

# CONNECTIONS

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## DEAR ETSB PARENTS,

Welcome to the 5th and final edition of our CONNECTIONS newsletter for this school year!

Once again we have made it through an exceptional year, and in no small part, thanks to our committed families of the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB). With the added strain due to the pandemic and concerns shouldered, we have all risen to the challenge and our students have succeeded. The collaborative spirit and support you provided at home for our students has greatly contributed to this accomplishment. We sincerely thank all of our families for the perseverance shown, the ingenuity, the ability to adapt to the constant changes, and for navigating the realities we've faced. You have displayed true resiliency throughout this school year and the ETSB thanks you for the trust you placed in our hands. From our combined efforts, our students have achieved so much and grown from this time in ways we have yet to see. Together we never lost our focus on what was and is important for us, that our students learn and grow in a healthy and safe environment. Gratefully, we are now seeing a return to "normal" in our schools with class trips, activities and graduation ceremonies taking place. As this academic year comes to a close, we can look back with a sense of pride and plan for the upcoming school year with much optimism! On behalf of the ETSB, we wish you and your families a restful, happy summer, and are already looking forward to greeting you with renewed energy in the fall.

# Pedagogical Services

## Report Cards and Ministry Transcripts

The final report card is a sign that summer is at our doorstep. Term 2 results will be posted on the portal July 4th for Elementary students, and no later than July 10th for High School students, in order to coincide with the availability of Ministry transcripts. Please note that the Student Portal will be shut down from June 13th – June 30th, while marks are being entered.

For parents of students in Secondary 4 and 5, students may access Ministry of Education (MEQ) transcripts and diplomas online through the Online Services section (top right corner) of the MEQ's website: <http://www.education.gouv.qc.ca/en/home/>. You will be asked to create a student account and in order to do so, you will need your child(ren)'s permanent code and student ID number. These can be found on your child's report card (only one account can be created for each permanent code). We strongly encourage you to create the account(s) prior to the end of the school year. Results from the MEQ will be available as of July 5th 2022. It is also possible to request a revision of Ministry exam marks on this site. If you encounter any technical difficulties in creating or consulting student accounts, you may access the following general support services at the Ministry of Education: 1-866-747-6626 or by clicking on the "Contact MEQ" section on the [MEQ website](#).

## Summer School and Ministry Exam Retakes

Students in Secondary 4 and 5 who wish to retake Ministry exams in the following subjects, may do so by registering at 819-868-3100, ext 55110, prior to July 20th 2022.

Exam retake dates are:

Math – Secondary 4 (July 28th)

Science – Secondary 4 (July 29th)

English Language Arts – Secondary 5 (July 25th, 26th, 27th)

French as a Second Language (programme de base) – Secondary 5 (July 22nd and August 1st)

French as a Second Language (programme enrichi) – Secondary 5 (August 1st and 2nd)

Preparatory sessions for these exams, as well as the History Secondary 4 course, are available online through LEARN Quebec, from **July 11th to the 22nd** (Cost \$250, of which \$100 will be covered for eligible students by the ETSB). For more information on this service or to register, please access [LEARN's website](#). **The deadline to register for preparatory sessions is July 7th 2022.**



## Success Story: Highlighting Megan Vokey

Megan highlights her story of perseverance and the support she received from Massey-Vanier High School and Commun'Ecole (a partnership between ETSB's Distance Education and the Centre Jeunesse Emploi). She was able to complete her high school diploma and is now studying at Heritage College in Gatineau in Early Childhood Care in Education.

Way to go Megan, check out her video [HERE!](#)

## LVTC opens it's shop to young welders!



Last April, three wonderful young ladies from Richmond Regional High School (RRHS) spent several days at the Lennoxville Vocational Training Centre (LVTC) in the Welding and Machining classes in a special project called *Non-Traditional Studies*.

LVTC offered the opportunity to levels 4 and 5 girls to experience two non-traditional trades offered within the ETSB. RRHS responded with several level 4 students who were keen to try their hand at welding.

The students spent lots of time in the shop working with the materials and equipment used by machinists and welders. Kudos to all for taking on the challenge and trying something new!

A special thank you to the teachers involved at LVTC: Alexandra, Gilles and Jonathan. A big thanks to Valerie, Guidance Counselor at RRHS, for making the link with the students.

