

## AGRHS Parent Bulletin - September 2023



As we begin to be comfortable with the routines of the school year, I wanted to take a moment to thank all of our families for your understanding and co-operation as we made our way back into September. I also wanted to inform you that as your Principal, I will be leaving for medical leave, effective September 11th, and expect to return in early December. I am highly appreciative to Mr. Drew Pollock who will assume the role of Acting Principal during this time and we welcome Ms. Melissa Dingman who will be the Acting Cycle 1 Vice-Principal during this time.

**Workshop for Parents & Annual General Assembly of Parents:** All parents of current AGRHS students are invited to attend the annual general assembly of parents that will take place in person on **Thursday, September 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the AGRHS Library**. There are four seats open for Parent Representatives on the Governing Board this year. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to play a role in the education of our students. As a Parent Representative on the Governing board, you represent Alexander Galt Regional High School parents in decisions and recommendations as outlined in the [Education Act](#). Parent Representatives are elected to serve a 2-year term. Governing Board meetings are held monthly in the Library or virtually (TBD).



The General Assembly of parents also elects, from the Parent Representatives on Governing Board, a Central Parents' Committee Representative. This is a very important position as it provides the parents from each school a voice at the Central Board level. The Central Parents' Committee is composed of 1 parent representative from each school and meets monthly in Magog. This representative reports back to the Governing Board.

The establishment of the Alexander Galt PPO will also be requested at the General Assembly. The PPO is a vital group of dedicated parents ready to support and to assist in the education and growth of our students. The PPO offers valuable support in assisting with school activities and representing parent views. The PPO is always looking for new members and all parents are welcome. The PPO meets monthly in the MAPs Conference Room (Door 17) or virtually (TBD).

**An informative workshop for parents** will also be provided that evening addressing the very important topic of your *child's safety while using the internet and various applications*. We hope you will join us as we present the topic of "Building a Healthy Balance with Technology".



**End of Term Dates & Parent Interviews:** Please refer to the [AGRHS End of Term Dates - Info for Parents](#) document for detailed dates related to the issuing of report cards & communications as well as parent-teacher interviews.

**Code of Conduct:** Please familiarize yourself with the [Piper Pledge](#) and the [AGRHS Code of Conduct](#) and take time to review this with your child(ren). Assemblies have taken place where we reviewed this as well as the [AGRHS Anti-Bullying/Anti-Violence Plan](#) (ABAV) and other important school procedures and expectations. It is important that you as a parent are aware of the ability to [report bullying via the online form](#) found on the school website.

**Chromebook Deployment:** Parents should have received an email with the required documents to keep or be provided their ETSB issued Chromebook for this school year. Students new to AGRHS were able to collect their Chromebook during the August 28th New Student Orientation provided the signed authorizations had been received. Students who did not attend the orientation will be issued the Chromebooks in class once their documents have been received unless advised otherwise.

**Billing of Unreturned School & ETSB Property:** Student accounts are billed the replacement costs of all unreturned school and school board property. This includes textbooks, Chromebooks & chargers, library books, etc...Items can continue to be returned to Central Office as they are found and accounts will be credited.

**Consumable Materials & Fees:** Students receive all consumable materials in class. School fees are visible in the student account on the portal and can be paid online or in person by making an appointment.

**School-Wide Fundraising:** Please be aware that there are 3 school-wide fundraisers where profits are credited to the individual's student fundraising account. These amounts are carried over from year to year and can be used for a wide variety of expenses that are billed through the school (the Europe Trip being the only external supplier where the fundraising account can be applied). Student accounts can be used for field trips, sports, school store, consumable fees, Chromebook damages/replacement, Prom tickets, etc...The individual accounts cannot be used for suppliers where payment is made directly to the supplier (ex. Grad rings, school photos, grad photos...) Information pertaining to fundraisers is provided in the daily student bulletin by Ms. Danica Montgomery in Student Activities. The fundraisers are scheduled to take place in October, January and March.

**Changes to Road Signage, Speed Limits, and Campus Circulation:** Please be reminded that in the interest of safety for all entering and exiting our campus, the Ministry of Transport has been making changes to the signage and regulations applicable to the highway in front of the school. Notably, the speed limit is now 50km/hr in front of the campus, but 90km/hr on either side of the reduced speed zone. Entering the campus from the upper gate is now prohibited. Please be vigilant of the new signage in order to avoid a ticket. The lower gate remains a 2-way entrance/exit between the main gate and the loading dock entrance (at bottom of slope past the visitors' parking). However, the rest of the campus is 1-way only - anyone driving past the loading dock entrance, the rear of the building, or LVTC must respect the 1-way designation and exit via the upper gate. Please be vigilant of all campus signage as it is being updated. Please be aware that the reduced speed limit is only applicable between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. throughout the school year - thus, if entering or exiting the campus outside of these times, please be aware that the speed of traffic will be significantly higher, thus consider this in your judgements.

**Open Campus:** Like most Secondary Schools in the province, AGRHS is an Open Campus. While Cycle 1 students are expected to remain on campus, Cycle 2 students may leave campus at lunch time. Please communicate your expectations with your child. It is important to be aware that there is generally no need for students to leave campus as we are fortunate to have a large campus with a lot of varied activities and on-site cafeteria services. Students who do leave campus are responsible for their actions and are expected to conduct themselves as good and law-abiding citizens.

**Arrival and Dismissal:** Please be aware that supervision is in place as of 8:30 a.m. and students should not be arriving prior to that time. Doors are locked and students may only enter the building as of 8:30 a.m. It is preferable that students arrive after 8:45 a.m. as classes begin with Academic Block at 9:05 a.m.

Classes are dismissed at 3:45 p.m. and there is no supervision after 4:00 p.m. All students are required to leave campus by 4 p.m. unless they are participating in a structured, supervised school activity. If a student is being picked up rather than taking the bus, it is essential that their ride be in the visitors' parking at the 3:45 dismissal. Students whose ride has not arrived prior to the bus departure will be required to get on their usual bus. Also, for safety reasons, if a student is being picked up, this needs to be organized in advance and the student must be waiting at the flagpole for their ride. We cannot pull students from their bus once they have boarded. Please use the visitor's parking as the 'drive-around' when picking up your child, and be vigilant to the crosswalk.

**School Communications:** School communications take place digitally via email, the parent portal, the school website, Facebook and Instagram. Please ensure your email address is up to date so that you do not miss out on important information. Effort is taken to consolidate information into this monthly Parent Bulletin that is generally issued at the beginning of each month. There is also a daily bulletin to students that is also accessible to parents via the school website - we encourage you to read this regularly as it will provide more specific & timely information related to school life.

**Dates to Remember:**

September 18	School Photos
September 21	Terry Fox Run
September 21	General Assembly of Parents
September 22	PD Day - No Classes for Students
September 25-29	Grad Photos
October	School-Wide Citrus Fundraiser (profit student accounts)
October 5	Spirit Day
October 9	Thanksgiving - School Closed
October 12	1st Communication to Parents available on portal
October 13	PD Day - No Classes for Students
October 19	Open House/Meet the Teacher
November 15	Term 1 Report Card available on portal
November 16	Parent-Teacher Interviews - Virtual Format
November 16, 17, 20, & 21	PD Days - No Classes for Students
January	Virgin Hill Coffee Fundraiser (profit student accounts)
March	Coaticook Cheese Fundraiser (profit student accounts)

**2023 - 2024 School Calendar Links:**

[AGRHS 9 Day Cycle Calendar 2023 - 2024](#) Regular & Concentration Programs  
[AGRHS 10 Day Cycle Calendar 2023 - 2024](#) WOTP & 15+ Programs

