



December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear parents, guardians and students,

We have nearly reached completion of the first term in this exceptional school year. It has certainly not been without its challenges, but we can celebrate our resiliency in adapting our practice and behaviours. Facing adversity often brings the greatest learning opportunities!

As previously indicated, this exceptional school year is now broken down into two terms. You can expect to see the first report card posted on the portal January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Parent-Teacher Interviews will again take place in the same Zoom format as the November Interviews and you can expect to receive an invitation to book appointments later on in January/early February. Interviews will take place **February 18 from 5 – 8 p.m.** We hope to see you on interview night as this is an ideal opportunity for you to meet your child's teachers, ask questions and increase the line of communication between home and school. Student success is our main objective. As a parent, you play an important role in your child's schooling. Now more than ever, there is so much as a parent that you can do to show that you value education. It is important to stay involved in your child's education by asking questions about his/her day at school, encouraging positive engagement in school activities, and reinforcing good work habits.

Please read through our newsletter to learn about upcoming events and general information. Please remember that in addition to communication conveyed via email to parents and through the parent portal, daily communication of school related information and events are published daily through the student bulletin that is accessible to parents via our website: <http://alexandergalt.etsb.qc.ca/fr/student-bulletin/>. The school web-site is also the central hub where important information for students and parents is posted – please bookmark for easy reference. ☺

In closing, on behalf of the school, I wish to express our gratitude to you, the parents, for all of your efforts to support your child through this challenging year. It has been extraordinarily demanding in the degree to which it has required us to navigate unfamiliar ground and to dig deeper and deeper into our resiliency. Last but not least, I wish to thank all of our staff as they are devoted and dynamic professionals who give high-quality service, support and instruction, and they have continuously gone the extra mile in adapting their practice to reach new challenges.

Sincerely,

Ms. Peggy McCourt  
Principal, AGRHS

**You are cordially invited to**

**PARENTS' NIGHT –  
February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**5:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Via Zoom**

**An email including links to book  
virtual appointments will be issued in  
late January/early February**



## **SCHOOL REPORT INFORMATION**

Please note that there will be 4 reporting sessions during the course of the year:

<b>October 2020</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Communication</b>
<b>January 2021</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Report</b>
<b>April 2021</b>	<b>Interim Report</b>
<b>July 2021</b>	<b>FINAL School Report</b>

Absences for Term 1 are recorded for each class and represent all classes missed from August 31<sup>st</sup> through December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.

Parents who have provided the school with an e-mail address are able to view student portfolios (which include the reports cards) on the MOZAIK Parent Portal. If for any reason you have changed the email address and you wish to receive information from your child's school and/or the school board, please contact the school to update your information.

Should you require further assistance or explanations concerning reports, you should contact the appropriate office as follows:

### **CYCLE 1: Yellow/Orange**

Mr. Mark Warnholtz, Vice-Principal

### **CYCLE 2: Blue/Green**

Mr. Steve Element, Vice-Principal

### **Modified & Adapted Programs & the Work Oriented Training Path:**

**MAPs/WOTP**

Ms. Tara McCully, Vice-Principal

Please note that report cards for students that have not provided an e-mail will be handed out to the students the following week.

## **JUSTIFYING A STUDENT'S ABSENCE**

Please note that parents must call the school to notify the appropriate House Office in order to justify their child's absence. To do so, please call **819-563-0770** and dial one of the following extensions in order to leave a message:

- **Yellow House – Cycle 1: ext. 22092**
- **Blue House – Cycle 2: ext. 22093**
- **MAPs/WOTP – Cycle 3; ext. 22007**

Students must bring written notes from their parent/guardian to their House Office following an absence from school to explain the absence. We appreciate your help in this matter.

