

December 2011 Newsletter

Here are some important updates from the *Enrichment Studies Unit* at Queen's University.

Pre-booking space

If you are planning on bringing or sending a group of students from your school to one of our 2012 winter or spring enrichment programs, please contact us to pre-book the number of spaces you will need. This does not guarantee a space in a course, but gives us a better idea of numbers so we can plan for the program. As of today, SEEDS-In-Residence week 3 (May 28-31) has nearly reached its maximum capacity, as has Winter SEEDS (Feb 22-24). Email us at esu@queensu.ca

Courses now listed online

Our courses are now listed on our website under the "Programs" tab for each program. Please direct your students to begin looking and considering which courses they are interested in. We are pleased with the variety and quality of this year's courses. (Note that we are working on a couple more that may be added early in January.) <http://esu.queensu.ca/programs/index.php>

Chaperone policy clarification

For 2012, we are implementing a new school/ board chaperone policy which will impact schools or boards that send supervisors. The initial policy statement has caused some confusion and concern, so we've attached a document which provides the policy and its rationale, and goes on to offer a more detailed explanation of how the policy will be implemented. We are excited about the new model, and are confident it will enhance the experience for your students.

Looking for ESU alumni

The Enrichment Studies Unit is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2012, and we are planning an Alumni Celebration in the spring. We are trying to track down as many of the 100,000 students who have attended ESU programs since 1987 as we can, and are asking for your help. If you have alumni lists for your school, or can offer ways for us to help spread the word, please contact Jesselyn at esu.alumni@queensu.ca

Debit card now accepted

Once our online registration opens in 2012, we will be able to accept payments made by Debit Card. This gives parents another way to pay, and helps us keep our fees down, as Debit Card purchases are subject to a much lower transaction fee than Credit Cards.

Bursary fund

Each year we aim to provide as many financial bursaries as possible to encourage students in low-income situations to attend our enrichment programs. Bursary forms are now available on our website for students who may be eligible. Also, online donations can be made to the ESU Student Bursary Fund – a great gift idea at this time of the year Visit <http://esu.queensu.ca/registration/awards.php> for bursary forms, or to donate, go to <http://www.givetoqueens.ca/esu>

Summer programs!

This past summer of 2011 we launched our first summer program, the Summer Enrichment Experience at Queen's, or SEEQ. We will be offering SEEQ again in the summer of 2012, as a one-week commuter program and a one-week in-residence program, both in August. New this year, we will be offering a two-week, in-residence program in July, hoping to draw students from across Canada and internationally. Watch for more details on our website in a few months!

*Happy Holidays from the staff at the Enrichment Studies Unit at
Queen's University*