



November 2011

Dear parents, guardians and students

I am inviting you to take a few minutes of your time to read this newsletter which is filled with very important information.

Term 1 ended on November 4<sup>th</sup>. This first term's report card will be a regular one for all levels. Marks and attendance cover the period of time from August 31<sup>st</sup> – November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**We are inviting you to our Parent-Teacher interviews on Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. Take note that, following requests made by parents, we will provide parents sign-up sheets to make appointments with the teachers that they wish to see. Sign up sheets will be posted on the respective teachers' classroom doors starting at 5:00 p.m. on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Whether your child has been doing really well so far or whether it has been difficult, we hope to see you on reporting nights since this will be the best time for you to have a very good idea how your child is progressing this year and to have teachers' feedback. I wish to remind you how important your role is as parents in your child's schooling. Studies have shown that school success is directly proportional to the support that students get from their home. We have posted a special communication on our website, which outlines the most important changes with the Provincial Report Card. Copies will be available during Parent-Teacher interview night.

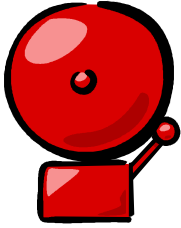
We currently are in our first year of the Multi Sports and Visual Arts Concentrations. It is very exciting to see how our students find these programs stimulating. We are currently working on adding Hockey and Music as new concentrations for next year. If you are interested in having more information, please get in touch with Mr. Fisk for the hockey program and with Mr. Obermeir for the music program.

Our main objective being students' success, I am asking you to remain or become as involved as possible in your child's student career. One way of doing this is to simply ask your child to talk to you about his/her favorite and challenging subjects and why they are. You can also ask him/her to present the assignment to you and to show you the calendar of events with deadlines. Remember that one of the responsibilities that your child has is to have his/her student agenda filled with all the important dates. If your child doesn't have any agenda (paper or electronic), he/she is increasing the risk of forgetting important events, exams dates or assignment deadlines.

In closing, I wish to thank all Alexander Galt Regional High School teachers and staff who contribute to making this school an incredible learning environment. Not only do these devoted and dynamic professionals give high quality instruction, but they also go the extra mile in order to offer a high range of extra-curricular opportunities.

Sincerely,

Serge Béliveau,  
Principal, AGRHS



## OUR SCHOOL DAY starts at 9:05 a.m.

Students are expected to be in class at or before that time. A warning bell sounds at 9:00 a.m.

Students who get to class after 9:05 a.m. are considered late.

<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>CLASS TIME</u>	<u>BELLS</u>
	Warning Bell	9:00
1	9:05 – 10:20	9:05 10:20
RECESS	10:20 – 10:35	10:35
2	10:40 - 11:55	10:40 11:55
LUNCH	11:55 - 12:45	12:45
3	12:50 - 2:05	12:50 2:05
RECESS	2:05 - 2:15	2:15
4	2:20 - 3:35	2:20 3:35
BUSES LEAVE	3:45	



## SCHOOL REPORT INFORMATION

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

October 2011	1 <sup>st</sup> Communication
November 2011	1 <sup>st</sup> Report
February 2012	2 <sup>nd</sup> Report
July 2012	FINAL School Report (mailed)

### Term 1 will be a regular report for all levels.

Absences for Term 1 are recorded for each class and represent all classes missed from August 31<sup>st</sup> to November 4, 2011.

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

#### CYCLE 1: Yellow/Orange

Mr. Christopher Morgan, Vice-Principal

#### CYCLE 2: Blue/Green

Mrs. Louise Retchless, Vice-Principal

### PARENTS' NIGHTS – November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011

You are cordially invited to come and meet with your child's teachers and at the same time, pick up his/her report card. **Please proceed to the Cafeteria upon your arrival, as tables will be set up for alphabetical distribution of the reports.**

**Please Note:** We will not be sending the reports home with the students, as too many never reach the parents.

As usual, we ask that parents attend the night that has been designated for their child, so as to avoid congestion on any given night. **Appointment sign-up sheets will be available on classroom doors at 5:00 p.m.**

#### NOVEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Parents of students whose last name starts with the letters **A through J**.

#### NOVEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Parents of students whose last name starts with the letters **K through Z**.

