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ERNESTOWN SECONDARY SCHOOL

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VISION

Ernestown Secondary School: A Small School with a Big Heart

Ernestown Secondary School is a fun, welcoming, and exciting student-centered school. With **400 students from grade 9-12**, the best way to describe Ernestown is as a large family. Ernestown students form deep connections with one another, and staff and administrators take the time to get to know the interests, strengths, and potential of students in their care. **Our teachers see their students for the great people they are today and the amazing people they will become in the future.**

At a Glance:

Ernestown is a growing school in the growing communities of Odessa and Amherstview, Ontario. Located only 15 minutes from Kingston, students at Ernestown enjoy the best of both the city and the country. The result is a place of learning with a small-school feeling and big-school opportunities. The qualities of our SOAR school motto (Self-discipline, Optimism, Action, and Respect) are reflected in all facets of school life.

School Facilities

Ernestown has a wide array of exciting facilities for students to enjoy

- Library / Resource Centre
- Music Room
- Hair and Esthetics Lab
- Athletics & Fitness Facility
- Science Classrooms
- Learning Commons
- Photo & Arts Studio
- Football Pitch
- Student Services
- Woodworking Shop
- Technology Lab
- American Football Field
- Two Gymnasiums
- Dramatic Arts Room

SELF-DISCIPLINE

Academic Life:

Students at Ernestown Secondary School are able to explore a range of programming and post-secondary options. Whether your plans after high school include going to University, College, or directly into the workplace, our courses and program offerings provide students with interesting, engaging, and unique learning opportunities. Our programs include Enrichment Learning, Alternative Education, Co-Operative Education, Dual Credits, Focus Programs, Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Programs and Specialist High Skills Major.

Ernestown students enjoy the luxury of small class sizes and more opportunities for 1:1 support from their teachers and support staff. Our Educational Assistants, Counselors, Student Success team, and school Administration work collaboratively to support students' academic and socio-emotional needs.

OPTIMISM

Course Options:

ENGLISH

- General English (Grades 9-12)
- Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Metis and Inuit Voices
- Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course

SCIENCE

- General Science (Grades 9 & 10)
- Biology
- Physics
- Chemistry

TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION

- Exploring Technologies
- Technological Design
- Construction Technology
- Transportation Technology
- Hair and Esthetics

LANGUAGES

- French (Grade 9-12)

SOCIAL SCIENCES

- World History
- Law
- Canadian History
- Personal Life Management
- Foods, Nutrition, and Cooking
- Parenting
- Peer Tutoring & Cooperative Education
- Geography
- Civics and Careers

SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

- Building Construction Internship Program (BCIP)
- Information, Communication Technology Program (ICT)

ARTS

- Visual Arts
- Dramatic Arts
- Photography
- Music (Guitar, Instrumental, Vocal)
- Expression of First Nations, Metis and Inuit Cultures

MATH

- Principles & Foundations of Mathematics (Grades 9 & 10)
- Advanced Functions
- Data Management
- Calculus & Vectors
- Math for Everyday Living

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Physical Education and Personal Fitness

ACTION

Daily Life at E-town!

A positive and welcoming space best describes Ernestown Secondary School and it is important to us that students feel a sense of belonging, purpose and connectedness. Ernestown is a place where staff know your name and know your story.

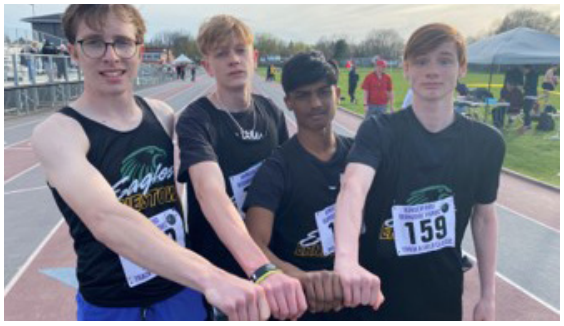
Most Ernestown students begin their day in the halls or cafeteria with friends, and then move to their first period class. During lunch, students can grab a snack at The Eagle's Nest, our new student-run school store, participate in intramural sports, play ping-pong in the cafeteria, or go for a walk to one of the parks in nearby Odessa.

Like all other schools in Limestone, Ernestown operates on a semester system with students taking four courses per semester, for a total of eight in the year. The class schedule allows for four, seventy-five minutes classes daily.

Schedule

Period 1 ..... 8:14 - 9:30
Period 2 ..... 9:40 - 11:00
Lunch ..... 11:00 - 11:50
Period 3 ..... 11:50 - 1:05
Period 4 ..... 1:15 - 2:30

RESPECT



Clubs and Extracurriculars:

Students in all grades can participate in a variety of clubs and extracurricular activities at Ernestown. These groups serve as a great way to make friends and contribute positively to the school community. Many of these clubs were created as a result of student interest, and we always encourage students to speak up and form a club if they have an idea for one!

- Student Council
- Dramatic Productions
- Coffee House
- Gaming Club
- Colours LGTBQ2S+ Club
- Yearbook Club
- Concert Band
- Dungeons and Dragons Club
- Gardening Club
- The Eagle's Nest Crew
- Mosaic Club

Ernestown Athletics:

Because of our school size, Ernestown student athletes are able to play a variety of sports including Football, Rugby, Basketball, Volleyball, Hockey, Swimming, Curling, Field Hockey, Badminton, Golf, Track and Field, Cross-country Running,American Football, Baseball, and Ultimate Frisbee.

Our school mascot is Ernie the Eagle, and our school colours are Green, White, and Gold. Like the mighty eagle, our student athletes wear their school colours with pride and strength of purpose.

BELONGING

Testimonials:

"I was nervous in my first few days at Ernestown, for sure. But within a matter of a week, I knew my way around and about ten teachers would greet me in the halls. I quickly noticed that Ernestown wasn't like every other school in Kingston and that's because what we lack in size and student population, we make up for in spirit, inclusion, and diversity. ESS is a true hidden gem of Limestone. I would encourage anyone to take part in as many opportunities that come your way. Don't be afraid to open your wings and step out of your comfort zone. By the end of your high school career, you'll have a close group of friends and a tonne of experiences and memories to look back on - you'll be truly grateful that you took that leap."

-Sarah Gillan

"ESS has truly been a memorable experience. The staff members are encouraging and positive, creating the best possible atmosphere for learning. Being in a classroom at ESS feels like a community, teachers and classmates alike. The dedicated and amazing teachers and staff of ESS will undoubtedly teach you that you will in fact love learning while cultivating a lifetime of necessary skills."

-Jordyn Dundon

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