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DEAR ETSB PARENTS,

We find ourselves on the cusp of the holiday season, and are amazed at how the months fly by. While it has certainly been an unusual fall with union negotiations and other dynamics at play, we would like to recognize everyone for their dedication and efforts. Our student's success is greatly influenced by this support and we thank you for it.

As you may have already heard, the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) was very happy to unveil the new 2023-2027 Commitment-to-Success Plan, which will guide our efforts for the years to come. Our core values as a Board are inclusion, wellbeing and growth for all, with the main collective goal of once again raising the graduation/success rate of our students to 82.5% from our previous goal of 76.2%. You will soon see Commitment-to-Success Plan posters displayed in all schools and centres. For more details about the plan, please visit the quick links section on the ETSB's website or head here for the [English](#) or [French](#) version.

As the festive season quickly approaches, we'd like to extend warm wishes to each and every one of you. May you find joy, rest, and cherish special moments with family and friends.

Wishing you all happy holidays and here's to a promising New Year!

Pedagogical Educational Services

End of Term 2
and Registration
Period:

We would like to highlight the following dates in January-February, 2024:

January 22nd - 26th, 2024: 2024-2025 Re-registration period. You will receive information on how to re-register your child through the Parent Portal in the New Year.

January 29th - February 9th, 2024: 2024-2025 New Registration Period

February 2nd, 2024: End of Term 2

February 9th, 2023: Planning Day

February 14th, 2024: Report Cards published on the portal



Online Tutoring

LEARN Quebec is offering free online tutoring in most subjects with fully certified and experienced teachers. The Winter session will begin on January 15th, by appointment. To register, you may visit: <https://students.learnquebec.ca/learn-tutoring/>



Virtual Library

Looking for some reading opportunities with your children over the winter holiday. ETSB offers free access to TumbleBooks, a curated database of e-books that includes a wide variety in both English and French. You can access these by clicking on the following [link](#). Happy holidays!



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townships young voices

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Townships Young Voices AWARDS 2024

Newsletter Notice

The **Townships Sun's Young Voices 2024** offers NEW AWARDS for creative writing, photography and art by Townships youth!

Anyone age 29 or younger is invited to submit stories, articles, poetry, photography, or artwork for cash prizes and publication in the Townships Sun.

Deadline: February 29, 2024.



**AWARDS
\$2000+**

Are you creative?
Between age 12 and 29?

- Enjoy making art?
- Taking photos?
- Writing stories?
- Poems?
- Nonfiction?
- In English?
- Getting published?
- Getting cash?

**Townships Young Voices 2024
is for you!**

TYVoices invites creative young people in the Eastern Townships to participate in the **Townships Sun**, your community magazine. In English.

Submission Deadline: February 29

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We gratefully acknowledge the support of the Townshippers' Research & Cultural Foundation, and our community partners.

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Details
& Videos
available
through
the QR
codes!

Complementary Educational Services

Information Session on Individualized Educational Plans (IEPs)

We had the pleasure of having Mrs. Kymberley Morin, our former special education pedagogical consultant, give a two-hour presentation on IEPs on November 8th, 2023. The presentation has been recorded and it can be found on [Google Drive](#) along with the handouts and other pertinent documents discussed during the presentation.

Canada Dental Benefit

Smile!
It is here.



For kids **under 12 years old**



For families with an adjusted net income **under \$90,000 per year**



For those who **don't have access to private dental care insurance**

Find out more at Canada.ca/dental
or 1-800-715-8836



Canada Dental Benefit!

Did you know that your family may qualify for the Canada Dental Benefit?!

The second and final benefit period will help cover dental care costs between July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 for eligible families. To find out more about the benefit and how to apply head [here](#) or call 1-800-715-8836.

Even families who applied during the first benefit period can re-apply for the final benefit period.



International Student Program



Photo Credit: Caroline Cossette

Host Family Gathering With The International Students Program

On September 9th, the ETSB international students and their host families gathered on the picturesque hills of Topher Farm in Waterville for a jovial picnic. They all succeeded in finding their path out of the labyrinth along with a few laughs! A great way to start the school year and to create friendships amongst the host families.

Would you like to be part of this group? ETSB is looking for English, French or bilingual families to host high school students next year. You have a room available? Do you enjoy meeting people from other countries and sharing your culture and daily life with them? It might be a great project for you! Click [here](#) for more information.



Be merry and
bright,
happy holidays to
all!



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Eastern Townships
SCHOOL BOARD

Moving ahead. Together. | Aller de l'avant. Ensemble.