Take a look at our teacher, Alexandra Archambault, who is coaching a student that is welding for the very first time in this [video!](#)





The ETSB proudly delivered a record breaking 8000 trees to our schools and centres for planting throughout our communities this year! A BIG thank you goes out to Massey-Vanier teacher Marty Roberts and the Buildings and Grounds department for making this green initiative happen. We hope you all have beautiful new saplings growing and contributing to our collective well-being here in the Townships.

THANK  YOU!

Pics: Deliveries underway & Heroes' Kindergarten students



School & Community partners have teamed up to give away quality English books this summer for Richmond, Danville & Drummondville area High School students (RRHS and the soon-to-be High School students from St. Francis, DES and ADS)!

Students are invited to come to any or all of the community distribution points to pick-up or exchange books. A teacher from our CLC schools will be present during the distribution days to connect with the student and help them if needed to make their selection. The books purchased for this project were selected by groups of students under the supervision of Ms. Reid, a RRHS teacher.

This project was made possible through our CLC approach in collaboration with the following community partners: Projet PRÉE, CJE Richmond, Maison des jeunes de Wickham, CASE-McQ, and Richmond et ses Jeunes, with additional funding from the Government of Quebec's Summer Slide Prevention grant.

You can follow this project on Instagram  
#RRHSknightsREAD

If you would like to receive a reminder the day before the distribution dates, please fill out this [FORM](#).

[See POSTER HERE!](#)

Summer distribution dates/locations:

Maison des Jeunes de Wickham (752, rue Blanchard, Wickham):  
Saturday July 23, 4-5pm.

CJE Richmond (139, rue Principale nord): Wednesdays July 27th and August 17th, 4-6pm.

CJE Val-des-Sources (557, 1re avenue): Wednesday August 3rd, 4-6pm.

D.E.S. (565, rue Farrell): Wednesday August 10th, 4-6pm.





Sunnyside Elementary School and its many partners have seen a huge success in the development and implementation of Stanstead's very first school-community garden.

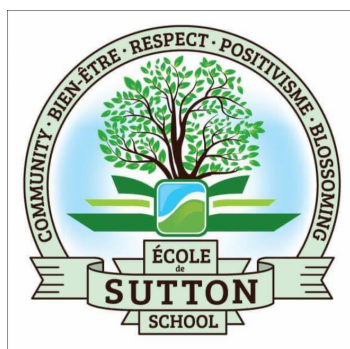
Given our focus on sustainability and longevity, much thought has been put in choosing infrastructures that will last, as well as developing partnerships.

The Jardin Sunnysed Garden is meant to be a place for all to share, in respect of nature and each other. Ten raised garden beds have been installed in a large, fenced area. Four beds are being shared with community members, offering them a place to grow their own food. The vegetables grown in the garden area are reserved for the community and the school. In the fall, students will harvest and transform their crops, filling their bellies with healthy food. As the program develops, we aim to share our excess crops with organizations supporting low-income individuals.

Mélanie Banville, Garden Coordinator will regularly be present at the garden all summer. She is responsible for ensuring the care of the garden grounds and school plots. Of course, this is not a one woman show, Mélanie will most likely need some help at one point or another.

We are building a volunteer database. If you are interested in providing some help, no matter your gardening skill level, please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/jY7XgsttDHUbyS4A>





## HOMESCHOOL HYBRID



Is your child currently in Cycle 3 elementary and works well independently ?  
Does your family wish for educational services provided at a distance, but Homeschooling is not the appropriate solution for you?  
Do you wish for your child to participate in socialisation and enrichment activities available through school, but do not wish for him/her to return to a brick-and-mortar environment?

Sutton (<http://sutton.etsb.qc.ca>) is a small school, pleased to offer an academic environment in search of excellence, that promotes a healthy living environment open to the world and rooted in the community. They value respect, perseverance and citizenship in a bilingual environment close to nature. These values will be transpired through a hybrid offer of service at Cycle 3 elementary (Grades 5 & 6), where students who are at a distance will be able to participate in learning activities online with other students in presence at the school. Through synchronous and a-synchronous activities, they will engage with teachers and students onsite, becoming a valued member of the Sutton school community.

