



Etobicoke Collegiate Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been a great start to the school year and I have enjoyed meeting many students and many parents as well. Thanks to the hard work of our teachers and community volunteers, ECI is an incredibly busy place with non-stop arts, sports and other clubs.

Our parent community is also very active with good attendance at our School Council Meetings. Our Rai\$e-A-Ruckus Fundraising Committee, also made up of parent volunteers is organizing a fantastic campaign that will benefit the school and the community.

I have been sending out ECI News Bulletins approximately every second week which very briefly describe upcoming events and important happenings at the school such as the Awards' Assembly and Parent-Teacher Interviews. If you would like to receive these bulletins please sign up with your email address on Parents' Night or contact the main office and we will add you to our mailing list.

Please follow us at erams.ca for updated information and news on upcoming events.

Caroline Rath



Art, Drama and Music Department

Art

A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Norman's Grade 9 classes for the artistic and heartfelt Remembrance Day display on the first floor. Ms. Oxley's Grade 10 History classes provided information and staff and students shared personal stories. A big thank you goes to Mr Steponas for his memorable video for the Remembrance Day Assembly.



Upcoming Events:

From Monday, November 14th to Thursday December 1st, 2011, Mrs. Bell's and Mrs. Norman's Art classes will be having a guest artist, Liz Forrest. She will be providing two week "Mokuhanga" Workshop. She is a specialist in the art of Japanese Wood-block print making.

Drama



Ms. Kimmel's Senior Drama students attended a performance of "Machomer." It is an adaptation of Shakespeare's Macbeth performed by one man who used 70 different character voices from the Simpson's TV show to tell Shakespeare's classic story of murder and revenge. Ms. Kimmel's Grade 10 Drama students also performed a wonderful series of tableaux to the song, "Imagine" by John Lennon which was also coordinated and sung by Mr. Smith's Vocal Music students.

Keep your eye open for the Senior Drama class's Docu-Drama performances coming this winter!

Music

The Senior Band students have been busy performing for Commencement and the Remembrance Day Assembly. They worked hard to provide a moving experience for all who attended both of those events. The Senior Strings and the Vocal students performed at the Awards Assembly.

Mr. Smith's Musical Theatre classes performed in the recent Phantom Returns concert which met with rave reviews. Their work with Peter Karrie and the Etobicoke School of the Arts was a positive experience for everyone involved. It attracted local media attention drawing a capacity crowd in the Strathdee Auditorium. Special thanks go out to parent volunteers, Mrs. Sharon McKenzie and Madeleine Arsenault for putting up an eye-catching display and for providing goodies to sell at the food booth for the Phantom Returns concert. Another thank you goes out to Mr. Steponas for his program notes of the Phantom Returns Performance.



String Students and some Senior Band members were delighted to attend the Juno Award-winning performing group, "Sultan of Strings."

Upcoming Music Events

- December 1st The Music Students' citrus orders are arriving.
December 7th The Holiday Concert is on at 7 p.m.
December 16th Band students will be attending the New Orleans Preservation Hall Jazz Band
December 16th The Senior Band will be performing with the Etobicoke Community Concert Band Performance in our auditorium.
December 20th Musical Theatre students will be attending the Broadway Musical, "Memphis"
January 13-15th Music Camp will be occurring on the weekend.
February 9-11 ECI presents the musical, "Urinetown"

Other Notes:

Our Etobicoke Singers have been selected to be one of the solo performing choirs at this year's prestigious TDSB Sounds of Toronto Concert at Massey Hall.
A substantial donation was given by the Shipp Family. They donated an upright grand piano and a Hammond organ. We are very grateful and appreciative of their generosity.

Mathematics

Welcome to Math at ECI! Please visit the [Math blog](#) linked to the [erams.ca](#) website. Look under "show menu" for lists of homework, notes for classes and the Math Calendar which has important evaluation dates for students and parents.

Students are well under way with learning Math at ECI. All of our Math teachers try to help students understand and enjoy Mathematics. Remember Math = FUN!

There is also a "How to Study Math" guideline on the Math blog which guides students and parents if they need suggestions on how to improve their study habits.

Math courses begin with more "straight forward" topics and build on these topics throughout the year while becoming more challenging for most students. It is critical that students understand each topic so that they can be successful in the future chapters.

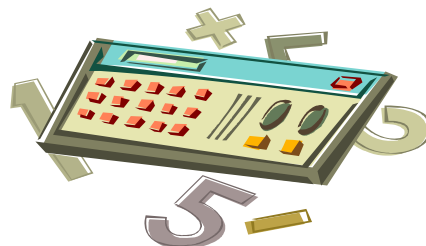
Here is a very important study habit to use: students should repeat homework to make sure they really understand the topic.

The Math department encourages parents to check routinely for students' evaluations (once every 1 or 2 weeks), Markbook summaries from teachers and follow along to see if your child is doing their homework. All of this information is on the Math blog! Homework lists and dates of evaluations are all ready and waiting for students and parents to enjoy.

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you ever have questions!

Check out Homework Help for free online math help for students in Grades 9 and 10. Students can see their math teacher for more information.

Math is a fun party for the mind! Join the party with your child and make it a family celebration!



