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Nourishing the Flame



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Thank you, Ms. Ortiz

Congratulations to **Ms. Claudia Ortiz** on her appointment as Office Administrator at Centennial Public School. For several years, Ms. Ortiz has served as Lisgar's Guidance Services Assistant and Hospitality Program Technician. Her contributions to school life, including her incredible support of Student Council's Night Events has had an immeasurable impact on our school and we will miss her desperately. We know that the students and staff at Centennial will benefit every day from her positive energy and winning smiles. Thank you, Ms. Ortiz!

News and Information

Grad Portraits → December 9-12, 2025

Edge Imaging will be at Lisgar from December 9th to December 12th, to take your graduation portraits! Don't miss out on your chance to be part of the class composite and leave your legacy in the hallways for years to come.

Here's how to sign up:

1. Sign up for your photo appointment at bookmygrad.ca
2. Select *Book graduation photos at Lisgar*.
3. Our school code is: LOI - Lisgar Collegiate Institute (Ottawa)
4. Reserve your best day and time for the portrait session. Book early, as available times may run out quickly.
5. Prepare for a great portrait session!

Not sure what to expect? Check out [this video](#).

Travel to China in Spring 2026

Explore Beijing and Chengdu, stay in hotels and with a host family, see the panda bears and the Great Wall! This opportunity, which takes place May 7-18, 2026 is open to all Lisgar students. More information and the application form [can be found here](#).

[Please sign up here](#) to attend an online information session on Wednesday, November 5th from 8:00-9:00pm.

New Award for Student Volunteers

We're excited to share that the Minister of Education has created a new Certificate of Recognition for Community Involvement to celebrate high school students who go above and beyond with their volunteer work. This certificate recognizes students who show strong leadership and a commitment to helping their community.

How It Works

Students who complete 50 or more volunteer hours by the time they graduate will receive a certificate. There are three levels: *Bronze*: 50-99 hours; *Silver*: 100-199 hours; *Gold*: 200+ hours

Does This Change the 40-Hour Requirement?

No. This new certificate is an extra honour and does not change the graduation rules. Students still need 40 community involvement hours to earn their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. If you have questions about the 40-hour requirement, you can find more information on our [school website](#) or by looking up the official policy ([PPM 124](#)).

Note: For hours to be counted this year, they must be submitted by Monday, April 27, 2026.

Prime Minister's Awards

Teachers and early childhood educators are inspiring children in all areas of life, from science and math to schoolyard interactions. Now's your

chance to thank a teacher or early childhood educator in your life. Nominate them for a Prime Minister's Award. Students, parents, colleagues, principals, supervisors, community leaders, or people with direct knowledge of the nominee's contribution can nominate. Nomination deadline is January 14, 2026. [Click here](#) to learn more and to access the nomination package.



**PRIME MINISTER'S
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OSTA Prioritization Survey

The Ottawa Student Transportation Authority (OSTA) is developing its next Strategic Plan for 2026-2029, which will guide decisions on student transportation for the coming years. The strategic plan focuses on enhancing student safety, improving route efficiency, technology, and ensuring a positive student experience. OSTA values your perspective. Broad participation of their prioritization survey ensures the strategic plan aligns with the diverse needs of our community. Please share your perspective by completing this brief, 5-minute, anonymous survey before Friday, December 12, 2025.



[Please click here to access the survey](#)

Thank you for your time and contribution.

A Note on Academic Integrity

At Lisgar we value academic integrity, which is the demonstration of responsibility, honesty, trust, and respect in a student's own learning.

Academic fraud, such as presenting another person's work as one's own (plagiarism), unauthorized use of Artificial Intelligence, sharing one's work with another student, cheating on a test, and submitting the same assignment for two different classes (without prior approval), is considered a serious academic offence.

As per [Growing Success](#), work found to be plagiarized or not the student's original material will not receive academic credit and will not be included in the student's evaluation evidence for grading purposes. The student will be given an additional opportunity to demonstrate their learning, either by redoing the original assignment or completing alternate, equivalent work as determined by the teacher.

Lisgar has instituted educational measures, including providing students with either a standardized package or an alternative course of action determined by the classroom teacher, to address and prevent reoccurrences of academic fraud. A committee tracks these instances and refers repeat cases to administration for further action.

We appreciate your support in emphasizing the importance of honesty and originality in your student's work.

Did you know...

Dr. James Naismith, the inventor of basketball, began his high school studies in Almonte, Ontario. In the early 1880s, he moved to Ottawa where he finished his studies at Lisgar, although it was called the Ottawa Collegiate Institute at the time.