If you would like more information or wish to register your child for this service, please contact Don Kerr ([kerrdo@edu.etsb.qc.ca](mailto:kerrdo@edu.etsb.qc.ca)), principal of Sutton School: (450) 538-2318.

## Availability of Chromebooks over the Summer

For parent(s) of students in Grades 5 to Secondary 4, who would like to provide additional academic support for their child over the summer, it is possible to request that they keep their Chromebook over the summer. Please contact your child's school to make arrangements.

## ETSB's Virtual Library

Looking for some good reads over the summer. Why not access [ETSB's Virtual Library](#). This site provides access to various e-/audio books, as well as various podcasts and book talks. You are never alone when lost in the magic of a book!





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**Eastern Townships**  
SCHOOL BOARD

# CENTRAL STUDENTS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Did you know that a unique group of students hailing from all 3 high schools of the Eastern Townships School Board take part in the Central Students' Advisory Committee (CSAC)?

Their mission is to represent the student body, voice interests, discuss what matters to their peers and facilitate communication between the high schools (Alexander Galt, Massey-Vanier & Richmond Regional), the School Board, the Council of Commissioners and the community at large. Welcome to the CSAC!

The CSAC embarked on an exciting project this year - a radio series to help share our stories with you all, because so much GOOD stuff is taking place!

The CSAC radio series was produced in collaboration with the community station **CJMQ** of Sherbrooke/Lennoxville and hosted by Mr. Coulombe of "The Friday Drive." **CJMQ** collaborated with fellow community radio station **CIDI** of Brome-Missisquoi to cover the entire Townships, so everyone could hear the news.

The CSAC group produced 3 episodes this year covering topics of their choice.

Episode 1: Finding Joy

Episode 2: Student Clubs

Episode 3: Graduation (airing on June 17th)

Congratulations to all students who took part in this exciting series!

**CLICK these links to have a listen to the episodes:**

**[Topic 1 - Finding Joy](#)**

**[Topic 2 - Student Clubs](#)**

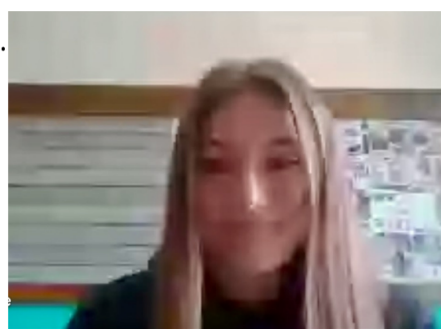
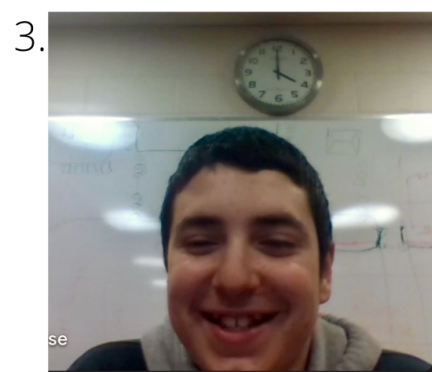
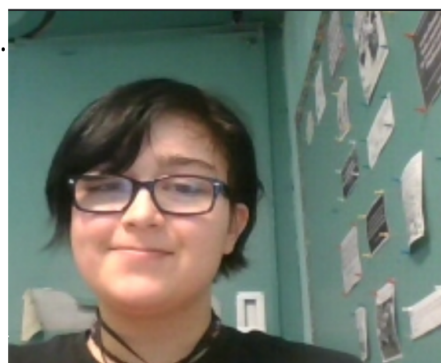
**[Topic 3 - Graduation](#)**





