

Student Update - Planning Post Secondary, Report Cards, Bus Cancellations and more...

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Planning for Post-Secondary? Participate in *Launch 2020* on December 2, 2020

If you're a student in Grade 11 or 12, here's your chance to join in a virtual exhibition to help guide your decisions for the future.

This virtual event will give you insights into the different pathways available to you. Thinking about joining the workforce, engaging in an apprenticeship, going to college, travelling, enrolling in a gap year program, or going to university? We're here to help. Launch 2020 will provide you with information on the different opportunities and learning experiences that are available from employers, apprentices, and former students pursuing college, university, and apprenticeships. Visit our [website](#) to register and learn more.

It's Report Card Time

Secondary report cards are now available to parents through the secure online Report Card Portal. Parents must register online on the [OCDSB Report Card Portal webpage](#). If your parents are having trouble accessing your report card, please ask them to contact your school. If you are over 18 years old, you will be able to access your own report card, as long as you have indicated that preference with your school.

On Sunday, November 29th, 2020, the Report Card Portal will be unavailable from approximately 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

School Bus Cancellations Due to Bad Weather

School bus transportation is managed by the Ottawa Student Transportation Authority (OSTA). Transportation cancellations due to bad weather or poor road conditions are posted on [OSTA's website](#) by 6:15 am and affect all schools across the OCDSB.

Even if buses are cancelled, schools will still be open and learning will continue. Parents will have to get you there and pick you up at regular bell times. Students can also continue to take OC Transpo to get to school if that's an option for you in your area. Follow OSTA on Twitter [@OttSchoolBus](#) or [Facebook](#) or follow us [@OCDSB](#) or on [Instagram](#).

Rainbow Bridges Film Festival

Thanks to everyone who joined us in celebrating the amazing Rainbow Bridges program on November 19th. The Rainbow Bridges program, now fully digital, focuses on its for-youth-by-youth model, where secondary students work alongside GSAs (gay-straight alliance or gender and sexuality alliance) and equity clubs to create short films aimed at welcoming incoming grade 9 students who will be entering high school.

If you didn't have a chance to join the event, no worries. The video from the film festival is available on the [OCDSB Youtube Channel](#).

Save the date for our next film festival, being held on Thursday, February 11th at 7:00 p.m. Students and GSAs interested in contributing films can contact Rainbow Bridges coordinator [Jude Ashburn](#).

Indigenous Speaker Series - December 8th, 2020

On Tuesday, December 8th, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., we will be hosting an Indigenous Speaker Series event for Grade 9 to 12 students. Our speaker, Isaac Murdoch, an Indigenous artist and environmentalist, is currently working on a new book and will be sharing his experiences with the writing process and the process of getting a book published.

Interested? Learn more and find the livestream link on [our website](#).