## **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. 888**
- **Blue House – Cycle 2: ext. 777**

## **STUDENT SERVICES PERSONNEL**

Annie Asmar	<i>Psycho-educator</i>
Barbara Beech	<i>Spiritual Animator</i>
Emmalie Fillion	<i>School Psychologist</i>
Tiffany Blinn	<i>Re-adaptation Officer</i>
Elisabeth de Sève	<i>Secretary</i>
Wanda Lee Evans	<i>Special Ed. Technician</i>
Lynnda Roy	<i>Special Ed. Technician</i>
Tammy Thompson	<i>Special Ed. Technician</i>
Jessica Demers	<i>Handicapped Student Attendant</i>
Christine Guillette	<i>Social Aid Technician</i>
Bob Halsall	<i>Student Activities</i>
Nathalie Morin	<i>School Nurse</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, Mrs. Elisabeth de Sève, between the hours of 8:45 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.

## **PRIVATE TUTORING SERVICES**

The following people have indicated that they are available to tutor students outside of school hours.

Please note that this information is only provided as a service to parents. **The verification of credentials and all other arrangements are up to the people who hire the private tutors.**

Mr. Ulysses Lowry 819-345-5005  
***Math, Physics & Economics***

Mrs. Carmen Howard Ingalls 819-838-4556  
***French, English, Math & Spanish***

Ms. Judith Rousseau 819-843-8236  
***French***

Ms. Zlata (Zee) Risteska 819-565-0257  
***Math***



## **PEER TUTORING PROGRAM**

Our Peer Tutoring Program is a free noon-hour service made available to students experiencing various levels of difficulty in any subject area. This program works on a first-come, first-serve basis. Students and tutors are matched according to their strengths and requirements. If your child is interested in being tutored, he/she need only to pick up an application form from Christine Guillette, the Social Aid Technician, in Y-308.

Results from last year's program assure us that the experience is worthwhile to the students receiving the help as well as to those who act as tutors. ***If you have any questions concerning this program, please call Ms. Christine Guillette at Ext. 260.***



## **GALT GOVERNING BOARD 2011 – 2012**

Meetings are held in the Library at 7:00 p.m. on the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month

### **PARENT REPS**

*Mr. Larry Everett*

*Mr. Garth Lowry*

*Mr. James Sweeny (Chairman)*

*Ms. Beth Wood*

*Mr. Steven Black*

*Ms. Sandy Westman*

*Mrs. Cathy Doloff*

*Mr. John Robb*

### **TEACHING STAFF REPS**

*Mr. Mathieu Michaud*

*Ms. Stephanie Brown*

*Ms. Marcy Clark*

*Ms. Amelia Brooker*

*Mr. James Lemaitre*

*Mr. Nelson Gonyer*

### **NON-TEACHING PROFESSIONAL REP.**

*Ms. Tiffany Blinn*

### **STUDENT REPS**

*Mr. Abdul El-Desouky*

*Mr. Clement Moliner-Roy*

*Mr. Serge Béliveau, Principal (ex-officio)*

## **SPECIAL INTEREST ITEMS**

- **CITRUS CAMPAIGN -**  
The delivery date is **November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**
- **CHRISTMAS BASKET CAMPAIGN -**  
December is almost here and so is our annual Christmas Basket Campaign. As always, this will be a huge undertaking. We rely on the generosity of our students, our parents, the churches and the community at large for donations of food and money in order to help us meet the needs of many Galt and Learning Centre families.  
  
If you wish to receive a basket, contribute food, money or your time to the campaign, **please contact Ms. Barbara Beech at extension 280.**
- **SCHOOL YEARBOOK “The Catalyst”-**  
Please note that yearbooks have to be pre-ordered this year and a \$10 deposit has to be made (cost of the yearbook is \$35). Reservation of the yearbooks and the deposit will take place from November 7 – 30. Please note that we cannot afford to order any extra yearbooks, so we have to have an accurate count when placing our order. **Students who do not reserve will, therefore, not be able to purchase a yearbook at the end of the school year.**
- **STUDENT ASBENCES -**  
A reminder that students must bring written notes to their homeroom teacher following an absence from school. We appreciate your help in this matter. **Please note that students who are absent more than 10% of the time will not be allowed to participate in any “extra” activities, i.e. sports, trips, PROM, etc.**

## • **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. If not, the student will not be transported. After 2 incident reports, a third will result in a 3-day suspension.

