ESC Argot
February 2022
We acknowledge that Western University is located on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabek (Ah-nish-in-a-bek), Haudenosaunee (Ho-den-no-show-nee), Lūnaapéewak (Len-ahpay-wuk) and Attawandaron (Add-a-won-da-run) peoples, on lands connected with the London Township and Sombra Treaties of 1796 and the Dish with One Spoon Covenant Wampum. With this, we respect the longstanding relationships that Indigenous Nations have to this land, as they are the original caretakers. We acknowledge historical and ongoing injustices that Indigenous Peoples (e.g. First Nations, Métis and Inuit) endure in Canada, and we accept responsibility as a public institution to contribute toward revealing and correcting miseducation as well as renewing respectful relationships with Indigenous communities through our teaching, research and community service.

Not currently in London? Check out [native-land.ca](http://native-land.ca) or the [Whose Land](http://whose-land.ca) app to learn about the history of the land you are on!
### FEBRUARY

**important dates to remember**

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**NOTES:**
- Black History Month
- **YEAR 1 DATES**
- **YEAR 2 DATES**
- *dates are tentative*
DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

ELECTED POSITIONS:
- Self Nomination Period: CLOSED
- Campaign Period: NOW - Feb 4th
- Election Period: Feb 7th - 8th

AVAILABLE ELECTED POSITIONS
- President
- VP Academic Affairs
- VP External Affairs
- VP Student Affairs
- VP Finance
- VP Student Events
- VP Communications
- Year 2 Representative

GENERAL MEMBER POSITIONS:
- Self Nomination Period: Feb 21st - Mar 4th
- Awarding positions: Mar 5th and onwards

AVAILABLE GENERAL MEMBER POSITIONS
- Athletic Director (Year 2)
- OSSTF Representative (Year 2)
- OECTA Representative (Year 2)
- ETFO Representative (Year 2)
- ESCargot Editor
- Graduation Formal Commissioner
- Social Events Commissioner (Year 2)
- Marketing Assistant
- MPT Commissioner

we would love to have you join our amazing team!
RESOURCES FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

CLASSROOM RESOURCES

10 Inspiring Black History Month Activities for Students
Whether you're in-class or remote, celebrate Black History Month with your students using these 10

7 Classroom Resources for Teaching Black History in Canada
Teaching Canadian Black History in your class? Check out these 7 teacher resources about important Black
https://www.brightsparktravel.ca/blog/classroom-resources-for-teaching-black-history-in-canada

LITERACY RESOURCES

‘The Sun Does Shine’
by Anthony Ray Hinton

‘This Book is Anti-Racist’
by Tiffany Jewell

ORGANIZATIONS TO SUPPORT

20 Canadian Anti-Racism Organizations You Can Support
Systemic racism persists around the world — and Canada is no exception. Here's a list of anti-racism
https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/content/anti-racism-organizations-canada/

10 Organizations That Empower Black Communities In Canada
If you're looking to make a difference right here at home, here are 10 organizations that support black
https://www.stylemepretty.com/organizations-black-canadian-communities/
Valentine’s Day is all about love - not just romantically but also the love you share for your friends, family, students, teaching, etc...

Adding a little love into the classroom wouldn’t hurt so here are some activities you can do with your students.

https://mrswintersbliss.com/valentine-day-ideas-classroom/  
https://buildingbooklove.com/valentines-day-activities-for-high/  
https://www.hmhco.com/blog/7-valentines-day-activities-for-the-classroom
The Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic Games are just around the corner and you could bring a little fun into the classroom by running your very own Olympic games!

Split your class into teams and let them have an Olympic themed learning! Depending on your classroom and teaching beliefs, you may choose to have points and medals or just let your students enjoy the activities without the competitive aspect.

Here are some ideas for each subject that could be added to your game schedule:

**Literacy** - Have students create a story about the Winter Olympics or write about a sport or an Olympic athlete.

**Math** - This one may be tricky but depending on the grade, you could create word problems that could get them to add scores or figure out the area of an Olympic stadium.

**Science** - There is a lot of science happening for each sport, again depending on the grade, you could introduce friction or advance to torque.

