



THE EDWARDS BARK

Residents' Newsletter— Summer Edition

The Edwards Odyssey Begins...

So what's the bark on the block?

- As May's knell rings, excitement for the next academic year swells. This newsletter will provide insight on what you need to know for university life.
- Additionally, this newsletter will also elucidate how Edwards is changing this summer.

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Foremost, I want to welcome all the new residents to your award winning house. Edwards is a residence of balance. We are academics, revelers, gamers, and everything in between. Everyone can prosper in Edwards as long as their journey suits their avidity. Likewise, it is the house staff's objective to tailor your own personal odyssey through university to your interests. We hope to accomplish this through transparency, care and innovation. This electronic form of codex was conceived with meticulous consideration for the sake of clarity and the ripening of the executive creed.

Accordingly, I would augur it paramount to describe the very nature of this creed, and the values it espouses. In demonstrating my absolute abhorrence for literary concision, the executive credo or mission statement is best summarized as follows: "The goal of the executive is to establish an Edwardian dynasty that leaves none in the dust, promoting without fault the accommodation and fruition of each resident in their personal odyssey via intrepid design and immeasurable care." Edwards is going to epitomize the MTA campus ideal, and we will only do it with you.

Overall, I hope this newsletter sheds light upon our upcoming adventure. Whether you are returning or new, I cannot wait for your arrival!

-Noah F.



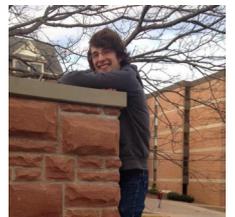
Have questions for Noah?
Shoot your load of queries
at nrfry@mta.ca

The Low-Down on House Fees and Funds

At the beginning of every year, the secretary-treasurer (That's me) collects \$100 from every resident in Edwards. These are house fees, and they're used to fund events in residence. I'll be hanging around to meet everyone on move in day, it's better if we collect fees on the first day, that way it's out of the way and I won't have to track you down later.

Our biggest expenses are usually our big house party, Electric Circus, Edwards Orientation, and various other events planned throughout the year. Something to note: anyone in Edwards can plan an event and get funding, you don't need to be on exec to come up with a fantastic event!

-Connor N.



Want more information? Try
visiting our website:
edwardshousemta.weebly.com



This September, Edwards house as well as the whole Mount Allison community and many universities and colleges across Canada will take part in Shinerama. Shinerama is a country-wide fundraiser to help fund research and support for those living with cystic fibrosis (CF). Edwards house has won Shiniest Res. for 7 years in a row and we have a great time going out on Shine Day, participating in fundraisers and bringing awareness to the cause. In the next few months as fundraising gets started, keep an eye on the Edwards House Facebook page and e-mails for details of our fundraising plans and activities for September.

-Amelia M.

Start Saving! Shinerama is just around the Corner!



The Academic Mentor's Word

Class may seem like a long ways off at the moment, but before you know it September will be rolling around and classes will be starting. Whether you have already registered for classes or will be doing so soon, make sure to take a look through the Academic Calendar; it is your friend (seriously, it's long and dense, but so helpful)! The Academic Calendar can be great for determining what kind of classes you might like, what is required of your degree and what is required of your distribution credits. It can be very exciting to pick your courses and prepare for university, but it can also be daunting and overwhelming. If you have any questions, don't be afraid to ask!

-Amelia M.

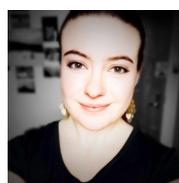


Drop Amelia an e-mail at aamoore@mta.ca if you have any questions

Giving Yourself the Break You Need

We all know that university is about work work work. But what happens when profs graciously bestow upon us some free time? What to do with this blessing in such a small town? Well look no further, there are plenty of fun things to do in Sackville no matter the amount of time you have! Whether your break is long or short a walk through the beautiful Waterfowl Park is a great way to clear your mind and relax. There are scenic walkways all through the park which are surrounded by tons of cute ducks and Canada geese when the water is thawed, and dazzling snow in the winter. Benches scatter the gorgeous walk for when you need a break or if you plan to stay a while to read or eat some take-out. There are three main trails of varying length. One takes you straight to town, the other loops around back to Jennings, and the last is long and goes completely around the perimeter of the water. If you're musical, a beginner or a BMus alike can practice in the practice rooms at the music conservatory (just make sure it's in the allowed time if you're not a music student! These times are usually when people are in class anyways though.). These rooms usually have a piano, a stand, and a mirror. If you're bored but don't want to leave the house you can always play/practice Mario kart or smash bros (you never know when there could be a game!) or cook in one of the many kitchens in Edwards. On Saturdays there is a farmers market that tends to go until about 11am. That's the place to be if you're craving delicious homemade/grown foods. You can also view some of the local crafts. Sackville is also home to many interesting stores. You'd be surprised at the variety of items on display from local art to that interesting book you've been waiting to read for ages. There's something for everyone! And if you're not feeling like shopping, some of the stores are so full of interesting art that it's more like being at an exhibit than anything. Speaking of art, there is also the Owens art gallery which is full of amazing art for anyone to appreciate. The campus buildings tend to stay open until around 7pm as well, so if you have ever felt like simply exploring you can go ahead. Some buildings like Hart hall and Flemmington have interesting displays out for anyone wandering by to look at (pro tip: they get more interesting as you go higher up the buildings!). And if all else fails, go get yourself a snack and watch some Netflix. Take that break that you deserve!

-Caitlin M.