## **STUDENT SERVICES PERSONNEL**

Annie Asmar	<i>Psycho-educator</i>
Noel Bellas	<i>Social Worker</i>
Kristal Maguire	<i>Spiritual Life Animator</i>
Tiffany Blinn	<i>Re-adaptation Officer</i>
Elisabeth de Sève	<i>Secretary</i>
Marie Thibault	<i>Counselor-in-Academic Training</i>

We invite you to visit our **Student Services Centre**. The centre regroups all services which are available to our students and which are provided by the personnel listed. Students have access to these services directly. In order to request an appointment, they must see the secretary between the hours of 8:45 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.

## Did you know...

Alexander Galt offers a number of school-wide fundraisers open to all students, with profits credited to the individual student account?



All school-wide Fundraising information is posted in the Student Bulletin and can also be accessed by communicating with our Student Activities Coordinator, Kyle Martel.

The Governing Board has also approved that funds in Individual Student Accounts may be used for the following expenses:

- Athletics Fees
- School Fees (Consumable & Supervision)
- ELS (iPad & laptop) Deductibles
- Prom
- Yearbook
- School Store Items
- Meal Tickets
- School Humanitarian Projects

For accounting reasons, with the exception of EF Tours, individual accounts may not be used for any supplier where payment is made directly to the company.

When a student leaves Alexander Galt, there is the option to request a transfer of a balance in the student account to another Galt student, to the Scholarship Fund, or to the Piper Classic Fund. All un-transferred balances will be applied to a general fund supporting global projects to benefit all students.

Please be aware that full payment is required when submitting all fundraising for processing (no cash on

delivery can be accepted). Fundraising orders submitted without full payment will be returned to the student. Also please note that funds must already be in the individual student account in order to be applied against an expense (ie. A carry-over balance would be needed from the spring to meet payment deadlines for fall activities.)

If you require more information regarding fundraising, please contact Mr. Kyle Martel at [martelk@edu.etsb.qc.ca](mailto:martelk@edu.etsb.qc.ca) or by calling the school 819-563-0770, extension 22067.



## **GALT GOVERNING BOARD** **2020 – 2021**

Meetings are held via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

October 19, 2020  
November 16, 2020  
January 18, 2021  
February 15, 2021

March 15, 2021  
April 19, 2021  
May 17, 2021  
June 21, 2021

### **PARENT REPS**

*Ms. Stephanie Forgues, Chairperson*  
*Ms. Amber Stremmelaar, Vice-Chairperson*  
*Ms. Pam Gougeon*  
*Ms. Lisa Comeau*  
*Ms. Vicki Comeau*  
*Ms. Monika Mitchell*  
*Ms. Helene Turgeon*  
*Ms. Nicole Riley*

### **PARENT ALTERNATES**

*Ms. Melanie Stonebanks*  
*Ms. Jennifer Palik*  
*Mr. Aaron Knapp*

### **CENTRAL PARENTS COMMITTEE REPs**

*Ms. Amber Stremmelaar*  
*Ms. Pam Gougeon, Alternate*

## SPECIAL INTEREST ITEMS



### CHRISTMAS BASKET CAMPAIGN 2020

We wish to extend our deepest heartfelt thanks to our community who so generously donated to this year's Christmas Basket campaign. It has been a resounding success that will enable us to help many of our families who find themselves in situations that are all the more difficult with the circumstances faced this year. Our community has once again risen to high levels, reaching deep into their pockets to ensure all families have an opportunity to enjoy the holidays. I also extend deep appreciation to Kristal Maguire for her leadership of this initiative, and to our long-standing community partners who remain so supportive.