**The Arts** - Have students create their own flag and anthem!

**Gym** - This is probably the easiest way to include the Olympic theme - let your students try some Winter Olympic sports!
To learn more about the Tiger, other zodiacs, and also figure out your students’ or your own zodiac, follow the link below:


**please note that the zodiacs follow the lunisolar calendar so someone born in the same year as you (based on the Western or Gregorian calendar) may have a different zodiac than you!**

Lunar New Year (also known as Chūnjié (春節), Tết (nguyễn Dán), Seollal (설날), Shōgatsu (正月) - just to name a few) is a new year celebration for many Asian countries that follow the lunisolar calendar.

This year, the Lunar New Year is on Feb 1 and changes every year depending on the phases of the moon. Some cultures also have zodiacs that rotate every new year. This year is the "Year of the Water Tiger".

Please be sure to not only call it "Chinese New Year" as many different Asian countries celebrate the new year and not only those who are of Chinese descent.

'Alex’s Good Fortune' by Benson Shum

'All Year for One Day' by Tiff Lee

'The Colors of Tet | Màu của Tết' (Bilingual) by Ha Huyen

Year of the Tiger 2022: Which Chinese zodiac sign is the luckiest?
A complete visual guide to welcome the tiger and
FIRST YEAR

- **Conference Week**
  - Sign-up for sessions by **February 4th**
    - Sign-up link is found in your email
    - Session info is found in BEd Class of 2023 > T2P PD Series > Conference Week
  - Conference Week is **February 22-25**
    - Each session will be automatically added to your AFE hours as long as you complete the C4U quiz after each

- **MTM External Review**
  - **March 8**
    - Online - Mentors will share specifics, which may vary by group
    - Each TC will have ~5 min to present their Annual Learning Plan. The External Reviewer (typically a current or retired Principal/Administrator) will share feedback

SECOND YEAR

- **MTM External Review**
  - **February 8**
    - Online - Mentors will share specifics, which may vary by group
    - Each TC will have ~5 min to present their Annual Learning Plan. The External Reviewer (typically a current or retired Principal/Administrator) will share feedback

- **Temporary Certificate**
  - Temporary Certificate Faculty Reports can be requested in BEd Class of 2022 > Graduation Prep > Temporary Certificate
    - Please allow 1-2 weeks after requesting for your Temp Cert Faculty Report to be sent to the OCT (assuming you already meet all Temp Cert Faculty Report eligibility requirements)
    - Once your Temp Cert Faculty Report is sent, it will be updated on your BEd Checklist

- **Employment Opportunities**
  - Job posting can be found on TheTeacherCandidate.com
  - Sign up for email alerts if you're interested in receiving notifications of new posts
tell us what you think!

Got a comment, suggestion, or concern about the ESC or anything related to the program?

Leave us a comment on the ESC Digital Comment Box!

forms.gle/rr536mXHro63ViW6
Student Services

Contact Information

Psychological Services
Offers confidential counselling for personal and social issues through individual appointments, and workshops on a variety of topics.
Visit https://www.uwo.ca/health/psych/

Accessible Education
Offers services for students with a variety of disabilities by providing academic accommodation, assistive technology, and related support.
Contact ssd@uwo.ca or visit https://studentexperience.uwo.ca/leadershiplearning/

Wellness Education Centre (WEC)
Offers a safe, comfortable environment for Western students to explore the many health and wellness resources available on and off campus.
If you don't know where to go, start here.
Contact wec@uwo.ca, visit https://www.uwo.ca/health/

Gender Violence & Survivor Support Case Management
The Gender Violence & Survivor Support Case Manager will provide you support regardless of if you were subjected to gender violence on or off campus, or before you came to Western. The Survivor Support Case Manager will listen, and with your consent, connect you to resources within the university and city, explain reporting options, assist with safety planning, and navigate academic and other accommodations. At no point will you be required or pressured to follow a specific path.
To learn more, visit https://www.uwo.ca/health/student_support/survivor_support/index.html

Writing Support Centre
Provides individual writing support, seminars, and online support to help both undergraduate and graduate students strengthen their writing skills.
Contact wsc@uwo.ca or visit http://writing.uwo.ca

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