

# CONNECTIONS

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## DEAR ETSB PARENTS,

We hope you enjoyed a wonderful summer and would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back and reconnect with this year's 1st volume of the CONNECTIONS newsletter.

We find ourselves at the beginning of another school year, one that resembles more normal times with extracurricular activities, student clubs and sport meets back on the calendar to name but a few. We realize there is still ground to gain back and challenges ahead, so we hope that you will continue to support your child(ren) in their learning and development in partnership with us here at the ETSB.

We wish you all, our ETSB families and community, a really happy and successful school year!

# Pedagogical Services

## Terms, Communications and Report Cards

For the 2022-2023 school year, the Ministry of Education has mandated the return of 3 terms. The following dates have been set at the Eastern Townships School Board:

**End of Term 1 - November 2, 2022**, with report cards available on the portal on Nov 14th 2022. This term is weighted at 20% of the year's final mark.

**End of Term 2 - January 27, 2023**, with report cards available on the portal on Feb 8th 2023. This term is weighted at 20% of the year's final mark.

**End of Term 3 - June 23, 2023**, with report cards available on the portal on June 30th 2023. This term is weighted at 60% of the year's final mark.

As parents, you will also receive a first communication from your child's school, with information on his/her progress, by October 14th 2022.

## Virtual Library



The ETSB is proud to offer a virtual library, with access to online books, research databases, encyclopedias, tools and much more. Most resources can be accessed from home, 24/7, by clicking on the following [link](#) or by visiting the Parent Section of the ETSB website ([www.etsb.qc.ca](http://www.etsb.qc.ca)).



## LEARN Tutoring

LEARN Online Tutoring is available to students from grade 2 to 11, in the English system across the province, at no charge. Tutors are qualified Quebec educators who provide feedback to schools and families after each session.

Registration opens on September 26. Tutoring resumes on October 11. For more information or to join their mailing list, [connect here](#).

## 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 socialization and enrichment activities available through school, but do not wish for him/her to return to a brick-and-mortar environment and would prefer online access to learning?

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 transpire through a hybrid offer of service at Cycle 3 elementary (Grades 5 & 6), where students at a distance will be able to participate in learning activities online with other students in presence at the school. Through a synchronous and a-synchronous activities, they will engage with teachers and students onsite, becoming a valued member of the Sutton school community.

If you wish for 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.



# Complementary Services

We are very happy to offer three online information sessions to our ETSB parents. A formal invitation will be sent to all parents closer to the dates of each event.

## Information Sessions for Parents - Save the Dates:

- **Moving Towards Writing SMART IEPs that Better Meet the Needs of Students, Teachers and Parents** November 9 from 7pm to 9pm on Zoom presented by Kymberley Morin, ETSB special education pedagogical consultant.
- **Understanding the Emotional World of Children and Making it through the Holiday Season** December 14 from 7pm to 9pm on Zoom presented by Eva de Gosztonyi, psychologist.
- **The Developmental Approach and Nurturing Support Centres** February 8th from 7pm to 9pm on Zoom presented by Eva de Gosztonyi, psychologist.

GOOD  
JOB

## WE'RE HIRING!

The ETSB is looking for great people to join the team, why not apply today? We are looking for special education aides and technicians, bus drivers, supply teachers and more...take a look [HERE!](#)

For any questions or to submit an application please send your request to [hr@etsb.qc.ca](mailto:hr@etsb.qc.ca)





# International Student Program



## Familles d'accueil recherchées

## Host Families Wanted

Vous êtes actifs, généreux et curieux d'apprendre sur d'autres cultures et vous avez une chambre disponible?

### Nous cherchons une famille comme la vôtre

Joignez-vous à notre groupe de familles d'accueil qui chaque année ouvre leurs portes et leurs cœurs pour devenir des « parents Canadiens ».

Nous sommes à la recherche de familles francophones, anglophones et bilingues pour accueillir des élèves qui iront à l'école secondaire **Alexander Galt Regional High School, Massey Vanier High School ou Richmond Regional High School.**

Nous offrons un réseau de familles d'accueil, des activités mensuelles optionnelles, du support 24/7 et un remboursement mensuel.

You are active, generous, and curious to learn about other cultures, and you have a bedroom available?

### We are looking for a family just like yours!

Join our group of families whom every year open their homes and their hearts to become "Canadian moms & dads."

We need francophone, anglophone and bilingual families to host students who will be attending **Alexander Galt Regional High School, Massey Vanier High School or Richmond Regional High School.**

We offer a network of supportive host parents, optional monthly activities, assistance 24/7, and a monthly stipend.

