



May 2019

Dear Galt Families,

Hopefully we can now say that Spring has finally arrived. The arrival of spring means very busy times as we move forward in the final preparations for exams and end of year activities, as well as the preparations for the upcoming school year.

It has been another very busy year at Alexander Galt, with a wide range of activities provided both to & by our students. In addition to a strong ongoing athletics program, our students have had opportunities to participate in many field trips both near and far, benefitted from visits of guest speakers and performers, engaged in fabulous performances in both this year's Winter and Spring Productions, participated in a Talent Show, created Art Exhibits, provided Band performances, competed in Math, Writing, and Improv competitions, and who can forget the annual Carnival – with many more activities still to come. Further, we continue to take pride in the work performed by our WOTP students while out on stage in our communities. We receive a lot of positive feedback on our students' performance in the workplace and these students can be proud of their accomplishments.

In addition to all the activities, teachers and students are also busy covering and mastering course content. Please keep in mind that attendance is extra important at this time of the year. There are a number of examinations held in class starting as early as mid-May. In early May, you will be able to see the June examination schedule on our website. As Term 3 is worth 60% of your child's academic year, we have issued an Interim Report that gives you valuable feedback. Students requiring extra help are encouraged to seek help from their teacher, may have been referred to our resource team, or have been instructed to attend extra help sessions provided by teachers during the noon hour. Phelps Helps continues to offer after school tutoring for students living in the Stanstead area. Recently you should have also received information regarding FREE online tutoring through LEARN. If your child is absent at any point over the next few months, please make sure there is a follow-up with the teachers to ensure that your child receives all valuable exam prep material. If at any time you have questions, please contact your child's teacher or Vice-Principal. Please be reminded that for mandatory exams only justified absences (medical note, court appearance, death in the family) may be accepted. It is extremely important that you are aware of the exam schedule and that students are present for their exams.

For the upcoming school year, Alexander Galt continues to offer value added programs accessed through an application process. Students may choose to apply to one of our concentration programs - Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Science (Cycle 1), Sports, or new in the upcoming year, Hunting and Fishing (Cycle 2). Space is limited and it is advisable to apply early. If you wish to have more information about these programs and the associated fees, please contact our School Accountant, Mrs. Christina Rousseau or a Vice-Principal through the House Office. We are in the process of reviewing applications and conditional acceptance letters are being issued. If your child has not yet applied, it is still possible to submit an application in order to be considered for admission.

Students completed their course selections just after the March Break with the support of our school Guidance Counsellor, Marie Thibault. We ask that you take a few moments to verify your child's course selection by logging in to the secure Mozaik portal using the following link: <https://inscription.portailparents.ca/>. If you have questions or wish to request a modification to the course selection, please contact our school organization technician, Anna St-Hilaire at extension 22057. Students who did not complete their course selection despite the many requests and reminders have

been placed in classes. **It is important to note that we will not be holding a "course change" period in the fall. Course changes will only be considered under exceptional circumstances and under the recommendation of the teacher(s) concerned and the Administration.** It is imperative that course selection be taken very seriously as the school allocations are used to organize the school based on these selections. We will not be in a position to accommodate requests, particularly where a student did not complete the requested course selection despite all supports provided for this.

Be sure to reserve your foursome for this year's Ninth Annual Piper Classic fundraising golf tournament. This year's Piper Classic will take place at the Milby Golf Course on Saturday, June 22nd. For more information, please contact our Athletic Coordinator, Mr. Robbie Fisk at fiskr@ped.etsb.qc.ca.

In closing, thank you to everyone who provides support of our school - Piper Pride is very much alive thanks to your ongoing involvement. We look forward to welcoming you to upcoming events at the school such as our annual Athletic Awards Evening, the Visual Arts Concentration Vernissage & Seussical (Performing Arts Concentration), and graduation.

Sincerely,
Peggy McCourt
Principal



FINAL EXAMINATIONS

JUNE 11 - 21, 2019

Please note that June 7th will be the last day of regular classes for both Cycle 1 & Cycle 2 students. Students will then return to school according to their individual exam schedules.

Because the evaluation process is spread over a fairly lengthy period of time, tests and exams will also be written during the month of May. School attendance is vital to your child's success.

Timetables for end-of-year exams and final High School Leaving examinations will be distributed to students early in May. Please be sure that your child reads the timetable carefully. These examinations can be administered at one time only and if a student misses one due to careless reading of the timetable or forgetfulness, nothing can be done to remedy the situation until the next set of examinations are scheduled.

Attendance, Behaviour & Dress Guidelines

As the weather starts to get warmer, we would ask for your co-operation in ensuring that all students come to school dressed appropriately.