Amie's Declassified University Survival Guide for House Involvement

After finally settling into Edwards, you might be wondering what the next step is with residence life. Whether you are a little hesitant to see what's out there in residence or are eager from the get-go, there are many ways, both big and small, to get your foot out the (dorm room) door and embrace the Edwards Spirit. While this will be a rather skim overview, you will be learning much more about how to become more involved once meeting in person! One of the first things you'll be introduced to is House Council. The council meets weekly on Sunday evenings and goes over the state of the house, any concerns, upcoming events, and reports from all different representatives. It's pretty much the inside scoop of the workings of Edwards. Basically, everyone on Council wants to make Edwards as amazingly fun and welcoming as we know it can be, and has goals for each person (representative) to help make that happen. (Also, did I mention there will be treat days?!?!?) Another major role to our house system is the judicial committee. These members deal with justly assessing fines given by RAs to residents. They often lay on the down-low to make sure every Edwardian is treated fairly and has their say to the situation! If these aren't your style, you are free --within house rules-- to organize events or activities that you are interested in. You get to leave your footprint on Edwards however you like. Are a Timbit connoisseur? Have a Timbit tasting party. Are a Mario Kart all-star? Have a gaming day. Want to go out in the football field during exam week and scream? Make it a group event. (And yes, the latter happened last year!) Not only is it important to create events, but it is also equally important to help with preparation of upcoming events! If you prefer to be a helping hand when the time comes, Electric Circus, our campus-wide party, is a prime example of volunteerism and having a sense of Bulldog pride. (Not to mention is key if we want to win Party of the Year to add to our collection...). It's a time to collectively work together and pull off the impossible! So no matter where your strengths and interests lie, there is always a place for you in Edwards! Have fun, be creative, and we can't wait to make this year the best yet!

-Amie R.



Excited to start at MTA? Send us a pic showing just how much on our Snapchat: edwards.mta

A Run-Through of Edwards

Each floor in Edwards has two kitchens, except for the basement which has one, as well as two lounges on each floor except for the first and second floors, which both have one. In the basement we have a larger lounge, which is where a lot of awesome events such as Electric Circus take place! The large basement lounge is also where house meetings will be held. This lounge is also licensed, meaning you can have a drink in there. Another lounge which is licensed is the video game/movie lounge on second floor. This lounge is known for its gaming tournaments and the occasional movie night! On top of the two licensed lounges, we also have a ping pong lounge and a board game lounge! A lot of free time is spent in these lounges and they're all great places to hang out! The kitchens in Edwards are all equipped with an oven/stove, a freezer, a sink and a microwave. Often times, you'll find someone in there making treats to share with the rest of the house! The kitchens and lounges are all communal spaces, so it is recommended that you write your name on your belongings! In Edwards, people really respect these places and typically won't take what isn't theirs. It's really great to have so many kitchens and lounges in Edwards, it makes our house unique, because of the ratio between kitchens/lounges and residents.

-Kerena M.



Have a good idea for an event? Send a Facebook message to any member of your exec!

A Vodka Aunt's Guide to University Life and Balance

Hey Bulldogs! As your social chair, and as someone who has had more than their share of social experiences (and mistakes) I want to talk to you guys about the big toss up that's probably happening in your heads while thinking about your new & exciting life at MTA: social life vs succeeding academically. I came into MTA an extremely academically driven person, probably much like you. As much as I am academically driven, however, I have a large extroverted personality, so when people said "participate in all the activities during O week" I very gladly adhered to that (and you absolutely should to!) But, it's so important to know that mount a, and O week, will absolutely not be yet another place where only extroverts feel valued. I want to really encourage you, whether you feel you're an introvert or extrovert or somewhere in between, to put yourself out there, whether for you that step means talking to your neighbour in res, or volunteering yourself for the Mountie Olympics. The wonderful thing about Edwards is that it's a quite introverted place (but hey, we can be wild when we want to be :D), but it's a place where you will absolutely find meet wonderful people who are a lot like you. Seriously. I was in shock for like a month because everyone was so similar to me. As for the toss up, in O week the focus is on the social side of things, but when classes start, some of that social life undoubtedly will disappear. Or if you're me, you will make the mistake of prioritizing your social life over what you're really at university to do (study). It's all about finding that balance, and I will be with you all on that journey this year trying to find my happy medium! Also know that even if you do mess up - it's not the end. First year is, in my perspective, a time to be imperfect and a time to learn through experience. If you're not perfect academically, it is absolutely NOT the end of the world, as long as there is overall improvement over the course of your time at MTA, you will be just fine. No one is expecting perfection. As cliché as it might be, I realized, for me anyway, people are so important and yes it's absolutely important to have dreams and to succeed but you need to have people to share it with! So, I will leave with a sentiment from the great philosopher by the name of Ms. Frizzle: take chances, make mistakes, and get messy.

-Ava S.



Have a few words you want to share for the next newsletter? Send me a message anytime

What's Your Staff Up to Now?

Just to keep you in the know, here's a portion of what your staff is currently working on or already accomplished:

Noah (Pres): Communication and advising, university e-mailing, involvement in any exec duties, constitution, house council, T-shirt order, EC

Amie (VP): Website development, house snapchat, house council, constitution

Connor (Sec-Tres): Budget outline, T-shirt orders and final design, projector purchase, EC prep

Ava (Social External): Exec relations, MTA class 2020 lookout, Twitter account, EC prep

Mirren (Social Internal): T-shirt designs, door decorations (for each resident), extra door décor, EC prep

Amelia (Ac Men): Shinerama prep, academic advising and planning, constitution viewing, electoral officer prep

Colby (Assist Don): RA planning and communication, T-shirts, general advising

Kerena (RA—First): RA communication, feedback on planning, new resident reachout

Caitlin (RA—Third): RA communication, O-Week thematic implementation, horses