



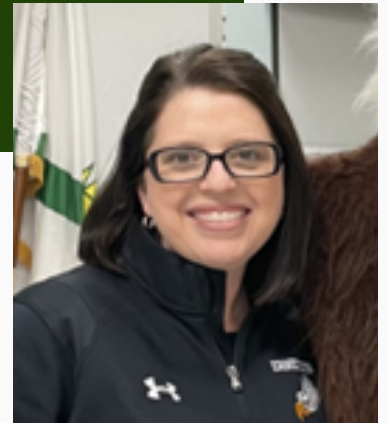
# Ernestown Secondary School

## Principal's Message

February, 2023

Dear Ernestown families,

As we embark on a new semester beginning Feb 6th, I would like to welcome you and your child back to school. We are proud of the work that our students accomplished in first semester, and it is with great excitement that we begin this new chapter of learning and growth together.



At Ernestown, we are committed to providing a safe and inclusive environment where your child can grow academically, socially, and emotionally. Our dedicated teachers and staff are ready to support your child in reaching their full potential. I am deeply proud of our school and believe strongly that Ernestown Secondary School is the best place for your child to develop and become the best version of themselves.

As a parent, you play a critical role in your child's success and we encourage you to stay involved in their education. This newsletter is an intentional step in developing our relationship with our parent and guardian community and reflects our belief that our students' needs are served best when we work as a team with open and caring lines of communication. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out; our door is always open, and we are here to support you and your child in any way we can.

Here's to a great semester ahead!

Shannon Tyner



## Upcoming Events:

**February 6**  
First Day of Semester 2

**February 7**  
PASS at Lunch

**February 8**  
New teachers Luncheon  
Students' Council Meeting

**February 14**  
PASS at Lunch

**February 15**  
Iron Tribe Martial Arts Demo  
Student Council meeting

**February 16**  
Iron Tribe Martial Arts Demo

**February 17**  
Report Cards distributed to students in Homerooms

**February 23**  
Blood Donor Clinic bus leaves at 11:30



Thank you, to all of our blood donors who gave the gift of life in December! Our next donation clinic is on February 9th!



## Welcome...

Please join us in welcoming the following new staff to the ESS family!

Dane Kress  
Cristina Ashby  
Tom Watkins  
Reed Anderson  
Melissa Miller

## ...and good luck!

Thank you, to the following staff for making Ernestown so awesome! You will be missed!

Pam Uens  
Erika Irwin  
Hala Fam  
Tom Ellison  
Sophia Fabiilli  
Adrienne Purbhoo  
Dawn Ash  
Ramona Truscott

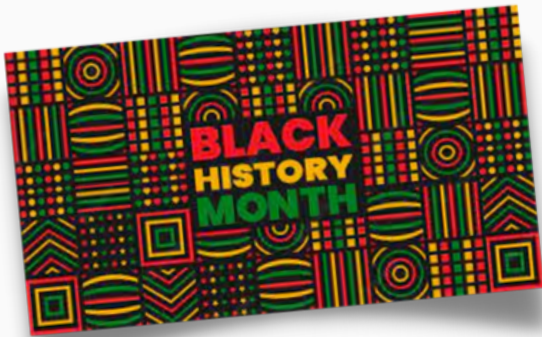


## Equity Matters at ESS...

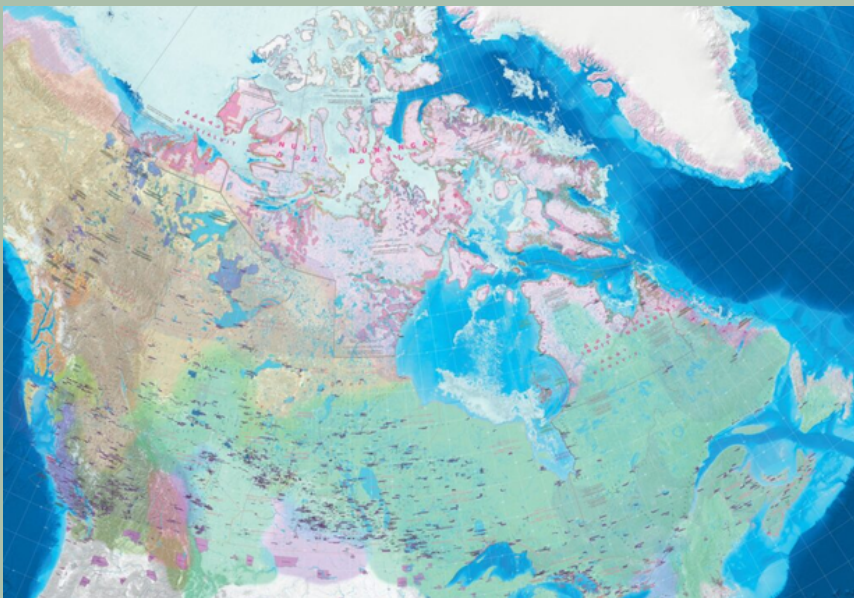
February is Black History Month and although this is officially celebrated for one month, schools and classrooms need to embed past and present Black excellence and histories throughout the entire year.