## **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 broadcast on the following radio and television stations:

CBC (FM 91.7);  
CJAD (AM 800); TVA/TÉLÉ 7;  
Rythme 93.7; CKOI 107.7;  
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). 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 . . .**

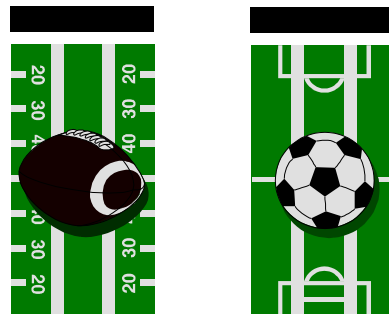
- ***Closely monitor media reports during a school day in which extremely inclement weather develops and a decision to close the school occurs.***
- ***Review with your child what he/she is to do in the event that the school has to close early.***
- ***Please inform your child of arrangements you have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

Because of the age of the children who attend Galt and due to the sheer number of students that we have, we do not have a parent phone chain, as is the case in many elementary schools. Students who are unsure of arrangements that have been made for them always have the opportunity to make a phone call before we allow the buses to leave.

Rest assured that no child would be left at school unattended. Should a child be unable to get home for whatever reason, someone will remain with him/her at school until such time as the proper arrangements to get him/her home have been finalized.

## **INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS THANKS TO OUR COACHES!!**

Interscholastic sports would not be possible without the dedication of our coaches.



### **Junior Football**

*Jay Brannon, Marcus Robertson; Sean Berrigan, Terry Marlin & Earl Elson*

### **Senior Football**

*Patrick Dubois; Andrew Hynd, Robert Nutbrown & K. O. Mullin*

***A special thanks to: Physiotherapists, Vicki Smith & Dawn Patterson***

### **Senior Girls Soccer**

*Mark Learned*

### **Senior Boys Soccer**

*Steve Walker*

### **Junior Girls Soccer**

*Julie Huard*

### **Junior Boys Soccer**

*Mark Warnholtz*

### **Bantam Girls Soccer**

*Tracey Bingham, Rachel Hotstetler & Karolyn Kirby*

### **Bantam Boys Soccer**

*Adriana Lyons & Paolo D'Emilio*

### **Girls Flag Football**

*James Lemaitre & Marie Thibault*

## FALL SPORTS RESULTS CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Sr. Boys Football: Regional Champions Div. B  
 Jr. Girls Soccer: League & Playoff Champions (ETIAC)  
 Bn. Girls Galt Soccer: League & Playoff Champions (ETIAC)  
 Bn. Boys Soccer: League Champions (ETIAC)

### WEEKLY GAME & PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Available on the Galt webpage -  
[www.etsb.qc.ca/alexandergalt/default.htm](http://www.etsb.qc.ca/alexandergalt/default.htm)



## IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

November 14 Newsletter to Parents goes home with students  
 November 23 & 24 Parents' Night 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. (Report Card Pick up)  
 November 18 & 25 Planning days  
 November 28 Vaccinations - All Level 3 Boys & Girls

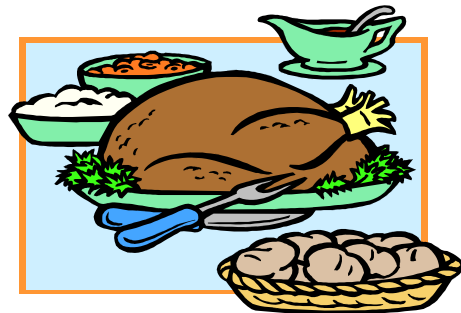
### DECEMBER

December 1 - 23 Christmas Basket Campaign  
 December 2 Talent Show  
 December 14 Christmas Dinner  
 December 20 Student Council Caroling  
 December 23 Last day of classes – Holiday Activity  
 December 26 Alumni Sports Day  
 December 24 – Jan. 8 Christmas Vacation

## GALT'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER December 14<sup>th</sup>

The main meal is \$5.50 consisting of turkey, dressing, vegetables, potatoes & gravy.