Tank-tops, halter-tops, tube tops, cut-off shirts, and clothing which does not fully cover the body's mid-section are not deemed appropriate. The complete dress guidelines can be found in the Student Handbook. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

The best way to get up-to-date information about what is going on at Galt is to access the Galt website on a regular basis. In coming weeks you will be able to find information relating to:

June Exam Schedule

Tips on Preparing for Exams

Summer School Information - Dates & Courses Offered

Honor Roll and Principal's Lists

Special Events

The Sports Results

To access the site go to: www.etsb.qc.ca/alexandergalt

Tutorial Resources on Line

Please note that all of our students have free access to SOS on-line tutorials and resources via LEARN. Students can access this site at <http://www.learnquebec.ca/home>. As we approach the end of the school year evaluations, this is an excellent site for students and parents who wish to be well prepared.

**For the Latest School
Information -
View Our Galt Website!**

JOB SHADOWING OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for parents to become job-shadowing hosts for students. As a host, you will be expected to allow participating students to shadow you for a full workday. Shadowing helps students see how their learning can be applied in the real world and confirm their career choices. If you are interested in hosting students, please contact Marie Thibault at thibaultm@edu.etsb.qc.ca. We are looking for diverse work places for our bank of opportunities such as hospitals, law offices, veterinarian offices, hair salons, garages, hospitality industry, etc.

SCHOLARSHIPS, LOANS & BURSARIES



Scholarships and bursaries are vital to ensure that all deserving students can further their education. Through the continued generosity of our donors, the AGRHS Foundation has been able to support the Galt graduates with financial independence and opportunities to realize their post-secondary dreams.

The AGRHS Foundation relies solely on [annual donations](#) and [endowment gifts](#) from Galt families, local organizations and industries.

If you wish to donate to our foundation and support the leaders of tomorrow, please send a cheque made out to *Alexander Galt Regional High School Scholarship and Bursary Fund* to the following address:

Alexander Galt Scholarship & Bursary Committee
1700 College Street
P.O. Box 5002
Sherbrooke (Quebec) J1M 1Z9

Ms. Thibault, Counselor in Academic Training, will be visiting the Level 5 classes in May to discuss financial options and to distribute the **2019 AGRHS Information Guide to Scholarships, Loans and Bursaries**. Extra copies are available online on the Galt website.

You will find further information about student loans, applications and budget planning at:

yconic.com
www.scholarshipscanada.com
www.canlearn.ca

Loans and Bursaries Program ***Aide Financière aux études***

If you wish to pursue post-secondary studies but lack the necessary financial resources, you may **consider applying for student financial assistance**. Application forms are available online at www.afe.gouv.qc.ca.

The Rotary Club of the Boundary **Vocational Award**

This is awarded to a graduating student who will be pursuing a Vocational or Technical program in a Vocational Education Centre or a CEGEP. The student must be a resident of one of the following areas: Stanstead, Stanstead East, Stanstead Canton, Ogden, Ayer's Cliff, Hatley, North Hatley, and St. Catherine. **Application forms are available at Student Services and should be returned to Marie Thibault by April 20, 2019.**



LOOKING FOR A SUMMER JOB?

Summer vacation will be here soon! Check out the [Student Services bulletin board](#) for job and training opportunities (mainly for 16+).

Students can also visit the following websites to prepare their c.v., find tips on how to apply for a job and finally consult job offers and post their candidacy online.

<https://www.monster.ca/career-advice/article/high-school-student>

www.jechoisismonemployeur.com

<http://placement.emploiquebec.gouv.qc.ca>



PROM & GRADUATION CEREMONIES

Graduation ceremonies will be held on June 28th at the Delta Hotel in Sherbrooke. They will commence at 7:00 p.m.

Each grad family is permitted 4 tickets only, and these will go on sale mid-May. Tickets are \$15.00 each & must be purchased by June 1st at the latest. Extra tickets will be available after June 6th.

Immediately following the graduation ceremonies, the Prom will commence. It is expected that these Prom festivities will start at approximately 8:30 p.m. and will end at midnight.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PLAYERS
AND COACHES OF OUR VARIOUS
WINTER SPORTS' TEAMS!**

- Bantam Boys A Basketball team won the bronze medal in the RSEQ A play offs.
- Bantam Boys B Basketball team won the bronze medal in the RSEQ B play offs
- Junior Girls Basketball team won the bronze medal in the RSEQ AA playoffs.
- Junior Boys Basketball team won the silver medal in the RSEQ AA play offs.
- Senior Boys Basketball team won the gold medal in the RSEQ AA play offs, Visser English Provincial Champions, La Ruche Tournament Champions
- Senior Boys Hockey team QIHL Galt Tournament Champions
- The Curling team won the ETIAC regular season banner.
- The Swim team won the ETIAC banner for the first time in School history.

