

ETSB Connections Newsletter



The [2021-2022 school calendar](#) is now available.

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Now more than ever students need our support!

With the change in the weather and the switch to daylight saving time, we know that spring has finally arrived. Warmer days also give us an extra boost to get outside and enjoy the weather.

Spring is also a critical time of year for our students, who are in the final stretch of their school year. So far this year our students have risen to the challenge and have shown their resilience and their ability to adapt to the new realities.

The school year has been anything but routine, and that makes it more important than ever to support and encourage students to persevere with their studies, so that they can succeed and reach their goals.

Parents have also been supportive in working with our school personnel to ensure that we do our best to keep everyone safe, and provide a learning environment where students can succeed.

Thank you to everyone for encouraging and supporting them and most importantly, *THANK YOU* to our students for not giving up!

COVID-19 Update

The Estrie and Centre du Québec regions became orange zones on March 8th. On March 5th and March 15th messages were sent to all parents outlining what this would mean for our schools.

[March 5th message](#)
[March 15th message](#)

One additional measure that was brought into place after our last message is that cycle 3 elementary students (grades 5 & 6) are now required to wear a procedure mask instead of a face covering. Procedure masks will be distributed to the elementary schools over the next few weeks. As of April 12th, all grade 5 & 6 students MUST wear a procedure mask at school and on school transportation.

As well, please take note that all visitors, including parents, must wear a procedure mask at school at all times, in class, in common areas, when moving through the building, and on school grounds.

Once again, we would like to thank parents and students for their collaboration in working together with school personnel to help keep our schools a safe and secure place to learn.

Remember if you or your child has any symptoms of COVID-19, please see the "[what to do if you have symptoms](#)" section on the ETSB website.

Workshop Reminder

Supporting our Children to be their Best Selves

The ZOOM link for the sessions has been sent out to registered participants. Please check your inbox carefully.

School Calendar News

At the March 23rd Council of Commissioners' meeting, the 2021-2022 school calendar for the youth sector (elementary and secondary) was approved. The first day of classes will be August 31st. See the new calendar below. It is also available to [download and print on the ETSB website](#).

CALENDRIER SCOLAIRE 2021 - 2022

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Legend:

- 180 Jours de classe / 180 School Days
- 3 Jours de planification / 3 Planning days which may convert to a school day
- 17 Jours pédagogiques / 17 Planning Days
- 29 Congés / 29 Non/Working days (tot days)
- 3 Jours de planification / 3 Planning days
- 15 Congés APÉQ (congrès pédagogique) / 15 APÉQ Convention (planning day)

Adopté par Résolution - In 75 mai 2021
Adopted by Resolution - March 23, 2021

Snow day Update!

Due to the school cancellations we had this winter, **May 21st** will now be converted to a regular school day.

2-4-U Program One Program = 2 Diplomas!

If your teenager has successfully completed their level 3 (grade 9) French, English and Math, then they are qualified for the 2-4-U program!

They simply choose a trade that interests them, register and pursue high school studies as they start vocational training. In the end, this will give them the opportunity to work in the profession of their choice.

Over 20 programs to choose from!

Each week, students spend 3 days in their chosen trade and 2 days in high school or adult education. They will spend a total of 300 hours in high school subjects and 600 hours in vocational training per school year. After successfully completing the program, students have in hand their secondary school diploma (DES) AND their vocational training diploma (DEP).

To find out more about this program, contact the [Lennoxville Vocational Training Centre](#) (LVTC) to book an information session.

[2-4-U Concomitance](#)

[Check out the 2-4-U video on](#) 



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Digital Rights and Responsibilities

The Eastern Townships School Board's technology resources are made available to students to help them with their learning. The use of these resources is a privilege that requires responsible behaviour on the part of students.

The Digital Rights and Responsibilities document ensures that students are aware of their responsibility to be good digital citizens and protect their digital rights. To this end the document has been revised to better meet the needs of today's digital citizen.

The main changes are as follows:

- The students' right to protect their personal image.
- The students' responsibility to protect their personal life.
- The students' responsibility to request permission if they wish to record any online materials.

The revised document will be shared with parents and students.

The full [Policy on Telecommunications, Network and Technology Usage](#) is available on the ETSB website.

Air Quality

Over the last few months, the school board has been evaluating the quality of air in classrooms by testing the levels of CO₂, as per the Ministry of Education's request and instructions.

The process involves taking three readings from the classrooms being tested at very specific times, 5 minutes before class starts, 30 minutes after class has started and 20 minutes after opening a window.

The final tests have been completed and the results will be made available on the ETSB website in the coming days.

Testing for Lead in Drinking Water

In the August edition of the Connections, we informed you that, as per the Ministry of Education's instructions, we were testing the lead content in water points in our schools.

In August of 2020, the ETSB had completed the testing in all of its elementary schools, having taken samples from 195 water points. Since then, work on the elementary schools has been completed and all the designated points for drinking water are safe.

The high school testing has just been completed and the data is being compiled. In the coming days, the results for both the elementary and high schools will be posted on the ETSB website.



Happy Easter!