*(Drinks, desserts and other items are extra)*



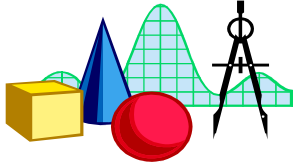
# 2012

### JANUARY

January 9 Planning Day  
 January 16 – 20 Non-smoking week  
 January 23 – Feb. 3 Reserved for class tests; no class leaves

### FEBRUARY

February 1 Newsletter sent home  
 February 3 End of Term 2  
 February 9 Winter Carnival  
 February 10 Planning Day  
 February 23 Parents' Night 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. (Report Card Pick up) & Info on CEGEPs



## PLACEMENT IN MATHEMATICS

Each year the issue of student placement in mathematics courses causes confusion. To explain the requirements, we wish to inform you of the promotion policy in mathematics for students going on to level 3, 4, or 5. **Please read these carefully and discuss them with your children. Do not hesitate to discuss any of this with your child's teacher when you visit on Parents' Night.**

From	To	The requirements
Math Level 2 (Cycle I)	Math 306 (Cycle 2)	The student is expected to have met the competencies of the Cycle I math program. Students who have not met the competencies will be expected to attend summer school or to demonstrate that they are receiving additional help outside the school.
Math 306	Math 406 CST Math 406 S	With help from the teacher, parent(s) and guidance counselor, each student will choose an option in Secondary 4 mathematics. The option chosen should reflect the student's abilities and future goals. The student has a choice of Cultural Social and Technical (CS) or Natural Science (S) Math.
Math 406 CST	Math 506 CST	The student has successfully completed Cultural, Social & Technical mathematics at Secondary 4.
Math 406 S	Math 506 S	The student has successfully completed Natural Science mathematics at Secondary 4
Math 406 S	***Math 506 CST	**The student will be able to take Math 506 CST upon completing math at secondary 4 (Math 406 S).
Math 406 CST	Math 506 S	Non-existent. This promotion is not possible as the student will not adequately prepared to succeed in Math 506 S Option. Possibility of 406 S. This option should reflect the student's abilities and future goals.

### Special Notes:

- When your child wishes to gain admission to a CEGEP program in Pure and Applied Science or Commerce, he (she) may require credits in both Mathematics 406 S Option and Mathematic 506 S Option.
- Mathematics Secondary 4 and 5 Natural Science Option are considered to be more mathematical and theoretical in content. The Cultural Social and Technical Mathematics is the basic minimum that is required for most technical programs.

# A.G.R.H.S.

## Teaching Classroom List

### CYCLE 1 – Orange Staff

**Vice-Principal:** Mr. C. Morgan  
**Secretary:** Mrs. K. Fessenden

Allie, Sandy	Y204
Brooker, Amelia	Y202
Clark, Marcy	O307
Chantler, T./Bingham, T.	Gym 1
Coleman, Jodi	Y312
Comeau, Tracey	Y311
Dubois, Pat	O208
Dunn, Steven	Gym 3
Giguère, Francis	Y203
Hirshfeld Gandy, Sigal	O206
Huard, Julie	Y304
Hynd, Andrew	O308
Kirby, Karolyn (not available Nov. 24 <sup>th</sup> )	O204
Ledoux, Jessica	O302
Lemaitre, James	O303
Lord, Maureen	Y102
Luc, Sylvie	R102
Lyons, Adriana (not available Nov. 24 <sup>th</sup> )	O203
Mazarakiotis, Paraskevi	O205
McCully, Stephanie	Y303
Meagher, Jennifer	Y305
Murphy, Christine	O202
Nadon, Catherine	O102
Jacques, C./Paquette, J.	Y205
Proulx, Marc	O310
Spoor, Belinda	O201
Verheyden, Ian	Y307
Walker, Stephen	Gym 4
Warnholtz, Mark	O311

### CYCLE 2 – Green Staff

**Vice-Principal:** Mrs. L. Retchless  
**Secretary:** Mrs. P. Wilson

Allen, Louise	G309
Berrigan, Sean	B205
Blampied, April	Y208
Boucher, Guylaine	B303
Brannon, Jason	G310
Brown, Stephanie	B313
Clavel, Jeanne	B304
Coley, Jean Francois	Y309
Côté, Christian	B203
Courville, Jessica	B307
Delage, Joanne	B310
Fisk, Robbie	B309
Gonyer, Nelson	C204
Grégoire, Caroline	B308
Hostetler, Rachel	Gym 2
Learned, Mark	Y209
Marlin, Terry	Y207
McKinven, Meagan	B312
Michaud, Mathieu	G204
Normandin, Jocelyn	B204
Obermeir, Christophe	C203
Pollock, Drew	G303
Powell, Cheryl	G207
Quinn, Morgan	B305
Rasidescu, L./Gauthier, R.	B202
Robertson, Marcus	B206
Seline, Megan (Not available Nov. 24 <sup>th</sup> )	G307
Tetreault, Marie	B311
Winkvist, Todd	B208
Young, Margaret	G308