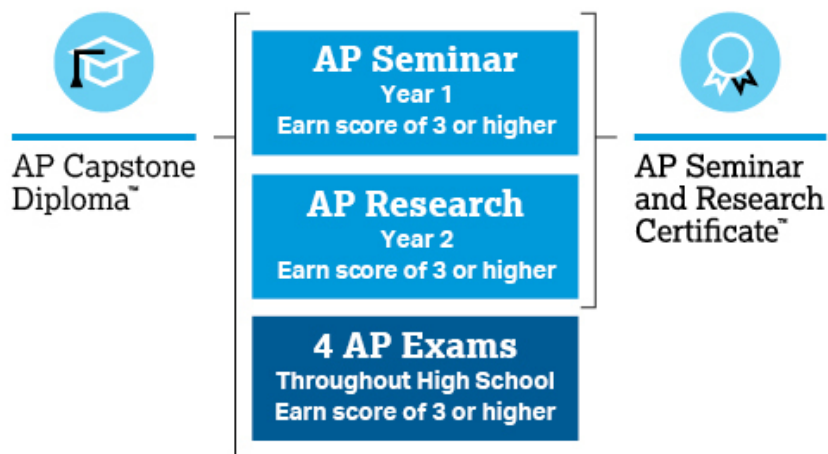
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Celebrating Student Success

Four Lisgar Grads Earn AP Capstone Diploma

At Lisgar Collegiate Institute, four students earned the AP Capstone Diploma™, and seven students earned the AP Seminar and Research Certificate™ during the 2024-25 school year. The AP Capstone Diploma program helps students develop critical thinking, research, collaboration, and presentation skills that are essential to academic and career success.

AP Seminar and AP Research assessments are project-based and evaluate skills mastery through group projects, presentations, and individual essays completed throughout the year. AP Seminar and AP Research are interdisciplinary. Students are encouraged to create research projects based on topics of personal interest and are assessed on the critical thinking, research, collaboration, time management, and presentation skills needed to complete their projects.



The College Board AP Program gives students the opportunity to take challenging university-level courses while still in high school. Earning a score of 3 or higher on an AP Exam has multiple benefits for students, including earning university credit, advanced placement in university courses, or both, saving them time and money. Research shows AP students are better prepared for and more likely to enroll and remain in university, do well in classes, and earn their degrees on time.

Lisgar Student Recognized as one of Ottawa's 21 Under 21

At a neighbourhood gala earlier this month, **Nieve Xiao** (Grade 12) was recognized for her leadership in student representation, wellness, and community service at the 21 Under 21 award ceremony. The event honours 21 local youth, 14-21 years of age who have made a significant contribution to their local or global community. This year, Nieve was elected a Student Trustee with the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board and through her work in mental health advocacy and youth advisory roles, she continues to promote equity, inclusion, and student voice across Ottawa.

Back-to-Back Championships for Senior Boys Soccer!

On November 18th, the Senior Boys Soccer Team took the Championship title for the second year in a row, defeating Merivale High School with a comfortable 2-0 win. Every boy on the squad got to spend some time on the field and took advantage of several good opportunities. **Cairo Duarte** (Grade 12) scored both of the Lisgar goals and was instrumental in keeping the NCSSAA Championship trophy at Lisgar for another year!



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 the student name, grade, and reason for absence.

Community News



Travel to China

Online info
session
November 5

- Beijing and Chengdu
- May 7 - 18, 2026
- ~\$4300
- Stay in hotels and with host family
- Priority given to students in the **International Certificate Program**
- Application due **December 8**
- Questions? Ask sean.oussoren@ocdsb.ca

Scan the QR for more
details and to sign up
for the info session

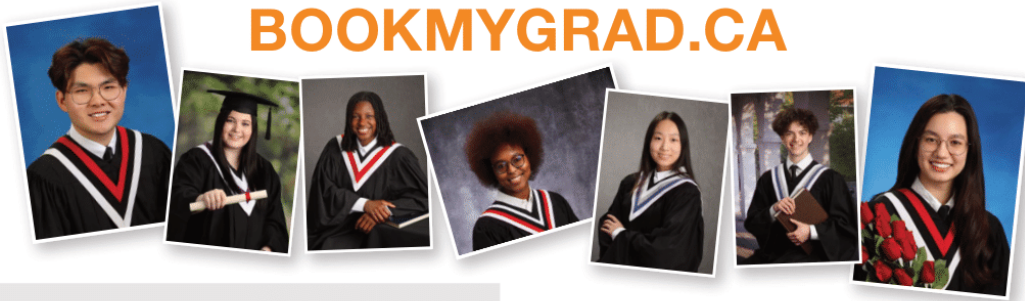




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