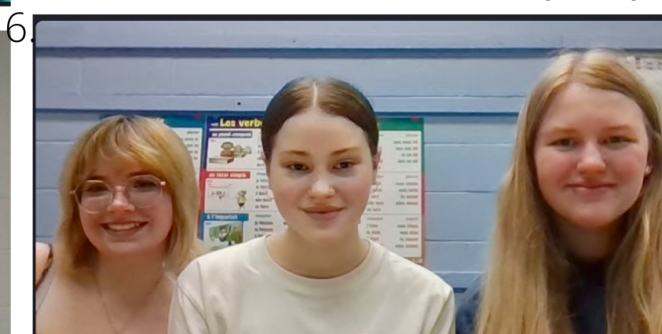
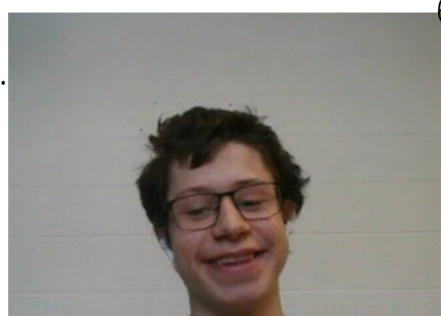
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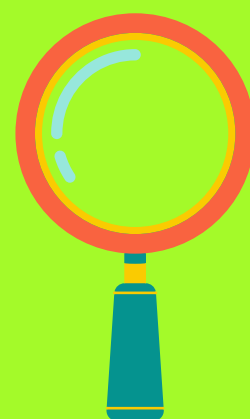
## The CSAC radio crew:

1. Madison Cournoyer (MV)
2. Host Daniel Coulombe (CJMQ)
3. Bryan Laprise (GALT)
4. Mia Plourde (RRHS)
5. Aidan Meacher (MV)
6. Brandyce Bilodeau, Sonja Aguilar, Jillian Davidson (GALT > Left to Right)
7. Communications Consultant Holly Bailey



## COVID update

If you have any questions about vaccination for COVID-19, please review [this document](#) provided by the *Comité d'immunisation du Québec* which explains the suggested dosage for various demographics. If you have more detailed questions, you can call the number provided in the document.



# Complementary Services

## Mental Health Estrie



Mental Health Estrie invites you to join them for an upcoming free virtual workshop presented in English.

**"Exploring Ecotherapy"** will take place on Wednesday, June 29th from 6:30-8:00pm with guest speaker Cynthia Castonguay, Registered Social Worker. This event will explain the concept of Ecotherapy. It will also help us to gain a better understanding of our relationship with nature and teach us valuable tips and tricks we can use to improve and/or maintain our mental health. It is free of charge and open to all. We encourage you to share this information with family and friends.

To register for the workshop, we invite you to use the following methods by clicking on the item:

1. [ZOOM link](#)
2. Contact Emily at: [outreach@mentalhealthestrie.com](mailto:outreach@mentalhealthestrie.com) or (819) 565-2388
3. [Facebook](#)



## *La Course des Millepattes*

Again this year, ETSB students are invited to participate in the *Course des Millepattes*. It will be taking place on October 1st in Sherbrooke. Click [here](#) to find more information about the race and the cause it supports. Click [here](#) to register for the school challenge. People who register before July 4th will get a free t-shirt!

# Recruitment Opportunities!



## WE'RE HIRING!

Choose a Career that can Turn a Life Around



### Special Education

Special Education Technicians &  
Handicapped Student Attendants



### Bus Drivers

Split work hours - Morning &  
Afternoon (Permanent & On Call)



### Professionals

Psychologists -  
Psychoéducateurs - Pedagogical  
Consultants



### Documentation Technicians

Working at the Head Office  
in Magog



### Maintenance

Custodial - Janitorial &  
Building Maintenance



### Supply Teachers

Daily Supply Teachers &  
Replacement Contracts

*Are you ready to make an impact in a student's life?  
Visit our website to see what your future career will be!*

[www.etsb.qc.ca](http://www.etsb.qc.ca)



# Youth Calendar for 2022-2023!



ENSEIGNANT (Secteur des jeunes)  
TEACHER (Youth sector)



## CALENDRIER SCOLAIRE 2022 - 2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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Septembre 2022							September
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Mars 2023							March
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Avril 2023							April
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Mai 2023							May
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Juin 2023							June
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180 Journées de classe  
School Days

17 3 Journées pédagogiques  
Planning Days

22 Congés  
Non-Working days (Holidays)

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

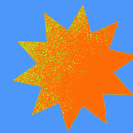
★ Premier jour de classe  
First day of class

3 Journées pédagogiques(enseignants)  
Teacher planning days

Adopté par Résolution - le 22 mars 2022  
Adopted by Resolution - March 22, 2022

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

# International Student Program



**Happy  
SUMMER  
everyone!!**