**Contactez-nous / Contact us**  
[isp.homestay@etsb.qc.ca](mailto:isp.homestay@etsb.qc.ca)



# ETAGE

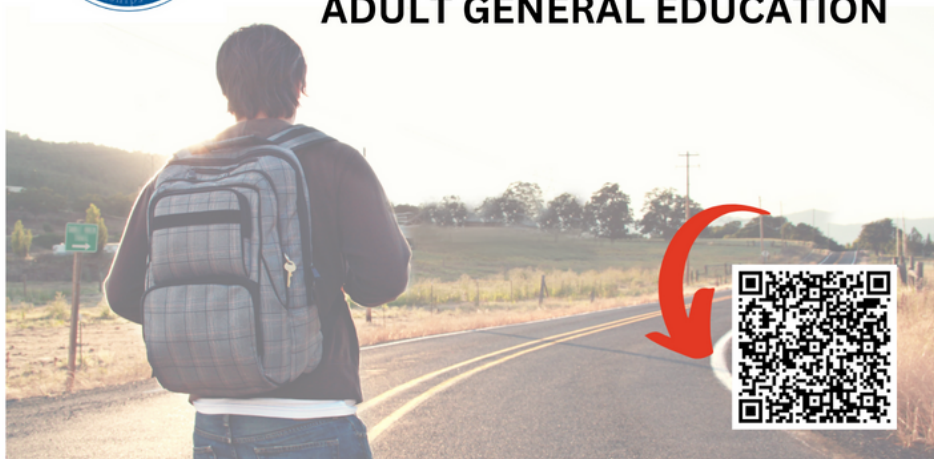
## Eastern Townships Adult General Education



### Lifelong Learning

*Choose your path !*

### ADULT GENERAL EDUCATION



Explore your  
education options



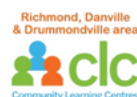
Join workshops and  
courses



Get support

Available in person and online

In collaboration with



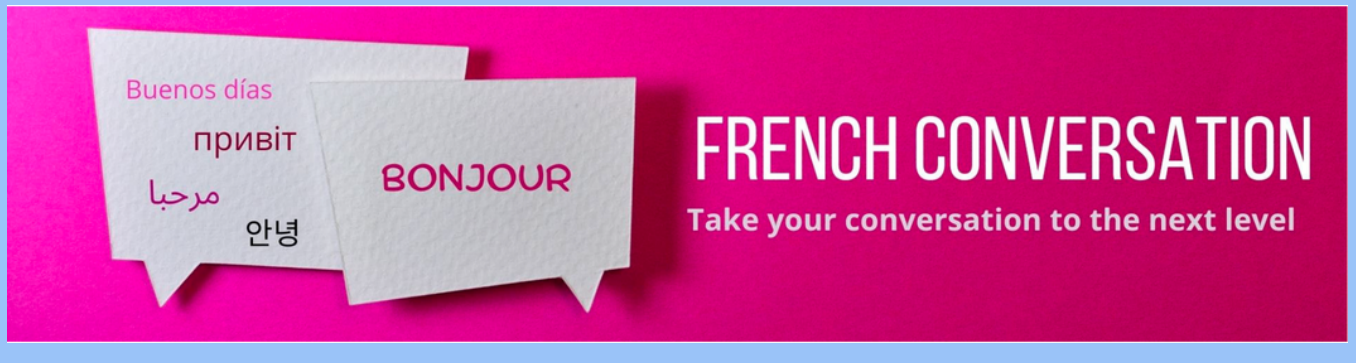
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**CLICK HERE!**







## 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 and or in-person!

### JOIN US!

FALL Classes underway!

WINTER December 5 - February 22, 2023

SPRING March 20 - May 31, 2023

### The course information:

- ★ 50 hours online or in-person (please inquire)
- ★ Two classes of 2.5 hours a week
- ★ Free placement test for new students
- ★ Morning and evening groups
- ★ Official *Francisation* exams upon request
- ★ Documents required for proof of residency - [head HERE!](#)

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

For any questions & to apply, please contact [adulted@etsb.qc.ca](mailto: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

## COVID Update

This message is a follow-up to the general COVID information you received at the beginning of the year.

[Please take the time to read the rules currently in place for COVID, isolation and masking.](#) While it is true that we do not have mandatory masking in schools, **there are still situations where the government asks that you wear a mask.** This includes a period of up to 10 days after you develop symptoms or test positive, and if you are a household contact of someone who has symptoms or tested positive.

For example, **a household contact** (typically anyone living under the same roof) of someone who has COVID is supposed to do the following for **up to 10 days**:

- Watch for the appearance of symptoms;
- Avoid contact with vulnerable people;
- Wear a mask during any social interaction (except for children aged 5 years and under);
- Keep a distance of 2 metres, when possible.

This means that if your child has COVID and they have **a sibling attending school**, the sibling would be subject to these public health recommendations.

Please also note that, in the presence of symptoms, **a single negative rapid test result is not considered enough** to avoid self-isolating. If you have symptoms, you should test yourself with a rapid at-home test. If the test is negative, you should still remain at home and assume you may have COVID, and **re-test 24 hours later**. If the second test is also negative, then you can resume normal activities. Full information can be found [here](#).

We absolutely do not want to affect the school attendance of students who are not COVID positive, which is why household contacts are not required to fully isolate. However, the government recommends taking the above precautions to help limit the spread just in case.

Please consult the flowchart below for what to do in case of symptoms, and use the [Quebec.ca COVID-19 pages](#) to find answers to most questions.

If you need help navigating the rules as they apply to you or your child and attendance in our schools, you can reach out at [covid19@etsb.qc.ca](mailto:covid19@etsb.qc.ca).

**Flow Chart**  
[Reference tool click here!](#)