



# Limestone

## DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



### Canadian Border Restrictions

As you are aware, Canadian Border Services and Canada Immigration currently has closed its borders to all NEW International students. We were hopeful that this order would change to match the allowances of returning International students, but so far, the border restrictions have been extended to October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. For additional information on border restrictions, please see <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/coronavirus-covid19/students.html>

Should this order change we will have the ability to accept students for multiple intake times during this school year with our new OCTO-BLOCK timetable (see page two for details)



### Limestone New Director, new logo, new school!

We are thrilled with the appointment of our new Director of Education for Limestone, Mr. Krishna Burra. Mr. Burra comes from within the Limestone DSB and was a supervisor for the International Program. He will continue to be a great champion for global connections, education, and care of our students in Limestone. We are excited about his placement.

Limestone also gets a new logo and fresh look that you will see on all our new communications that will come out. (see above).

We also have the new Kingston Secondary School opening in January 2021 this coming year! After a brief pause in building, the construction is almost complete and wish the students of KCVI the best in their new building!

### Schools are open using COVID-19 Protocols

Currently the infection rate in the Kingston area has thankfully been very low for COVID-19. We are working hard to ensure the safety of all our returning International students as well as our potential new students to Limestone. We are following all the current safety protocols from the Kingston FL&A Health Unit. Further information can be found at

<https://www.kflaph.ca/en/healthy-living/novel-coronavirus.aspx>

Our Chief Medical Officer of Health for the region has been working with the board to help keep our students safe. Schools are open with students taking only one class at a time and using physical distance, cleaning, and school screening protocols.

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

### Marketing Kingston to your clients...

Kingston is an active tourist, student, and entertainment destination. As a result, the city of Kingston keeps you informed about news and events. We direct you to [www.VISITKINGSTON.ca](http://www.VISITKINGSTON.ca) This website is updated daily and shows many things that are happening in this happening city! We suggest that you use this website with potential students and parents to show them what Kingston and Area is all about!

## Understanding our secondary timetable

Our secondary timetable has changed in Limestone with students taking ONE class per day, ALL day for 23 days in a row. That means that students in secondary schools will earn one Ontario SS credit every 23 days. This can occur either in-person in-class OR on-line through our Virtual School. This means that International Students may be able to take Virtual classes from their home country or do an intake to travel to Canada (once our borders open to new International students) at regular intervals. This means your students can potentially come to Limestone to start school classes on the following dates:

September 8 – October 7 <sup>th</sup> Exam Day – October 8 <sup>th</sup> <b>Octo-mester 1</b>	October 9 – November 10 <sup>th</sup> Exam Day – November 11 <sup>th</sup> <b>Octo-mester 2</b>	November 12 – December 11 <sup>th</sup> Exam Day – December 14 <b>Octo-mester 3</b>	December 15 – January 27 <sup>th</sup> Exam Day – January 28 <sup>th</sup> <b>Octo-mester 4</b>
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### *Limestone Virtual School*

Our Virtual School in Limestone is supporting students both locally and around the world to provide quality education. Students are following the same OCTO-BLOCK timetable and earning a credit every 23 days. For students that have been approved to attend Limestone, this is a great way to stay current with learning until students arrive to Canada. This program features a full range of classes from Grades 9-12. There is both a live component (Eastern Standard Time) and individual component. If this is something that your clients are interested in, please let us know via email at [seitzr@limestone.on.ca](mailto:seitzr@limestone.on.ca)

## PLANNING FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

We continue to be aware of the Global situation with the COVID-19 virus but through challenge comes opportunity. We are planning for many different things for September 2021 and would like you to be part of that with us. We are planning a full range of new events and activities, a new Instagram campaign, new payment, and application system as well as expanded opportunities in our Focus and Specialist High Skills major academies. We continue to provide our excellent in-house Homestay program. Any of us are available to you for virtual conferencing for potential students or families that you have that are interested in International travel to Canada. Keep up to date on all our news and information at

[WWW.LIMESTONE.ON.CA](http://WWW.LIMESTONE.ON.CA)  
[www.studykingston.com](http://www.studykingston.com)



*It is with the greatest of care and responsiveness that we value our agencies working around the world with the Limestone DSB International Education Program. Wishing you continued success and global connections.*

*Sincerely, The International Education Team at Limestone*

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