AGRHS Parent Bulletin - October 2026



Application to a Concentration Program 2027 - 2028: **All students interested in joining or continuing in a concentration program must apply by the December 11th deadline**. To apply, please thoroughly read the Concentration Program Handbook and follow the steps for application outlined in the document. The link to the registration form is provided in the handbook.

Graduation Eligibility: Students are eligible to participate in graduation activities if they are in their final year of a program providing a diploma or certificate - namely: Secondary 5 (Regular, Enriched, Concentrations); 24U Year 2 at Galt (24U Students registered at ETAGE graduate from Adult Education); Pre-Work 3; Semi-Skilled; or final year of Challenges (CASP2). Students who receive a certification from a WOTP program (Pre-Work or Semi-Skilled) are encouraged to participate in graduation the year that they receive their WOTP certification even if they plan to continue their studies with us at Galt. Students are eligible to participate in graduation each year they are completing a certification or diplomation program. For example, a student may participate in graduation activities the year they complete their Semi-Skilled certificate, choose to continue on through 15+, then participate in graduation a second time when they complete their final year of 24U a few years later. More information pertaining to programs and graduation pathways is available on our school website.

Interim Communication Report: The first interim report became available on the portal October 15th. This first communication provides important information pertaining to your child's adaptation to classes this school year. Term 1 report cards will be available on the portal by the end of the day on November 18th and Parent-Teacher interviews will take place online November 19th. Sign-up links to schedule interview appointments will be shared in early November.

Campus Infrastructure Repairs: Please note that excavation work at the front of the school will commence the week of October 26th. New lighting as well as some electrical repairs requiring removal of asphalt will be taking place. The extent of disruption to regular campus circulation is unknown at this time. Please be vigilant to any directions provided and in the interest of safety of all on campus, always be cautious when driving on campus.

Online Fee Payment: When paying school fees online, please verify that you are entering the correct identification number. The identification number must be identical to the one on your statement. It is important to remember that the identification number for Galt is different from the number you used in elementary school. Your payment will not be credited to the correct school unless the id number matches.

Guidance Counsellor: Please note that we are currently without a Guidance Counsellor. We are aware that this presents many concerns, particularly for our secondary 5 students looking ahead to post-secondary applications. The position has been posted and we hope to have positive news from Human Resources as soon as possible.

Families are encouraged to visit the websites of post-secondary institutions for information pertaining to Open Houses as it is the season. While a number have recently been hosted, below are a few links of upcoming events posted online:

Dawson College November 18, 2026
John Abbott College January 27, 2027
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Vanier College November 7, 2026
Champlain St. Lawrence November 3, 2026
Champlain St. Lambert November 1, 2026

Transportation: A reminder to please verify your email during the school day in order to be aware of transportation cancellations that arise during the school day. We appreciate the inconvenience this presents, but the cancellations are outside of our control. While we do our best to support with phone calls, the circumstances of the day may not always permit adequate time for all calls. Cancellations and delays should also be posted on the ETSB Website.

New 2 You Store: Our New 2 You Thrift shop, run by our Pre-Work Program and overseen by SETs Donna Langlois & Christina Young with assistance from Yellow Office secretary, Pam Cloutier, is open for business. Students may purchase clothing or accessories at highly reasonable pricing. As you tidy up your closets, please remember our Thrift shop when you have slightly used clothing or accessories you no longer need - we happily accept donations that can be left at Central Office. All donations go to excellent use, supporting the developing work skills of our Pre-Work students as well as providing our entire student population the opportunity to purchase needed clothing at greatly reduced costs.

Safety Drills: As your child may have told you, we have been practicing our school-wide evacuation drills. Three have taken place thus far, with the possibility of subsequent surprise drills in the future. We will also engage in a minimum of 2 lockdown drills prior to December. Should you arrive on campus during an evacuation (drill or unplanned alarm), we appreciate your patience as you will be held at the gate until the drill has been completed or the authorities have given the clearance for a return to the building. Should you arrive on campus and do not receive a response to the buzzer at door 1 during regular school hours, it is possible that we are in the middle of a lockdown drill or unplanned emergency. We rely on your patience as we cannot respond to the door during these situations. If you are in the building during an event such as this, you will be required to follow procedures and to remain with us until the drill is over or the authorities have cleared us to resume regular operations.

News from the Library: The Library Catalog is now available online!

We have been working hard to offer many free activities to the students since the beginning of the year. We have an "Activities Table" set up with a rotating variety of screen free activities for the students. By popular demand, there are also currently three different puzzle tables set up throughout the library. The beads that were kindly donated to us are also still set up for students to access whenever they feel like being creative. There is also a printed “Library Mini Page” with various activities and highlights of different events for the month.

Thanks to Judith Munger, the previous librarian's generosity, we did several food tastings during lunch hour during the month of September. Notably, we celebrated Truth and Reconciliation with 4 free food tastings with recipes from different Indigenous communities. More surprise food tastings to come!

We have also had several different draws for students who participated in various activities to win prizes. Students who participate, such as; wearing orange on Orange shirt day and showing their spirit on Spirit Day and visit the library are automatically entered. Thanks to the generosity of Operation Backpack there will be several more opportunities throughout the school year in order for students to win prizes. Notably, for Halloween on October 30th. There will also be an opportunity for students to win movie tickets to La Maison du Cinema through their participation in a movie review contest in November.

The newly renamed “Judith’s Bistro” is open every day for students to come eat in a calmer environment, as well as have some flavoured water or herbal teas during lunch time. Thanks to the generosity of the IOOF#8 Unity Lodge, we are able to continue to offer this service to students.



Dates to Remember:

November 6	PD Day - No classes for students
November 18	Term 1 Report Card Available on Portal
November 19	Parent-Teacher Interviews
November 20	PD Day - No classes for students
December 11	**Deadline to apply for Concentrations 2027 - 2028**
December 23 - January 5	Christmas Break - School Closed
January 6	Convertible PD Day - No classes for students
January 29	PD Day - No classes for students
February 12	PD Day - No classes for students
March 1 - 5	March Break - No classes for students & Offices Closed
March 8	PD Day - No classes for sudents
March 26 & 29	Easter Holiday - School Closed
April 12	PD Day - No classes for students
April 30	Convertible PD Day - No classes for students
May 14	PD Day - No classes for students
May 24	DDO/Victoria Day Holiday - School Closed
*May 25	Regular Classes, Cycle Day 6 (Make-up day for Oct. 5)
June 7	PD Day - No classes for students