



Ernestown Secondary School

Principal's Message

March, 2023

Dear Ernestown Secondary School families,

As we embark on the second month of semester 2, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of your child's academic and co-curricular endeavours. Your commitment to investing in your child's education is greatly appreciated and makes a significant difference in their success.



I would also like to remind families to prioritize safety and enjoyment during the upcoming March Break. Whether you are travelling or staying close to home, please take the necessary precautions to stay safe and make meaningful memories with your loved ones. Additionally, I would like to invite all parents and guardians to our Parent/Guardian-Teacher Night, taking place on March 23rd from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's teachers, discuss their progress and learn more about the curriculum. You will be able to sign up for meeting times through School Day beginning March 20th.

With a school dance, a trip to the Roller Rink, and coffee houses on the horizon, we are excited about the months ahead! Thank you for sharing your students with us. We are proud of all that they are accomplishing. Together, we can continue to make Ernestown Secondary School a safe, supportive and successful learning environment.

Sincerely,

Shannon Tyner



Upcoming Events

MARCH 1

- STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 6

- PURIM (EVENING OF MARCH 6-7)

MARCH 7

- PASS AT LUNCH

MARCH 8

- INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
- HOLI FESTIVAL OF COLOURS
- EARLY REPORTS DISTRIBUTED- GRADE 9,10, & AT-RISK SENIOR STUDENTS
- STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 9

- BLOOD DONOR CLINIC BUS LEAVES AT 11:30

MARCH 10

- ROLLER SKATING FIELD TRIP

MARCH 13-17

- MARCH BREAK

MARCH 21

- WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

MARCH 22

- RAMADAN BEGINS (EVENING)

MARCH 23

- PARENT/GUARDIAN-TEACHER NIGHT FROM 6:30 - 8:00 IN CAFETERIA

MARCH 31

- NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' LANGUAGES DAY
- TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY

IRON TRIBE

Martial Arts



A very special thank you to Sensei Stan from Iron Tribe Fitness in Odessa for teaching our Eagles some awesome martial arts and Jiu Jitsu lessons!

The "Too Fast, Too Furious" Table Tennis Open





Chess Club

TOURNAMENT



Huge congratulations to Luke Daigle, Parker Wellman, and Tyler Elliott for their participation and great showing in the recent Chess Tournament at RND.

Thank you to Coach Kehl, as well!



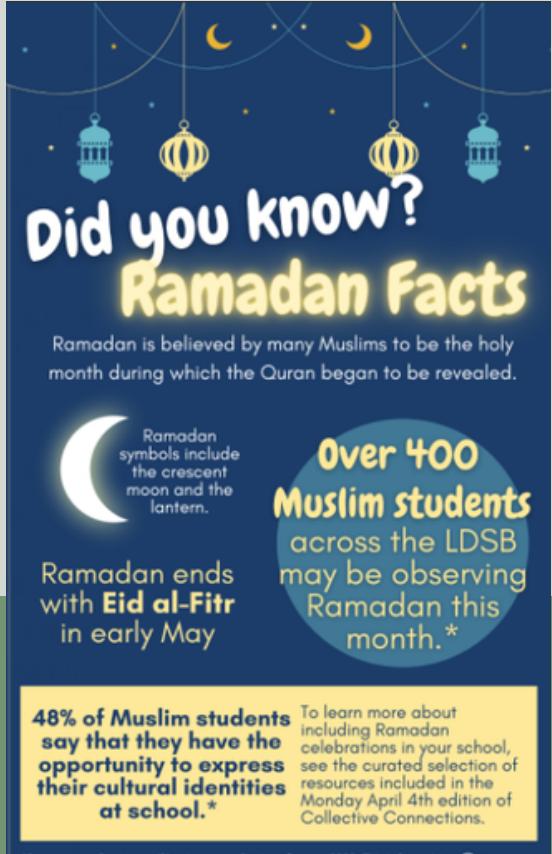
Limestone Skills Competition

The Limestone Skills Competition was held at St. Lawrence College on March 1st with Ernestown entering a team in the Home & Team Building Construction Event. This event required knowledge and experience in residential carpentry including floor, wall and roof framing, as well as exterior finishing methods and procedures. Our team did an outstanding job!

Under the direction of BCIP teacher Dan Fisher, the following students represented ESS: *Andrew Rochette, Keiran Miller, Alex deBoer, Zak Ferriera, Addy Rawcliff, Aidan Casey, Mitchell Ketchen, Spencer Brown and David Bell.* We are so proud of all of these Eagles!



