

ETSB Connections Newsletter



*Don't forget to check the
modified school calendar
for the
youth sector!*

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The ETSB Registration Period is in full swing!

It's that time of year for new and returning students to register for the 2021-2022 school year!

From January 25th to February 12th, we invite parents who are enrolling their child for the first time with the ETSB to call their local [elementary](#) or [secondary](#) school and make an appointment to register their child. This year, with the extra measures in place due to the pandemic, new registrations will be done by appointment only.

For students already enrolled in an ETSB school, re-registration will take place online through the [MOZAÏK re-registration](#) portal, from February 1st - 12th. Elementary school parents will also be able to register for daycare services. Course selection at the secondary level will take place at a later time. We invite you to keep an eye out for updates from your child's secondary school.

Teacher Appreciation Week February 1st - 7th

During the first week of February, we will celebrate the 27th Teacher Appreciation Week in Quebec, under the provincial theme,

“Thank you for shaping the future of Quebec”.

The Council of Commissioners and Administrators of the Eastern Townships School Board are honoured to recognize the significant contribution that our teachers make each and every day to provide the best educational environment for our students.

In celebration of these dedicated individuals, we take the opportunity during Teacher Appreciation week to extend our heartfelt thank you!

From ***February 1st – 7th 2021***, we celebrate ***Teacher Appreciation Week*** and the individuals in our local schools/centres that now more than ever make a difference in a student’s life!

Teaching is not merely a profession, but a vocation!

Why not take the opportunity during this week to reach out and say thank you to a teacher or other educator who is making, or has made, a difference in your child’s life!

Bus Safety Weeks February 1st - 12th

Each and every school day, thousands of ETSB students are transported safely to and from school.

February 1st to the 12th is Bus Safety Weeks across Quebec. A time of year to remind everyone the importance of being extra cautious around school zones and to adopt safe behaviour on school buses.

Organized by the Bus Carriers Federation every year, the campaign is directed at drivers and students in elementary and secondary schools.

The theme, “Do You See Me?”, is to remind vehicle drivers to be extra vigilant around school buses and to remind students the importance of making sure they can be seen by not only their bus driver but also other vehicles.

Each year, the federation develops activities/videos and has a policy campaign to remind everyone to do their part so that school children stay safe.

For more information on the campaign and to access information and videos you can go over with your child, visit the [Did You See Me?](#) website.

Suicide Prevention Week January 31st - February 6th

The theme of the 31st edition of Suicide Prevention Week is “Talking About Suicide Saves Lives”.

Suicide is a preventable death that is possible to prevent. We are all affected by this issue which, each year, affects too many families, workplaces and communities. In Quebec alone, there are 3 suicides per day. It is estimated that about 20 people are in mourning each time someone takes their life.

The objectives of this year’s campaign are to:

- ★ Raise awareness and engage the public and decision makers.
- ★ Normalize asking for help, especially among men.
- ★ Encourage talking about suicide openly and safely.
- ★ Promote available resources.

For more information and to access the available resources, go to the [Suicide Prevention Week website](#).

Or [Quebec Suicide Prevention Website](#)

Or suicide.ca

Or call. **1 866 APPELLE**

Hooked on School Days February 15th - 19th

For the past 16 years, Hooked on School Days (HSD) has mobilized Quebecers around the educational success of young people. Celebrated every year in the third week of February, this Québec-wide event is aimed at reminding us that we all play a vital role in encouraging young people to stay in school.

This year, Hooked on School Days in the Estrie will be celebrated from February 15th - 19th. All stakeholders are invited to participate by taking a moment to encourage, applaud, support and mobilize around school perseverance.

For more details about Hooked on School Days in Estrie, visit the [website](#). You will find activities, workshops and seminars, as well as suggestions on how you can be a + in a student’s life and encourage them to stay in school!

COVID-19 Update

The Direction de la Santé Publique (DSPu) shared with us revised directives on what to do if your child has symptoms.

Please see the flyers below, and you may access them as well on the ETSB website on the [COVID Information page](#).

What to do if my child aged 6 months to 5 years has symptoms? ([download the PDF](#))

What to do if my child aged 6 to 17 years old has symptoms? ([download the PDF](#))

COVID-19 WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD AGED 6 MONTHS TO 5 YEARS HAS SYMPTOMS?

MY CHILD HAS ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS:

- Fever $\geq 38.5^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Cough (new or worsened), shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
- Runny or stuffy nose or sore throat AND fever $\geq 38.1^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Stomach aches, vomiting, or diarrhea AND fever $\geq 38.1^{\circ}\text{C}$

If the symptoms start at home: **my child will stay home, and I will notify the school or daycare.**

If the symptoms start at school or daycare: **the setting will contact the parent to pick up the child for an immediate return home.**

If my other children don't have symptoms, they can go to school or daycare.

AFTER 24 HOURS AT HOME

IF MY CHILD NO LONGER HAS SYMPTOMS: they can go back to school or daycare.

IF MY CHILD STILL HAS AT LEAST ONE SYMPTOM: I need to complete the online self-assessment tool by clicking here and follow the instructions or call 1-877-644-4545.

WHAT IF I REFUSE SCREENING?

If I am told that my child needs to be tested for COVID-19, but I don't want that, I must keep them in isolation at home for a minimum of 10 days from the onset of their symptoms AND until they disappear.

If my other children don't have symptoms, they can go to school or daycare.

After my child tests negative for the virus, has a reduction in symptoms and is in generally good health, he or she can attend school or daycare.*

*Except if he or she is in isolation because of contact with a person who has tested positive for CO-19.

When my child returns to school or daycare, I might be asked to fill out a pledge form to confirm that my child can return.

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COVID-19 WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD BETWEEN THE AGES OF 6 AND 17 HAS SYMPTOMS?

MY CHILD HAS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS:

- Fever $\geq 38.1^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Sudden loss of smell
- Cough (new or worsened)
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Runny nose or congestion

OR AT LEAST TWO OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS:

- Headaches
- Intense fatigue
- Generalized muscle aches (not related to physical exertion)
- Significant loss of appetite
- Nausea and vomiting
- Stomach ache
- Diarrhoea

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Support for Students Tutoring

On January 27th, the Minister of Education, Mr. Roberge, announced additional monies and measures for academic support and student well-being.

One of the measures is the addition of tutors for students who need to catch up to be successful in their school year. These tutoring services are to complement the support already in place and being offered. In the coming days, the ETSB, in collaboration with school administration and staff, will look at the best ways to implement this new strategy and support to benefit those students with the greatest needs.

As well, parents and students are invited and encouraged to use the services of [Alloprof](#) and [LEARN](#) that offer online support and tutoring for students.

