safe for everyone.



Did you know...

Lisgar Collegiate Institute is a popular stop for participants in [Doors Open Ottawa](#). This free annual architectural event celebrates Ottawa's built heritage. Why not visit Lisgar, and many other sites around the city on June 3, 2023.

Prom: June 16, 2023 → 5:00-11:00pm - National Arts Centre

It is that time of year, Prom tickets are on sale now and may only be purchased through [School Cash Online](#). Grade 12 Lisgar Students must purchase their own ticket and all attendees will be required to complete a behaviour agreement. One guest ticket can be purchased per transaction for any non-Lisgar students.

- Early Bird Tickets from Now until May 5th
- \$140 per Lisgar Student / \$145 per guest
- Prices increase as of May 6 so buy your ticket NOW!
- All sales are final. No refunds available. Tickets cannot be purchased after June 1.
- Financial assistance is available. Please reach out to **Ms. Gulliver** or to your Vice-Principal.

Gradwear

Don't forget Gradwear is available for purchase! Interested in getting this year's Gradwear for the Class of 2023? Be sure to check out the Gradwear hoodies and sweatshirts available on the [Lisgear website](#). Make sure you are selecting the items that have *GRADS 2023* in the description. Order NOW to help fundraise to make Prom 2023 one to remember. Reach out to your Prom Committee or **Ms. Gulliver** if you have any questions.

Family Travel in June

Students and families are reminded that the last day of instruction for the 2022-2023 school year is **June 20, 2023**. This will be followed by a five-day Final Evaluation period, **June 21-27, 2023**, during which students may be scheduled for exams, exit interviews, performance tasks, or other formal evaluations. Absences during this time may affect a student's opportunities to demonstrate curriculum expectations and their ability to earn a credit. Families should not plan travel or absences until after students have completed all of their final evaluations. Should there be urgent, exceptional circumstances that require a student to be absent before the end of the school year, please contact the Vice-Principal for guidance.

Walk a Block

Go Green and Walk-a-Block! Traffic congestion around schools is a huge problem but you can be part of the solution. If you're driving your child to school, please park a block away from the building and let students walk the rest of the way. Or even better, encourage your students to cycle, skateboard, or use public transit. Safer School Zones begin with you. [Click here to check out Lisgar's walk-a-block map](#).



News From Your School Council

This school year, generous parent donations have helped fund the following:

- the Indigenous Cultures Club;
- the Outdoor Education program and Nordic Ski Team;
- improvements to the Learning Commons room;
- fruit for students during exam period;
- the school composting program; and most importantly
- grocery gift cards for Lisgar families in need.

As we approach the end of the school year, the School Council would like to meet recent funding requests to support the Film Club, Comm Tech Department, and the English Department. A new proposal of metal flag mounts and themed flags on the existing lampposts in the Mall area (between school buildings) has been researched. This lasting addition envisions school, cultural, and memorial themed banners flying at different times of the year. Unfortunately, realizing all requests for support is beyond the current funds available within the School Council coffers.

At this time we are asking Lisgar Families to donate towards the banner proposal that we hope to have in place for the 2023 Commencement Ceremony and other end-year events.

If you would like to donate towards the banner mounts and themed banner project, a charitable tax receipt will be issued if you donate directly to the school council at [OCDSB | Donate \(micharity.com\)](https://ocdsb.ca/donate)

Specific details will be discussed at the monthly School Council meeting on the 8th of May, whereby the Zone 10 Trustee – **Justine Bell**, will be a guest speaker in attendance. We hope to see you in person at the library at 7pm, or virtually using [this link](#).

Any funds received above and beyond the \$5000 needed for this lasting school improvement will be used to help offset costs for the upcoming Staff Appreciation Breakfast, thanking the wonderful school staff for everything they do.

Phillip Rennison

Lisgar School Council Chair (sc-lisgarci@ocdsb.ca)



Celebrating Student Success

Lisgar Musicians Win Big at Kiwanis

Lisgar entered several ensembles in this year's Kiwanis Music Festival and their performances earned several awards and recognitions. Check out the summary of results here:



Clarinet Ensemble

2nd Place 🏆

Concert Band

Silver (Grade 2 Class) 🏆

Invitation to Music Festival Provincials

Concert Orchestra

Gold 🏆

Invitation to Music Festival Provincials

Flute Ensemble

1st Place 🏆

The Ottawa Flute Association Trophy

Invitation to Music Festival Provincials

Jazz Ensemble

Gold 🏆

Invitation to Music Festival Provincials

Saxophone Ensemble

1st Place 🏆

Invitation to Music Festival Provincials

Symphonic Winds

Gold (Challenge Class) 🏆

Bramwell Smith Trophy

Gold (Grade 4 Class) 🏆

Invitation to Music Festival Provincials

Symphony Orchestra

Gold 🏆

Invitation to Music Festival Provincials

Attendance Reporting

If a student must be home from school with parent permission, we ask that you email the school at: lisgarattendance@ocdsb.ca In your message, please provide student name, grade, reason for absence.

Pay School Fees Online
Secure credit card payment
24/7 convenience
Easy registration
SchoolCashOnline

Register Now

Reminder...

Check your [School Cash Online](#) account regularly to ensure you don't have any outstanding fees. Should your family experience any challenges with the payment of fees, please contact the Main Office to explore financial assistance options.