"New Year, New You, Challenge"

The CARES Council has created a new challenge. It is called the **New Year, New You, Calandar**. The goal is to support the social and emotional well-being of all our staff members. We hope that all staff will participate in the many caring activities that will be posted throughout the months of January and February. The goal of these posts is to encourage teachers to reflect on themselves and focus on self-care. Most often our focus is on our families, our students or others that are important to us. We also tend to focus on "things" that many times are not even in our control. Putting focus back on ourselves will allow us to be at our best and be able to manage our stress and all of our lives responsibilities more efficiently and effectively. We all have earned and deserve a self-care program that supports and strengthens our mental and emotional health and well-being."You take care of You"

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**December Student of the Month**

On January 13th, Student of the Month Awards were presented. This recognition is based upon high levels of scholarship, GPA, regular attendance, positive attitude, and strong participation in EOB’s educational program. We consider this an honor to be held in high esteem.

Congratulations to the December student of the month recipients and families!
The student council collected wishes and hopes for the new year from students and staff at the end of December for students to see when they returned in the new year. The students then placed all of the wishes and hopes on snowflakes for all to see the good wishes that have been shared for all of Emmett O’Brien to have during a successful 2022 year! Here is to hoping for a great New Year!

Annual Winter Door Decorating Contest

The student council held their annual winter door decorating contest. This was warmly welcomed by all shops as we had to unfortunately take a hiatus from it last year due to COVID. All of the shops were very fast to get started as the excitement of the competition quickly returned. Every single shop displayed a lot of effort and excitement in being able to compete in such a fun competition again! From an actual ice skating rink, to a candy factory, a walk through classical movies, and a train ride! There was so many themes represented! Congratulations to all for such hard work and dedication. The voting this year for the winners was open to all students, staff, and parents. The results of the competition was as follows:

Third Place: MDET (Willy Wonka Chocolate Factory)
Second Place: HVAC (Ice skating rink and the Miser Brothers)
First Place: HEALTH Tech (Christmas Story with the infamous lamp)

Congrats to our winners! Health Tech
**Staff Acknowledgement Award**

**Nominated by students: Mrs. Kinard**

"I believe that this staff member should be recognized because she is a very kind and caring teacher who pushes her students to do the best that they can at their work. She will always help her students whenever they need help, whenever she is available. Her lessons are also tailored so that kids can understand them better, so that they have a better chance at doing good on tests and quizzes." "Mrs. Kinard is a teacher that I don't know what I would do without. She is there whenever I have even the smallest question and doesn't make me feel like I am bothering her. She is there just for something as simple as just needing to talk and get something off my chest. She is a role model in my life and a teacher I look up to. Mrs. Kinard has made a huge impact in my life and defiantly needs to be honored for what she has done. I know she has also made an impact in other students' lives." **Congratulations Mrs. Kinard!**

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**Approaching the End of the Second Marking Period**

The second Marking Period ends on **Monday, January 24th**. We are midway through the school year! Hard to believe!

All students and parents should be monitoring course progress in PowerSchool throughout each term.

We do realize that at times students may miss an assignment and then forget to make it up. By checking in PowerSchool through the student or parent portal you can view what assignments may be missing or incomplete by going to the quick look up tab and then clicking on the grade for each class.

Teachers are available to assist with work completion. Students should make arrangements with teachers for extra help and support in completing missed work. **All past due work** should be submitted as soon as possible.

**IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO HAND IN MISSED WORK!!**

Take advantage of this opportunity. By doing so a marking period grade can be raised increasing the likelihood of passing the class for the year, earning the credit and gaining more knowledge!

We understand that this has been a challenging year. But we believe that Emmett O'Brien students are up to the "Challenge". We are **CONDOR STRONG!**
Superintendent Dr. Solek On the Job
Superintendent Dr. Solek visits our shops out on production. Plumbing, HVAC, and Electrical students are hard at work installing all mechanicals on a new house in Oxford.

Upcoming Events

January 17
Holiday - No School
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 18
Club Day

January 24
Marking Period 2 Ends

January 27
Club Day

February 1
Coffee with the Principal

February 11
Holiday - No School
Lincoln's Birthday

Martin Luther
King Jr. Day

Oh Baby!
Welcome Ashton Matthew Dunn! Baby Ashton was born December 14, 2021 @ 7:49 p.m., 7 lbs 8 ounces. Mrs. Dunn and Ashton say hello and wish everyone a happy and healthy new year!