- **IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS**

Detailed Protocol Document:

<http://alexandergalt.etsb.qc.ca/files/2020/11/Protocol-Nov-2020.pdf>

Updated School Calendar:

<http://alexandergalt.etsb.qc.ca/files/2020/11/MODIFIED-AGRS-Nine-Day-School-Calendar-2020-2021-1-4.pdf>

Distance Learning Schedule for Levels 3, 4 & 5:

<http://alexandergalt.etsb.qc.ca/files/2020/11/Level-3-4-5-schedules-on-2-cycles.pdf>

- **BUS DISCIPLINE PROCEDURE**

School bus drivers will fill out incident reports that will be given to students to take home for their parent's/guardian's signature. These forms must be returned the next morning to the bus driver. After two incident reports, the parent or guardian may receive an email or letter from Transportation. A third offence committed by a student may result in suspension of bus privileges.

- **TRANSPORTATION OF SPORTS EQUIPMENT AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS**

Students are permitted to transport objects that can be held safely on their lap. These objects should not compromise the safety of other passengers and must not infringe on their space. Items such as skates should at all times be carried in a canvas bag or cardboard box.

In accordance with the Quebec Highway Safety Code, school buses may no longer transport skis, ski poles, hockey sticks, hockey equipment bags, sleds or other articles, judged dangerous by the bus driver, on morning or afternoon buses.

- **COVID-19 PROTOCOL**

Please be reminded that masks are mandatory at all times while on school buses.

- **BUS DELAYS**

Please take note, that 20 to 40-minute bus delays will be posted on the ETSB website at:

<http://www.etsb.qc.ca/bus-delays/>

- **THE BREAKFAST CLUB**

The *Breakfast Club* has transformed into *Breakfast on the Go*. Students who did not have an opportunity to eat breakfast may pick it up from the library before heading off to class.

Our breakfast program is fortunate to be supported in part by the President's Choice Children's Charities and community organizations. We are also very lucky to have a very progressive minded library staff who maintain a library that is very much focused on student well-being. Thank you very much to all of the kind individuals who support the nurturing of our students.

## **SCHOOL CLOSURE & EMERGENCY CLOSING**

In the event that the school must be closed due to inclement weather or for any other reason, information will be broadcasted on the following radio and television stations:

CBC (FM 91.7);  
TVA – *Salut Bonjour*;  
Rythme 93.7; Rouge 102.7;  
CJMQ (FM 88.9); NRJ 106.1

You will also be able to obtain information on our ETSB Website at: [www.etsb.qc.ca](http://www.etsb.qc.ca) and the ETSB Facebook page. In the event that the school must be closed **during school hours** due to deteriorating weather conditions or when an emergency situation arises (*i.e. water main breaks, extended power failure, etc.*), the buses will be called back and the students will be sent home.

### **FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD WE ASK THAT YOU . . .**

- ***Closely monitor media reports during a school day in which extremely inclement weather develops and a decision to close the school occurs.***
- ***Review with your child what he/she is to do in the event that the school has to close early.***
- ***Please inform your child of arrangements you have made should this situation arise. This could include going to a place close to your home.***

## **LEARN TUTORING**

**LEARN Tutoring**, online tutoring and homework help with qualified Quebec teachers, is back for the 2020-2021 school year!

This program provides **online homework help and tutoring sessions**, by appointment, and at no charge.

Parents or students can make a request for an online tutoring appointment here: [learnquebec.ca/tutoring](http://learnquebec.ca/tutoring). We look forward to working with you to support student success. Please contact us for more information.



## **IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS**

### **DECEMBER**

Dec. 4 & 7	Planning Days
Dec. 17	Christmas Basket Distribution
Dec. 17, 18, 21, 22	Distance Learning Days
December 23 – Jan. 5	Christmas Vacation

## **2021**

### **JANUARY**

January 6	Planning Day
January 7 & 8	Distance Learning Days
January 12 – 15	Supplemental Exams (MELS)
January 25	Planning Day
TBD	Registrations for the 2020-2021 School Year for <b>New Students</b>

### **FEBRUARY**

TBD	Registrations for the 2020-2021 School Year for <b>Returning Students</b>
February 11	Winter Carnival
February 18	Parents' Night (5:00 – 8:00 p.m. via Zoom)
February 12 & 15	Planning Days