Equity Matters at ESS



Did you know? Ramadan Facts

Ramadan is believed by many Muslims to be the holy month during which the Quran began to be revealed.

Ramadan symbols include the crescent moon and the lantern.

Over 400 Muslim students across the LDSB may be observing Ramadan this month.*

Ramadan ends with **Eid al-Fitr** in early May

48% of Muslim students say that they have the opportunity to express their cultural identities at school.*

To learn more about including Ramadan celebrations in your school, see the curated selection of resources included in the Monday April 4th edition of Collective Connections.

*Data source: See Yourself in Limestone Student Census, 2020. This infographic was created with the support of the Student Census Technical Advisory Group. Limestone



March is an exciting month on our journey to becoming more equity literate. Please join our school family in celebrating these important dates of significance.



March 6:

Purim (evening of March 6-7)

March 8:

International Women's day

March 8:

Holi festival of colours

March 21:

World Down Syndrome Day

March 22:

Ramadan begins

March 31:

National Indigenous Peoples' Languages Day

March 31:

Transgender Day of Visibility

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' LANGUAGES DAY



National Indigenous Peoples' Languages Day celebrates Indigenous languages and seeks to sustain survival of Indigenous languages



E-town Sports



WINTER SEASON WRAP-UP!



Good luck to our mixed Curling team as they head to the KASSAA finals!

Our junior girls Volleyball and senior boys Basketball teams represented ESS well at the EOSSAA Championships on Feb. 22nd! Way to go Eagles!

Eagle in Profile



Emerson Hare

Emerson is a second-year curler who has taken on the leadership responsibility as the team's Skip. Emerson has shown his determination, dedication and leadership skipping our young team to the KASSAA Finals.

Congratulations Emerson!

Stay in the loop...



<https://twitter.com/ESSRecLead>



<https://www.youtube.com/@ernestownathletics3201>



Congratulations to Seniors **Matayia Renzi & Maddy Pitt**, and Juniors **Ceci Dimock & Karly Guidon** who were selected to the 2023 ALL-STAR Volleyball Game played on Feb. 16th.

The novice girls volleyball team had great showings at the LaSalle & Holy Cross Tournaments!



News from Student Services

Early reports will be distributed March 8th in classes for all grade 9 and 10 students and any senior students deemed to be at risk.

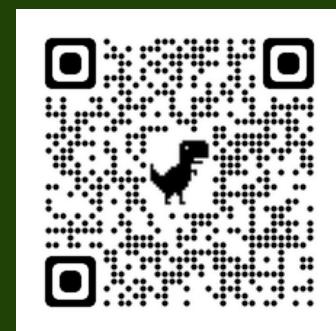
Graduating Students planning to attend College or University are encouraged to book tours of potential schools through their individual websites.

Course Selection is almost complete!

Most students have successfully completed course selection for next year. Any students who have not yet submitted course selection on MyBlueprint are asked to do so as soon as possible. Parents/Guardians are asked to sign their students print off sheet and return to Student Services.

**PARENT/
GUARDIAN-
TEACHER
NIGHT!**
MARCH 23
6:30-8:00PM

For information about **ICT**, **BCIP** and other exciting **SHSM** programs, snap the QR code below!



Graduation is Approaching!

Potential Graduates, do you have the following?



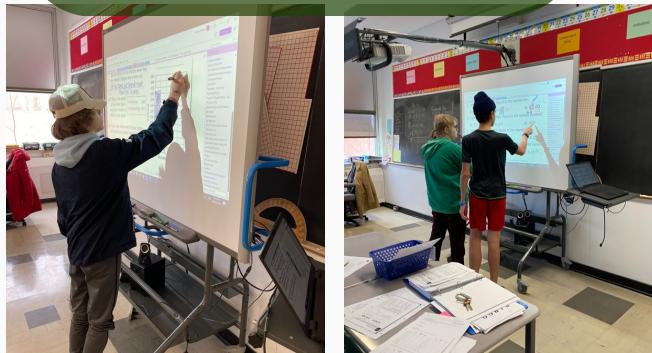
- Community Services Hours?
- Literacy Requirement?
- 30 Credits (18 compulsory, 12 elective)?





A view from the classroom:

THIS MONTH WE ARE VISITING MS. BROOKS' MATH CLASS, WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN FOCUSING ON "MONEY MATTERS". THEY HAVE USED PRACTICAL SKILLS TO MAKE PURCHASES AND COMPUTED THE COST PER STUDENT FOR THEIR UPCOMING TRIP TO THE ROLLER RINK IN NAPANEE. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!





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