

ENJOY!

EMMETT O'BRIEN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

THE CONDOR FLYER

Basketball and Cheerleading Senior Night

The boys basketball and winter cheerleading teams held their Senior Night on February 4th, prior to a victory against Wilcox Tech. The following players were honored: Elijah Moore, Nate Phetis, Kyle Rogers, Zach Rodriguez, Ruben Bael, Max Shuart, Angel Ayala and Josh Ramsay. The senior cheerleaders are: Alissa Hansen, Alyssa Swanson, April Nowinski, Jessenia Dejesus, Giovanna Borelli and Sanaa McNeil. we wish them all the best of luck in the future! **Once a Condor, always a Condor.**



Gymnastics - Team of One

Sophia Moramarco, a freshman student competes as a Team-of-One for Emmett O'Brien. She travels and trains with Oxford and Seymour High School. Sophia has been a gymnast since she was 8 and trains at Kinetic Kids of Oxford during the off season. Sophia has set her goals high as she plans to make states sometime during her high school career.



Faculty Merit Awards

On February 17, Faculty Merit Awards were presented for Marking Period 2. The faculty and staff recognized over one hundred students this marking period for their achievement in academic classes and career technologies. Students are recognized for their strong academic ethic, characterized by good attendance, citizenship, high levels of responsibility, uncommon effort, character and pride in their work. Please join us in congratulating these students and encouraging them to keep up the outstanding work!



Goodbye to Mr. Ciminera

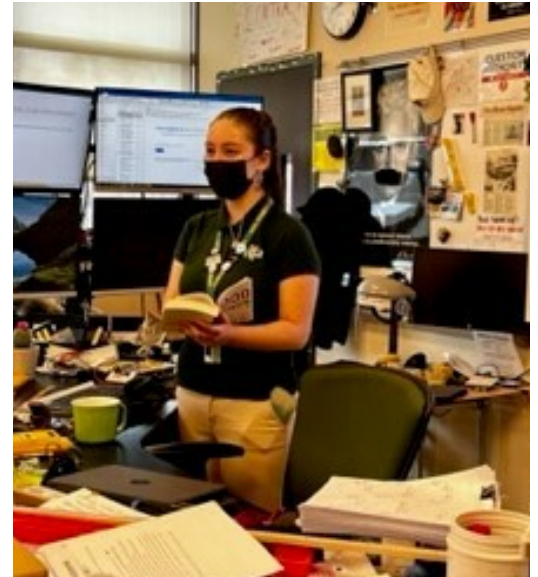
The Emmett O'Brien staff wished a farewell to Mr. Ciminera, our Automotive Instructor for 6 years. He is returning to Kaynor Tech, a high school he attended to spearhead his career education in Automotive Technology. Mr. Ciminera has done an outstanding job and will be sorely missed by both staff and students. We wish him the very best.

All the best!



The Color-Coded Society Club Promotes Acceptance

The Color-Coded Society Club at EOB was founded August 2021. Its name "Color-Coded Society" is in reference to the diversity and the inclusion of people (especially in this school) no matter the color of their skin or sexuality. Founder Mariah Roque explains: "we are all 'coded' in a way that makes us different from birth and (the club) helps us understand the differences that we have and embrace them. It's important to understand the differences between you and another person in order to break barriers and help each other out." The club members and advisors hope to provide activities that can enhance the school climate by promoting acceptance and raising awareness. This year, the club held its first fundraiser and raised \$200 for CT for a Dream, a statewide organization that advocates for undocumented students and their rights. Mariah has put together stellar presentations, exposed members to thought provoking documentaries, and leads group discussions (pictured above). We love hearing her this past month making daily morning announcements that honor various activist/heroes to help EOB celebrate Black History Month.



Student Council Raising Awareness

Student Council sponsored a Black History Month T-Shirt sale for the month of February. Student Council wanted to spread awareness and shed light on the injustices that happen in this world. With one of the most known and important people from the Civil Rights Movement that without we may not be where we are today. We also incorporated one of the most known quotes on the shirt "Be The Dream", which symbolizes for all students to work and achieve their dreams. Student Council sold these T-Shirts and saw a huge turnout among teachers and students. Happy Black History Month. "Wake Up Each Day and Tell The World to Bring It".



CONGRATULATIONS

Skills USA Top Score

Please join us in congratulating **Anthony Russo** for scoring the highest on the Skills USA Prequalifying exam out of all the Technical High Schools. Anthony is a Grade 12 Automotive student. **Outstanding!**



Upcoming Events

March 8
Coffee with the Principal

March 14
Club Day
Pi Day

March 15
Professional Development
Early Dismissal - Students

March 23 & 24
SAT Juniors

March 25
Skills USA - No School



We welcome Mrs. Sardo, our new SPED instructor, to the EOB family. She has been teaching for 10 years, most recently at Derby High School. Mrs. Sardo is looking forward to meeting everyone, please stop by to say hello!



Tax Season FAQ's from Teens:

Q: I only made \$8,000 last year. Do I have to file my taxes?



A: You don't have to file, but you SHOULD! If you made less than the standard deduction (\$12,550), you don't legally have to file a 1040, but if you had any income taxes taken out of your paychecks by either the federal or the state, you will get ALL of it back as a refund.

Q: If I file my taxes, will my parents still be able to claim me as a dependent?

A: Yes! This is a common misconception, If you worked, you can get your own tax refund and your parents can still claim you as a dependent (and get the child credit) as long as they paid for over 50% of your living expenses.

Q: Should I pay someone to do my taxes?

A: If you make less than \$39,000, you can file for free on most tax filing websites. Unless you have some unusual circumstances, your taxes should be very easy to do at this point in your life. A service such as TurboTax or H&R Block will offer you assistance if necessary.