

Nourishing the Flame



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A Message from the Principal

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

Last week, in alignment with the OCDSB's procedures, we completed our fall staffing process. As a result of increased enrollment this year, we were able to add a number of classes to our timetable and to split some larger classes into two smaller ones. This has resulted in a small number of timetable adjustments and/or staffing changes. While changes at this time of year are not ideal, they ultimately serve our students well by improving the teacher-to-student ratio and allowing us to create greater timetable flexibility in Semester 2.

If your child has experienced a timetable change or a change of teacher, please be assured that our staff will ensure that disruptions are minimized and that any assessment data that have been collected will be transferred appropriately.

Please reach out to your child's teacher or to our Student Services Department if you have any questions about these changes, which come into effect on October 28th.

Sincerely,

Steve Spidell

Principal

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.

News and Information

Family Conference - Nov 2, 2024

The OCDSB Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) and OCDSB Family and Community Engagement (FACE) are thrilled to welcome you to this year's informative and engaging in-person Family Conference. This year's theme is *Supporting Education Through Change*, focussing on strengthening our school community's resilience and fostering meaningful connections. This event will feature [Sam Demma](#), an inspiring keynote speaker and advocate for education, who empowers both students and adults to embrace change and reach their full potential. Participate in interactive workshops, connect with local community organizations, and discover valuable resources to help families support their children's educational journeys through times of change. Some workshops will be offered in multiple languages. For more details about the workshops and to register, visit the [OCDSB Family Conference website](#).

House of Commons Page Program

The House of Commons is pleased to announce the official launch of the recruitment campaign for the House of Commons Page Program. Each year, they recruit 40 bilingual students graduating from high schools and CEGEPs across Canada to participate in the program. Pages work directly on the floor of the House of Commons and are responsible for a wide range of tasks related to Chamber activities. This provides them with the opportunity to broaden their knowledge of Parliament by playing a role in the rich traditions of the Canadian parliamentary system. The recruitment campaign for the 2025-2026 academic year is taking place from October 15 to November 10, 2024. To be selected, candidates must be starting full time or part-time post-secondary studies in September 2025 at the University of Ottawa, Carleton University, Saint Paul University, Université du Québec en Outaouais, Collège La Cité or Algonquin College. Successful candidates will be required to reside in the National Capital Region during their year of employment as a Page. Please visit [this website](#) to learn more.



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Use of Scented Products

In order to protect individuals with sensitivities to fragrances and scents, and to possibly prevent others from developing such sensitivities, we are asking students, staff and visitors to avoid the use of these products while in the school.



Halloween Costumes

Costumes can be a lot of fun, but it's important to be thoughtful about how a costume might affect others. Avoid costumes that mimic the traditional attire of an ethnic, religious, racial or gender group. Pretending to be a member of a group is a form of cultural appropriation and sends the message that cultural attire is a 'costume' to be donned for entertainment purposes. This Hallowe'en, please avoid costumes that are intended to, or have the impact of, inciting fear and anxiety, stereotyping, misrepresenting or making fun of others. Costumes must comply with the OCDSB Code of Conduct and must not cover a person's face in a way that prevents them from being identified.

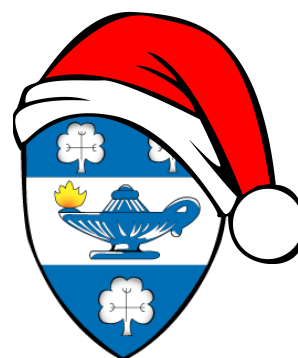
Dear Santa...

Trying to find the right gift for that special someone? What about a warm hoodie, a cozy toque, or some flannel PJ pants? Check out the [Lisgear store](#). Custom orders delivered right to the school, usually within a week.

Choose from a wide range of school-authorized products and brand names, all at competitive prices:



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Did you know...

Lisgar is the only school in the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board to offer credit courses in Latin. In fact, Latin has been available to Lisgar students for most of its 186 years of existence. Upon his retirement from the Principal role, **Dr. John Macmillan** taught Latin at Lisgar. This week marked the 101st anniversary of Dr. Macmillan's death. *Requiescat in pace.*

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Family Conference 2024

Supporting Education Through Change

OCDSB Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) and OCDSB Family and Community Engagement (FACE) are excited to invite you to an informative and engaging in-person Family Conference.

What to look forward to:

- Keynote speaker **Sam Demma** for his inspiring and relatable message on overcoming challenges in education.
- Interactive workshops on math, literacy, and science designed to help you support your child's learning.
- Networking opportunities with community organizations offering valuable resources to empower families and build stronger connections.



DATE:

November 2, 2024

TIME:

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

**Woodroffe
High School**
(2410 Georgina Dr)

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Now**



Know More:

[ocdsb.ca/
FamilyConference](https://ocdsb.ca/FamilyConference)

OCDSB Parent
Involvement Committee



**Family and
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Join us for a day of **learning**, **growth**, and **connection**.