It is essential that we collectively question the lack of Black representation in learning resources, and counter that by amplifying past, present, and future Black Canadian changemakers and leaders.

During the month of February at Ernestown, we will highlight the contributions of Black Canadians through announcements, social media posts, music selections, and professional development opportunities for staff.



The 2023 ETFO Black History Month poster (artist Benny Bing) is a visual representation of the beauty that lies within Black features: specifically, hair, nose, and lips, that have been historically criminalized and degraded by white beauty standards. The sisterhood and solidarity on display, speaks to the relationships and mentoring that is so crucial in the Black community.



Thank you, to Ms. Moore, for arranging for us to host the Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada map for two weeks in February! Miigwech!

This giant, interactive floor map represents Canada in terms of its Indigenous language groups, rather than in terms of its political borders). The map shows the locations of Indigenous communities, and residential schools, and reserves, and comes with many student activities.



# E-town Sports

## Basketball, Volleyball, and Hockey underway!

The winter season has been fun and exciting for our Junior and Senior Girls' Volleyball teams, our Boys Hockey team, and our Senior Boy's Basketball team. Even in the middle of winter, our Eagles are giving it their all!

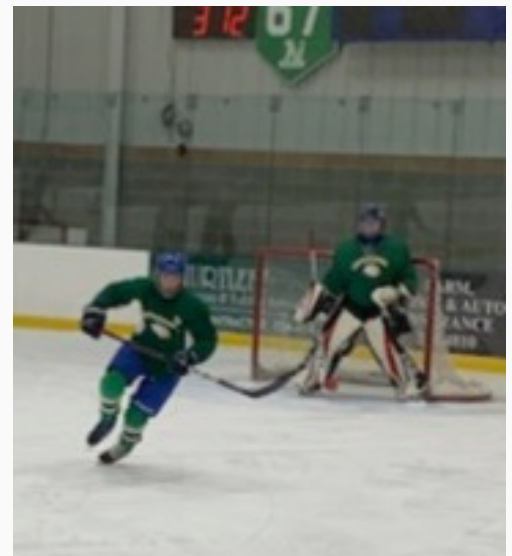


### Eagle in Profile



**Madeline Pitt**

Maddy is an integral part of our senior girls' volleyball program. She is a strong leader, and one of our most versatile players. Maddy plays with skill, determination, and heart. Congratulations Maddy and thank you for your contributions to Ernestown athletics.



### Stay in the loop...



<https://twitter.com/ESSRecLead>



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



# News from Student Services

- Semester 2 Timetables can be accessed by students via the Student Aspen Portal:

[https://ldsb.myontarioedu.ca/aspen/logonSSO.do?deploymentId=ldsbasis&districtId=\\*dst](https://ldsb.myontarioedu.ca/aspen/logonSSO.do?deploymentId=ldsbasis&districtId=*dst)

- Students who have applied to College and University should check their academic records on OCAS and OUAC after Feb. 16 to ensure accuracy.
- Report Cards will be distributed in homerooms Feb. 17th



## Course Selection for the 2023/24 School Year

Ms. Stinson and Mrs. Wales will begin course selection with students during the second week in Feb. Course selection will continue through to the beginning of March. Students will be asked to enter their selections into MyBlueprint by the last day of classes before March Break.

## BCIP's 100th Build!

Ernestown's Building Internship Construction Program held its open house yesterday to show off its 100th building project of the program. Congratulations to Sector teacher Dan Fisher and his students for this amazing accomplishment!



For more information about BCIP and other SHSM programs click here:  
<https://sites.google.com/limestone.on.ca/shsm/home>

GRADE 8  
 PARENT/  
 GUARDIAN  
 INFORMATION  
 NIGHT FEB. 16,  
 6PM

### Info for Host Families info:

<https://ernestownss.limestone.on.ca/cms/one.aspx?portalId=361465&pageId=36692061>

### Info for Indigenous self-identification process:

[https://www.limestone.on.ca/programming/indigenous\\_education/indigenous\\_self-identification](https://www.limestone.on.ca/programming/indigenous_education/indigenous_self-identification)



# A view from the classroom:



This month, we're visiting Ms. Kehl's Grade 9 Computer Tech. class. On this day, students were competing for the title of *Champion of the Universe* in battle bots and balloon pop challenges! Awesome STEM work, Eagles!

