

# Nourishing the Flame



Lisgar Collegiate Institute

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## News and Information



### Student Council Co-Presidents

Congratulations to **Tarquin Eglinton** (Grade 11) and **Zeping Yu** (Grade 11) on being elected Student Council Co-Presidents for the 2025-2026 school year. In September, Tarquin and Zeping will take the reins from outgoing Co-Presidents **Elise MacDonald** and **Stanford Sun**. On behalf of the entire Lisgar community, we welcome Tarquin and Zeping, and offer thanks to Elise and Stanford for all of their service to our school.



## Celebrating the Class of 2025

Lisgar will be celebrating the Class of 2025 with two official events: the **Prom on June 13th at the Château Laurier** and the **Commencement Ceremony on June 27th at Adult High School**. Events and fundraisers not associated with Prom or Commencement have not been sanctioned by the school or the OCDSB. This includes after-parties and other private functions that are not supervised by OCDSB staff. Parents and guardians are encouraged to ask questions of their graduates to ensure all celebrations are safe, respectful, and supportive of good citizenship.

All students are reminded that Friday June 13th is a regular instructional day that may include important end-of-year evaluation tasks assigned by teachers. Students are expected to be present as per their assigned timetable. Absences for legitimate reasons (ex. illness, medical appointment, etc.) must be approved by parents and guardians in advance through [lisgarattendance@ocdsb.ca](mailto:lisgarattendance@ocdsb.ca).

### Attendance Reporting

If a student must be home from school with parent permission, we ask that you email the school at:

[lisgarattendance@ocdsb.ca](mailto:lisgarattendance@ocdsb.ca)

In your message, please provide the student name, grade, and reason for absence.



*We respectfully acknowledge that we learn, work, and play on the unceded and unsundered homelands of the Algonquin Anishinaabe People.*

## Community Involvement Hours

For a few days in May, students who submitted their community involvement hours using the OCDSB's online portal received responses indicating that their hours had not been approved by their supervisor, even though in most cases they were indeed approved. We have determined that a number of these messages were sent out in error to students across the District. Lisgar students who would like to confirm the number of hours that have been approved are encouraged to visit the Student Services office or the Main Office to check what we have in our system.

## Final Evaluations - June 2025

Just a reminder that students are expected to attend scheduled final evaluations June 19-25, 2025. Families are asked not to book appointments, travel, or other potential scheduling conflicts during this period. A detailed final evaluation schedule will be shared on June 5th. This is in line with the school year calendar that was published at the beginning of the school year.

## Lisgar Welcomes Japanese Exchange Students

For two action-packed weeks in April, Lisgar students opened their homes and classrooms to 18 students from the [Yamate Gakuin Senior High School](#) in Yokohama, Japan. Our Japanese visitors experienced the Ontario education system, took part in extracurricular activities, including an outdoor education excursion, and shared aspects of their own culture with the Lisgar community. In July 2025, our Canadian students will travel to Japan to complete this year's very successful reciprocal exchange. Students participating in the exchange will receive credit towards their [International Certificate](#).



## Did you know...

Lisgar's attic was once used as a shooting range during the First World War. In 1912, a rifle range was added to the now-blocked-off fifth-floor attic for the school's cadet corps. Students practiced shooting there until after World War II, when shooting activities moved to the nearby Cartier Square Drill Hall.

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### Support Literacy: Legacy Book Fair with Perfect Books

Our school is hosting a Legacy Book Fair with Perfect Books on Wednesday, June 4th, from 10:10 AM to 3:30 PM in the Lisgar library's East Room. A variety of books will be available for students to purchase. A portion of these sales will contribute to purchasing "legacy books" chosen by our Grade 12 students for the school library. You can also support this initiative by donating your Perfect Books points! If parents, family members, staff, or neighbours make purchases at Perfect Books between June 4th and the close of business on June 6th, they can ask the cashier to "donate their points" to Lisgar. Payment methods accepted at the school book fair on Wednesday include cash, debit, and credit cards. Thank you for your support in fostering literacy within our school community!

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## Celebrating Student Success

### Algonquin Connections 2025

On April 30th, 13 Grade 10 and 11 students seized a fantastic experiential learning opportunity called Algonquin Connections, allowing them to be an Algonquin College student for the day and to explore post-secondary options at the Woodroffe campus. Each student selected a program from 20 diverse choices and immersed themselves in related hands-on activities, making it an invaluable experience for exploring future paths. Thank you to **Ms. Gulliver** for facilitating this rich learning experience!



### Black Youth Forum 2025

Eighteen representatives from Lisgar Collegiate Institute had a wonderful experience on May 21st at the 8th Annual OCDSB Black Youth Forum, a Leadership Conference for ABC (African, Caribbean, Black) students! They joined youth from across the District for a day of connection, insightful conversations, and celebration focusing on the creation of art that will be on display throughout Ottawa. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to engage and feel a strong sense of community.



## Lisgar Music Success



**Samantha Pezacki** (Grade 11) performed *Concertino* by Cecil Chaminade with the Divertimento Orchestra on April 25th. A week later, Samantha and **Yuna Min-Nielsen** (Grade 9) performed with the National Arts Centre Orchestra at the Superhero's Concert on May 4. Congratulations to these accomplished musicians!

**Evan Frouin** (Grade 12), **Chassy Jones** (Grade 11), **Keriana Hodson** (Grade 10), and **Adam Mahama** (Grade 9) performed with students from across the OCDSB at the All-Star Band concert on May 4. This ensemble brings together all the very best students from across the school board!

**Simon Breitner** (Grade 11) Lisgar student won the Burkholder Trophy at the Kiwanis Festival for his performance on tuba!

Finally, a group of Lisgar students along with students from Canterbury High School and Ashbury College spent their weekend at the Capital Region Junior Winds Honour Band volunteering and mentoring grade 7 and 8 music students from across the national capital region. They had the most fun earning their community service hours!

## Another Successful Dambusters Mission

Mr. Tang's Grade 11 Functions math class successfully completed their Dambuster Math Mission at the Canada Aviation and Space Museum on Friday, May 23, 2025. Not only did the students apply their math skills to successfully complete their dambusting mission, they also had the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of former Lisgar student **Pilot Officer Lewis Burpee** (Class of 1937), who participated in the actual Dambuster Mission of May 1943.





The Main Branch of the public library (at 120 Metcalfe street) is looking for enthusiastic volunteers for our Teen Advisory Group. Are you between the ages of 14 and 18, want to earn community volunteer hours, build leadership skills and hangout with other library-loving teens?

La Succursale Centrale de la bibliothèque publique (120 rue Metcalfe) cherche des bénévoles enthousiastes pour notre Groupe Consultatif d'Ados. Tu as entre 14 et 18 ans, tu souhaites effectuer des heures de bénévolat communautaire, développer tes capacités de leadership et passer du temps avec d'autres jeunes de ton quartier?

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