

Dear Parents, Students and Educators

The **Enrichment Studies Unit (ESU) at Queen's University** is eager to share important updates and news about our 2013 enrichment programs.

**COURSES NOW ONLINE** -- Courses are now posted online for all winter and spring 2013 commuter and in-residence programs. You can find the courses for each program under the program name on our website. There are lots of new and exciting courses being offered in 2013, as well as favourites that have been refreshed. Check them out today! <http://esu.queensu.ca/programs/>

**LOCAL STUDENTS: WINTER REGISTRATION** -- Registration for the **Winter SEEDS (grade 7-8, February 20-22, 2013,)** and **Grade 6 Enrichment Day (February 19, 2013) Commuter Programs**, will open on January 1, 2013. Check here for all registration dates, <http://esu.queensu.ca/registration/when-to-register/>.

**LABOUR DISPUTE: PARENTS NEEDED!** -- The **Ontario Teachers' Labour Dispute** is a challenge for us all, and many schools will not be organizing student trips to ESU programs, though many we've talked to are willing to let parents make arrangements. To ensure students don't miss out on this enrichment opportunity, we need parents to take the lead. Visit the website for program details and to begin planning your excursion. Contact us at [esu@queensu.ca](mailto:esu@queensu.ca) if you need information or assistance.

**DONATE TO SUPPORT STUDENTS IN NEED** -- Help **send a deserving student to an ESU Program** in 2013. Every year we have more bursary requests than we can support. We invite you to make a donation to enable a bright student to attend this unique enriching experience. All donations to Queen's University are tax deductible, and your donation to our "Enrichment Studies Bursary Fund" goes directly towards the tuition of a student in financial need to attend an Enrichment Studies Unit program. Your gift of any amount is appreciated and will be used carefully. Click here to donate now: [www.givetoqueens.ca/esu](http://www.givetoqueens.ca/esu)

### **RESIDENCE PROGRAMS: SOME IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR 2013**

- The arrival time for our EMC program (high school students) is reverting back to what it was prior to last year: Arrival will be between 5:00 and 6:30pm. Dinner will not be offered on the day of arrival, but we will provide options for take-out
- Our SEEDS-In-Residence program will end earlier on Friday, at 1:00pm after a BBQ lunch; Classes will be adjusted to ensure students receive the same number of hours of instruction as in previous years
- We will be adjusting our evening activities to ensure they more fully contribute to the overall enrichment experience for the students

From our family to yours, have a safe and Happy Holiday and a wonderful New Year!

The Staff of ESU

Andy, Carissa, Jesselyn and Sam