Health and Physical Education

This fall has been a busy and successful season for the Health and Physical Education Department. Nine teams were involved in regular season play, including junior boy's volleyball, senior boy's volleyball, unior boy's football, senior boy's football, junior girl's basketball, senior girl's basketball, cross country, tennis and golf. Many teams were very successful this season. The junior and senior girl's basketball teams and the boy's volleyball team won the West Region Championships and are vying for the city championships. The junior and senior girls and senior boys cross country teams also won the West Regional Title, and many runners went on to represent Etobicoke at OFSAA. Our golf team also sent representatives to OFSAA. Congratulations to all students who competed this season. The Health and Physical Education Department would also like to recognize the hard work of the following coaches; Ms. Anderson, Mr. Church, Ms. Clarke, Mr. Currie, Mr. Dias, Ms. Eastwood, Ms. Glover, Mr. Haring, Ms. Kwan, Mr. Lee, Mr. O'Reilly, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Roulston, Mr. Slinger, Mr. Udall, and Mr. Zobary. Without these teachers' generous gift of time and dedication, Etobicoke's athletics program would not be what it is today!

Team tryouts have already begun for winter teams. Students have a chance to represent ECI as part of the midget, junior or senior boys' basketball team, the curling team, on girls' and boys' ice hockey teams, in swimming, junior or senior girl's volleyball or wrestling. Badminton will start at the end of January.

Friday Night Lights was successful again this year. Everyone had a fun night, even though the score didn't quite work out our way. Thank you to parents and relatives for coming out to support our teams. Next year will be the year we beat Richview!!

One of the most active groups in the Health and Physical Education Department is the Athletic Council. Their tasks include collecting the \$15 athletic fee, running intramurals, giving support to teams, fundraising, running the athletic banquet, and this year, doing an elementary outreach campaign. The Athletic Council is led by President, Catherine Bell and Vice-president Beatrice McDonagh-Chamyk, and they are supported by the executive council and the council. These students work really hard to keep Etobicoke active.

The athletic council's first major fundraising activity is the annual SPIRIT WEAR CAMPAIGN. This year we have gone with a new distributor, and all purchases can be made on-line all year long. Please check out www.yourschoolgear.ca to see all the swag that is available for purchase. If you would still like to make a cash purchase, you can do so from November 16-23 or on Parents Night. Remember that spirit wear makes a great Christmas gift!

At this point in the year, Intramurals are up and running, every Thursday in the large gym. So far we have had speedball, dodge ball and yoga. Look out for the Battle of the Elementary Schools. Is your grade school the best?

This year we have also expanded the weight room schedule to include every day at lunch. Membership only costs \$15 for unlimited use of the equipment. Last winter we received a donation of equipment from the Royal Canadian Yacht Club. Come check out all that Rm. 185 has to offer.

To begin the year, Ms. Kaske took some members of the Athletic Council to the "My Health, My Choice Conference", at the Art Gallery of Ontario. It was a great day, where the students learned more techniques to get students involved in activity in surprising ways, and get a chance to see what other schools are doing in their athletic programs. The AGO's new learning centre was a great venue for all the creative ideas!



Ms. Kaske and Ms. Kwan went for a day of canoeing with their Fun and Fit and Outdoor Education classes in October. The weather held out, and both groups had lots of fun navigating through the inlets of Toronto Island. What a great way to spend a day!



Grade 9 Girls Sleepover

Well done to Alexia Vuckovic and Ellie Hines for leading another wonderful Grade 9 Girls Sleepover. Forty-eight grade nine girls got a wonderful bonding experience and had the opportunity to get to know some great senior students. Etobicoke Collegiate never looks quite the same after you have seen it at night! Thank you to Ms. Stapleton and her daughter who joined the fun for the evening and Ms. Kaske, Ms. Kwan, Ms. McRae, and Ms. Slavin, who supervised, gave up their Friday night and slept the night at school. We couldn't have done it without you.



Social Science & Humanities

The Social Science and Humanities department would first like to welcome Ms. Truong to the Family studies courses, and student teacher Ms. Santos from the University of Toronto who will be with us until November 25th. The *Grade 9 Individuals in Canadian Families* classes have completed their first food lab and have learned how to put together spring rolls! The *Food sciences* courses have completed their safety tests, and have started cooking up a storm in the kitchens. All one needs to do is take a walk by the food lab and smell the delicious aromas in the air. The Fashions course is getting ready to visit the *Royal Ontario Museum (ROM)* and the *Bata Shoe Museum* later this month, where they will be partaking in a Fashion lab as well as visiting the special fashion exhibit. We would like to thank Ms. Barnwell for planning this enriching learning opportunity for our students, along with Ms. Tuck for volunteering to assist with the supervision of this trip. The *Grade 11 Anthropology, Psychology and Sociology* classes and the *Grade 12 Challenge and Change* students are learning about the work and contributions of various social scientists in the fields of Anthropology, Psychology and Sociology.



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Social Science & Humanities

Canadian & World Studies

The ECI Canadian & World Studies Department once again is off to a good start this Fall. We opened the year with the Ontario election, a very important event, especially for our Civics and Politics students. Ms. Oxley's Politics classes staged two very lively debates in our auditorium for our Grade 10 Civics students. After the debate, ECI students joined thousands across the province in the CBC Student Vote. The event was a lot of fun, but also provided a great learning opportunity for our students. Our Grade 10 students have also been very engaged in studying Canada's role in the Great War (1914-1918). This year when they attended our Remembrance Day Assembly, they had the opportunity to think about the sacrifices so many made in our history.



Our Grade 9 Geography students have been intensely studying our planet, while our Grade 11 History and Geography students have been working on their research skills. Grade 12 is an extremely important year for our Economic, Law, Politics, History and World Issues students. All of our teachers are focusing on the creative thinking and research skills which they will need to take with them next year.

This year we want to welcome Ms. Bertucci to Geography, Mr. Roberts to Geography and History and Ms. Rayat to Geography and Economics. We also want to welcome back our Law teacher Ms. Stapleton, who took a year off with her family. Ms. Scott and Mr. Smith from York University have also been working with our teachers in Canadian and World Studies. All of this new energy supports a fun filled learning experience in Canadian & World Studies.

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