COACHES:

Basketball:

Bantam Girls B Basketball Team: Mark Learned
Bantam Girls Pipers Basketball: Mark Ghilarducci & Matt Johnson
Bantam Boys Basketball B: Jarrod Sharman
Bantam Boys Basketball A: Andrew Hynd & Tracey Comeau
Jr. Girls Basketball: Kassandra Naylor & Charlene Graham
Jr. Boys Basketball: Steve Dunn
Sr. Girls Basketball: Rod Gilpin
Sr. Boys Basketball: Jarrod Sharman

Hockey:

Bantam Hockey: Robbie Fisk & Todd Winquist
Junior Hockey: Robbie Fisk & Ryan Lee
Sr. Hockey: Robbie Fisk, Dave Beaulieu & Bob Halsall

Swimming: Alyssa Bray & Laura Leblanc
Curling: Jeff Cheal

TEAMS FOR THE SPRING SEASON:

Badminton All Levels: Robbie Fisk & Mark Learned
Bantam Boys Rugby: Adam McKenna & Marcus Robertson

Jr. Boys Rugby: J.F. Coley
Sr. Girls Rugby: Alex Robb & Stephanie Booth
Field Lacrosse: Drew Pollock, Todd Winquist & Robbie Fisk
Golf: Paul Gella & Garry Bradley
Junior Girls flag football: Marie Thibault & Andrew Hynd
Senior Girls flag football: Marie Thibault & Andrew Hynd

▪ **SPRING CONCERT**

This year's **Spring Concert** will be held in the Galt Auditorium on **Friday, May 10th**, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Participating will be the levels 2, 3, 4, & 5 Galt bands. All are welcome! There is no entrance fee, but donations are accepted.

▪ **BUS DELAYS**

A new service is available on our website for parents which allows them to see if their child's bus is delayed or cancelled. The information posted will let them know the cause, the estimated delay and which schools are affected. All delays of 20 minutes or more will be posted as soon as possible on the site. As well there is a link on the same page for those bus routes that we share with CSVDC.

<http://www.etsb.qc.ca/bus-delays/>



LIBRARY NEWS (from your friendly library workers)

➤ **What's Happening in the Library?**

- Last September, we had the "Indigenous Peoples Awareness Month" (IPAM), and it was a huge success. This year, the United Nations has declared that it will be the "International Indigenous Languages Year" and we will take this opportunity to continue with the IPAM project. We have already spoken to people from the Experimental farm in Lennoxville to

have chats on traditional food (the three sisters: corn, squash, beans), food tasting and much more. Stay tune to know what will be happening in September 2019.

- **Bistro** : The Unity Lodge #8, IOOF, Inc continues to sponsor the bistro, and we are very grateful for it. The free herbal teas are part of developing healthy habits, and it is a way of inviting informal chats with students on whatever is important to them.
- **Info booths**: On February 27th, we had the “Pink Shirt Day” as part of the Canadian anti-bullying campaign. We also had the visit of I.R.I.S. Estrie and S.O.S. Grosseville on the same day. This week, we started the promotion of the “March Nutrition Month” and of the new “Canadian Food Guide”. We will have different activities of food tasting with non-animal proteins and also lots of veggies and fruits. Some students offered their help with the serving ☺
- **What's coming?** Preparing mindfulness activities in April and May to help diminish the level of stress and anxiety prior to final exams. Planning of the activities for next September and of course, serving of fruity flavored water when the weather will be warmer.
- Check the blog (access on Galt's website homepage under library or at this address: <http://agrhs.blogspot.ca/>).

SPECIAL INTEREST ITEMS



Important info:

The Cycle 1 Performing Arts Concentration students will be showcasing their traveling Seussical Show for the General public, for 1 day only. Seussical is a collision of 15 Dr. Seuss stories thrown together in a colourful musical extravaganza following the story of Horton the elephant

as he saves his tiny friend JoJo and the Whos. There will be a Matinee performance at 10:00 a.m. and an evening performance at 7:00 p.m. on June 1st, 2019.



IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

APRIL

April 8	Governing Board Meeting
April 12	Interim Report Home/Posted on Parent Portal
April 18 – 27	Europe Trip
April 19 – 22	Easter Break
April 23	Regular Day 5 School Day - Retake of December 21st
	Snow Day
April 24 - 26	Boston Trip

MAY

May 6	Governing Board Meeting
May 6 - 7	Ottawa Trip
May 10	Spring Concert from 7 – 9 p.m.
May 17	Regular Day 6 School Day - Retake Election Day
May 20	Holiday
May 27	Governing Board Meeting



JUNE

June 1	Seussical Jr. the Musical at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium
June 7	Last day of regular classes for Cycle 1 & Cycle 2 students
June 7	Regular Day 9 School Day - Retake of January 24th
	Snow Day
June 10 - 21	FINAL EXAMS
June 24	Holiday
June 25, 26 & 27	Planning Days
June 28	Prom & Graduation Ceremonies

JULY

1 st week of July	End-of-year reports mailed home
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