

Between the Lines

MEDIA CENTER NEWSLETTER

Books are just the beginning!

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Welcome to the ENSATS Media Center!

Media Centers are places of information. When most people think "media center" they think books. And while that is certainly true, these days books take different shapes, such as e-books and audio books. More than just books, media centers are places of information, offering teachers and students access to a wealth of information that they often can't find elsewhere, whether online, in print or in person. Whether you're looking for DVDs or the latest best-seller; academic or CTE information found on databases, or a place to gather with friends, the media center is a welcoming and relaxing space.

(ilovelibraries.org)

Chromebooks



Attention Freshmen!

Looking for some tips and tricks for your chromebook?

Click on this article from ComputerWorld.

[65 Chromebook Tips for Maximum Productivity](#)

SCHOOL HOURS:

Monday 7:45 - 3:45 p.m.

Tuesday 7:45 - 3:45 p.m.

Wednesday 7:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Thursday 7:45 - 3:45 p.m.

Friday 7:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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Website - library.essextech.net

Website of the Month



support.google.com

Access library.essextech.net from home using your Google school account.

What's new on library.essextech.net



Open a world of reading! Borrow ebooks and audiobooks from the school's library with Sora.

High school students today are dealing with a lot – a greater emphasis on academics, college/career planning, extracurricular activities, and of course, the social scene.



SchoolShelf provides solutions that help students succeed academically, plan for their future, and get the most out of their high school experience. It provides parents with valuable information and numerous helpful tips. And perhaps most importantly, SchoolShelf allows busy educators to provide solutions to a vast number of high school related issues all in one place. (schoolshelf.com)

Device-free Zone

Need a quiet space to read or get organized? Visit the new glass-enclosed space in the media center. No cell phones or devices allowed.



Online Magazine Collection

Check out the Flipster online magazine issues located on our media center website - library.essextech.net. Just download a magazine to any device and read! Be sure to use your school's Google login and password to access from home. Online magazines are just the same as the paper magazines from cover to cover.

12 Study Tips for Back to School (the princeton review)

Try these study tips and get the brain boost you need for back to school.



1. You don't need ONE study space.

A well-stocked desk in a quiet place at home is key, but sometimes you need variety. Coffee shops, libraries, parks, or even just moving to the kitchen table will give you a change of scenery which can prompt your brain to retain information better.

2. Track more than HW in your school planner.

Keeping a calendar helps you plan ahead—but you've got more going on than just homework assignments! Make sure you're marking your extracurricular, work, and social commitments, too. (Tests, band practice, away games, SAT dates, half-days and holidays are just a few examples of reminders for your planner.)

3. Start small.

If you've got a big assignment looming, like a research paper, stay motivated by completing a piece of the project every few days. Write one paragraph each night. Or, do 5 algebra problems from your problem set at a time, and then take a break.

4. School supplies (alone) don't make you organized.

Come up with a system and keep to it. Do you keep one big binder for all your classes with color-coded tabs? Or do you prefer to keep separate notebooks and a folder for handouts? Keep the system simple—if it's too fancy or complicated, you are less likely to keep it up everyday.

6. Get into a routine.

When will you make the time to do your homework every day? Find the time of day that works best for you (this can change day-to-day, depending on your schedule!), and make a plan to hit the books.

6. Learn how to create a distraction-free zone.

A study on workplace distractions found that it takes workers an average of 25 minutes to return to what they were working on pre-interruption. Try turning off your phone notifications or blocking Twitter (temporarily) on your computer so you can concentrate on the homework tasks at hand.

7. Get real.

When you're looking at the homework you have to get done tonight, be realistic about how long things actually take. Gauging that reading a history chapter will take an hour and writing a response will take another 30 minutes will help you plan how you spend your time.

8. Use class time wisely.

Is your teacher finished lecturing, but you still have 10 minutes of class left? Get a jump on your chemistry homework while it's still fresh in your mind. Or use the time to ask your teacher about concepts that were fuzzy the first time.

9. Look over your notes each night to make sure you've got it.

Fill in details, edit the parts that don't make sense, and star or highlight the bits of information that you know are most important. Interacting with your notes will help you remember them.

10. Study a little every day.

Cramming vocabulary for a quiz might work in the short-term, but when comes time to study for midterms, you'll be back at square 1. You might remember the vocab list long enough to ace the quiz, but reviewing the terms later will help you store them for the long haul.

11. Don't let a bad grade keep you down.

A rough start to the semester doesn't have to sink your GPA. Take proactive steps by checking your grades regularly online and getting a tutor if you need one.

12. Make a friend in every class.