

CONNECTIONS

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DEAR ETSB PARENTS,

Welcome to the 3rd edition of our CONNECTIONS newsletter, sporting a fresh look for this New Year of 2022!

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday, and are back in the swing of things with your children returning to school in presence! Many activities have already taken place since our return to school – the registration period, report cards, and numerous celebrations. We hope you will find this edition full of resources for you to pull from personally and as a family, along with some highlights that we are pleased to share with you all.

With mother nature calling the shots, we experienced three school closures – one in January and two earlier this month. In this edition you will find an Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) youth calendar noting the newly converted "Snow Days," these will now be regular school days for all. All convertible pedagogical days have now been used up.

As we continue to work as a team in order to navigate these ever changing times, we thank you for staying connected and unified. Juggling everything is rarely easy in normal times, but together we will continue to move ahead and make this academic year a true success!

!! HAPPY MARCH BREAK !!

Photo: Jule and Hannah from Germany experiencing ice fishing with Hannah's host mother Josée!



ENSEIGNANT (Secteur des jeunes)
TEACHER (Youth sector)



CALENDRIER SCOLAIRE 2021 - 2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Juillet 2021							Août 2021							Septembre 2021							September 2021											
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180 Journées de classe
School Days

3 1 Journées pédagogiques pouvant devenir jours de classe
Planning days which may convert to a school day

17 3 Journées pédagogiques
Planning Days

★ Premier jour de classe
First day of class

22 Congés
Non-Working days (Holidays)

3 Journées pédagogiques(enseignants)
Teacher planning days

15 Congrès APEQ (journée pédagogique)
QPAT Convention (planning day)

Adopté par Résolution - le 23 mars 2021
Adopted by Resolution - March 23, 2021

Converted "Snow Days"

Given the recent school closures due to bad weather, the 3 following pedagogical days have been converted to regular school days.

April 4th
May 20th
June 3rd

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Parents' Committee of the ETSB

Dear Parents,

The Parents' Committee of the ETSB (Eastern Townships School Board) is interested in getting your input. One of our roles in our English community is to remain current with its tendencies and its evolutionary state.

Please complete this short survey on your thoughts, visions and beliefs about bilingualism.

As you can see, **there are 2 links below**. One is the English survey and the other is in French. Both are identical, so we ask that you **kindly only answer one of them**.

Also, please be aware that the ETSB itself is in no way implicated in the creation of this survey. It is only acting as a messenger from the Parents Committee to you.

Thank you.

ENGLISH SURVEY

FRENCH SURVEY

COVID Info & update

Dear Parents,

Please find a link below to an informational letter addressing the recent COVID-19 updates.

It includes a notice that masks can be removed as of March 7th, as well as information and links related to travel and border/isolation requirements.

We hope this will be of help to keep us all informed and wishing families a safe and wonderful break!

[LINK to letter \(English and French\)](#)

International Student Program



Dog sledding excursion with international students!

NEWS from our ETSB International Student Program

Five full months have now gone by since we welcomed our 2021-2022 International Student cohort. Together in the youth and adult vocational sectors, we have welcomed 34 students. In December, a new student joined us from the Philippines and four new students also joined us this month from Austria, Germany and Mexico.

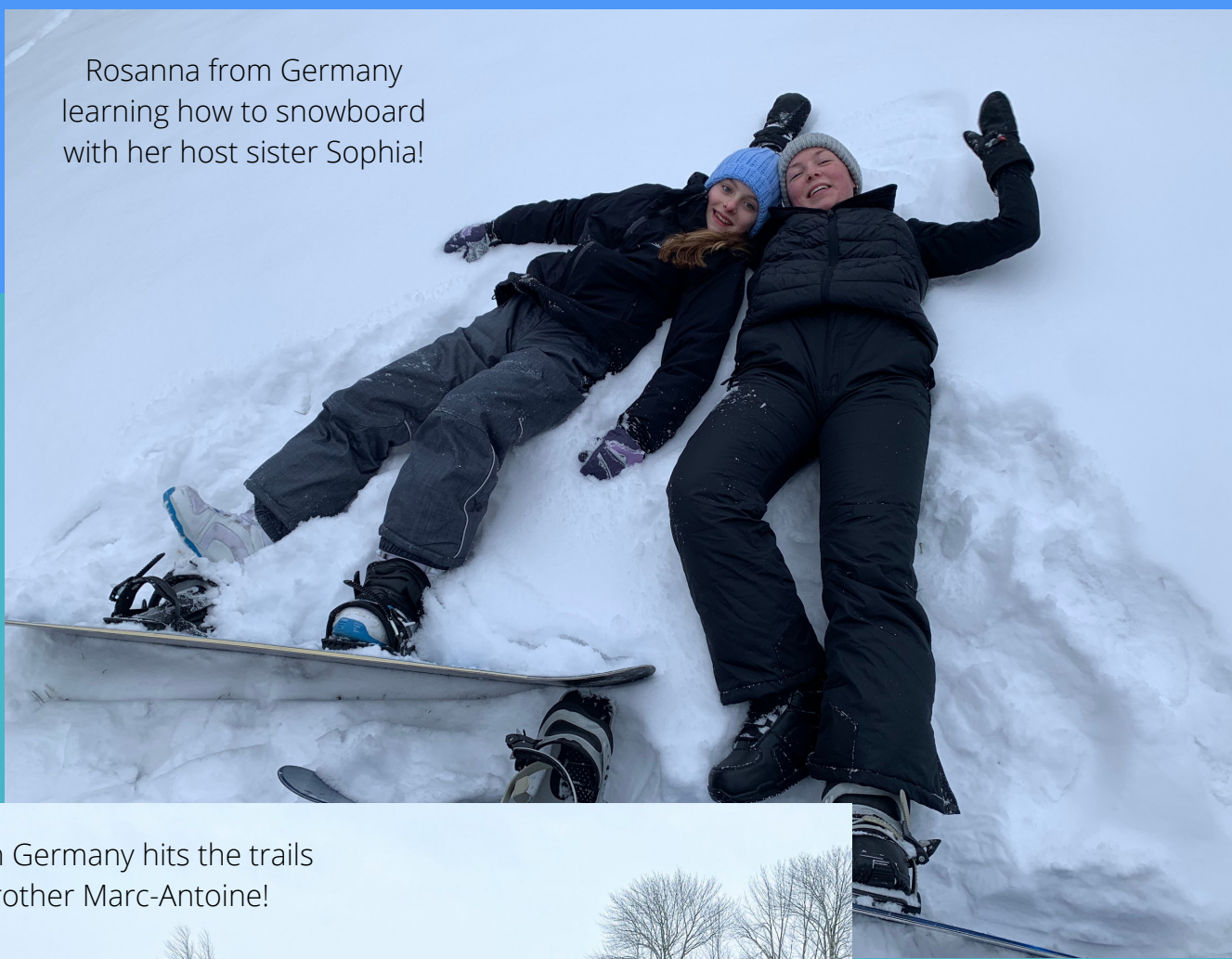
During the past months, students were able to visit Montreal and Quebec city, inviting their local school friends to join as well. A group of students also went to Mont Mégantic to stargaze. Students are now experiencing our exotic winter through different activities: dog sledding, ice fishing, snowmobiling, skiing, snowboarding, skating on a lake, making snow forts, snowmen, and having snowball fights etc ... The snow always brings excitement and even more so on a snow day!

