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

We are inviting you to our Parent-Teacher interviews on Nov. 23rd & 24th. 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 23rd.

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