On behalf of our department, our international students and families, we wish to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation for your constant support, commitment and work during this pandemic.

THANK YOU for holding down the fort!

More winter fun for our international students - what a full Quebec experience!!

Rosanna from Germany
learning how to snowboard
with her host sister Sophia!



And Selma from Germany hits the trails
with host brother Marc-Antoine!



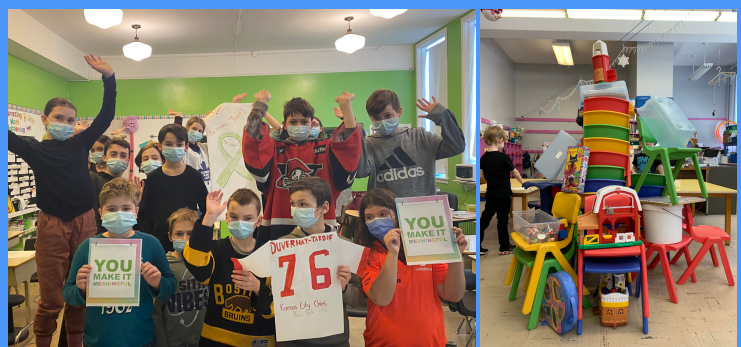
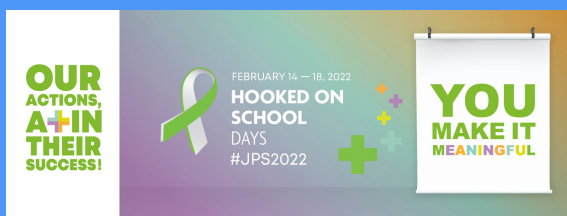
Pedagogical Services



Dear parents, we know these are trying times for families as we all work to juggle responsibilities and ongoing changes. Here are some resources that we hope might help you all better cope and support your children....

LEARN workshops related to mental health and wellbeing —→ [INFO & REGISTRATION](#)

And while we are very happy that our students are back to school in presence at this time, in the event that classes are shut down due to COVID -19 realities, here are some tips in creating a positive learning experience for your child. You may find other resources by accessing the [Parent Tutorial Section](#) for Online Learning on the ETSB website.



HOOKED ON SCHOOL was celebrated throughout our ETSB schools and centres in fine fashion! St.Francis Elementary's grade 6 class had the honour of taking part in the LIVE event with spokesperson Laurent Duvernay-Tardif and loved the opportunity to ask questions and get inspired! Many amazing activities took place, pyramids built (featured pyramid by Lennoxville Elementary's Kindergarteners) and smiles shared - BRAVO! Our adult students even created a motivational video to showcase their determination and commitment to success - we applaud you all! Check out the video [HERE!](#)



FREE French Online Conversation Courses!

The Eastern Townships School Board's Adult Education is proud to offer
FREE Ministry of Education recognized language courses Online!!

The course information:

- ★ 50 hours online
- ★ Starting the week of March 21, 2022
- ★ Two classes of 2,5 hours a week
- ★ Free placement test for new students
 - ★ Morning and evening groups
- ★ Possibility to pass official francization exams
- ★ Documents required for proof of residency - [head HERE!](#)

Participants must be 16yrs of age and older - all are welcome with beginners,
intermediate and advanced levels offered!

Check out the [SCHEDULE](#)

For any questions & to apply, pls contact adulted@etsb.qc.ca
or call 1-833-621-0766, option 3

Or apply via the registration form that can be found [HERE](#)

Proof of residency is required!



GOOD LUCK - BONNE CHANCE

