



July 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Another year has sped past us. We have had the pleasure to see our students persevere and excel in the classrooms, in the shops and studios, on the stage and on the courts and playing fields, as well as outside in the greater community. Alexander Galt is definitely a community of diverse and rich talents. Our year began with the inauguration of our beautiful new gazebo thanks to the community efforts of the Campus Beautification project and our year culminated with our celebration of our graduates at Prom, held once again at the Delta Hotel in Sherbrooke. Ms. Thibault, Mr. Martel and their team of volunteers merit recognition for their work in leading another impressive prom – and our graduates shone☺

The wealth of Alexander Galt continues to be in our people. I am very proud of our students, and I am equally proud of our staff and of our volunteers. I am very appreciative of the dedication I see from both our staff and our volunteers. It is a strong team of talented individuals who show commitment in going above and beyond and in working collaboratively to provide all of the “extras” that make Alexander Galt a great school. We are very fortunate to benefit and to have the support of our staff and community volunteers who permit activities and experiences for our students that we would not otherwise be able to offer. To each and every one of you – I thank you for all that you have contributed to both make our year successful and to further improve our school environment and atmosphere.

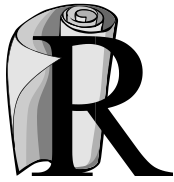
The upcoming year beckons new challenges and new opportunities. Our commitment as an inclusive school open and supportive to the diverse needs of all students is strong. We have a very busy staff with diverse initiatives developing each year. Familiar faces will take different chairs, with a rotation of our Vice-Principals. Mr. Warnholtz will now be responsible for Cycle One, Mr. Element will be responsible for Cycle Two, and Ms. McCully will be responsible for MAPs/WOTP. In addition to our local students, we will welcome returning international students as well as both local and international students joining us for the first time. We are proud of the opportunity to engage in education as a global learning environment, with our International Student Program bringing countless mutual benefits to both our local and international communities. The success of Alexander Galt can be credited to the commitment our staff has demonstrated in offering diverse programs and in promoting our school, the impact our students have made in their activities as ambassadors of our school, and in the support we have from our community. As a school community we have a lot to take pride in and to be thankful for.

It is an honour to serve as your Principal and I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school in August.

I wish each of you a safe and happy summer.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Peggy McCourt  
Principal, AGRHS



**Your child's final report will soon be available online via the student portal.** Hard copies will be mailed to those families without email.

Credits for the purpose of certification are granted by the Ministry of Education for level 4 & 5 courses only. They will appear on the statement of marks sent directly by the ministry. As explained in prior communication, these results are also now available online via the Ministry. **For level 4 & 5 students, please note that the official mark is that showing on the Ministry Releve, and not the school report card.**

If your child has not returned all textbooks, library books, or has an outstanding account with the school, these amounts will show as debt in your child's account. You should receive an itemized invoice in mid to late July. We would ask that this account be settled by either returning the missing school material or by remitting to the school the amounts owed. Unpaid debts will be forwarded to bill collection.

### **Have you tried our online payments?**

We are very pleased that since the summer of 2018 it has been possible to pay your School items' invoices with online banking through your banking services.

Currently, The National Bank, Desjardins, Scotia Bank, TD, Tangerine and BMO-Bank of Montreal customers can use this service. Other financial institutions may have been added or could be added in the future. You only have to add COMMISSION SCOLAIRE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS – SCHOOL ITEMS as a payee. You will need to fill the requested information along with the 20 digit number; being the "reference number" **that you will find on the top of your invoice/statement of account, just above your name (payer's name). The number starts with 836.** This number identifies both the student and the payer. This number will be the same, as long as your child goes to the same school. **You will need to create a separate payee's invoice reference number to pay for each of your children (as they each have a unique ref. number). You will also need to enter a separate payee ref. number for each payer: if both parents pay an invoice, each of them has their own ref. number. (i.e. joint custody). It is therefore very important to use the accurate ref.**

**number.** You can also pay at an ATM machine, by inserting the payment coupon with your payment. **Please note that there is a delay of 2 to 3 working days to allow all data to be updated in our different software.**

**It is important to know that if your child changes school, you will need to update your payee's ref. number as they are specific for each school.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BILLING FOR SCHOOL ITEMS IS DIFFERENT THAN THE ONE FOR DAYCARE SERVICES WHICH IS ALSO DIFFERENT THAN SCHOOL TAXES. THERE ARE 3 DIFFERENT REFERENCE NUMBERS, ASSOCIATED TO 3 DIFFERENT SUPPLIERS (1 SUPPLIER FOR THE DAYCARE, 1 SUPPLIER FOR SCHOOL ITEMS AND ONE FOR SCHOOL TAXES). IT IS MANDATORY TO HAVE THEM SEPARATE.**

If you have any questions concerning the payment of your School items invoice/statement of account, do not hesitate to contact Christine Rousseau at 819-563-0770, ext. 22056.

**If it is a case of payments by mail,** please mail a money order to A.G.R.H.S. to the attention of **Mrs. Christina Rousseau, Alexander Galt Regional High School, CP/Box 5002, 1700 rue College, Sherbrooke, Québec, J1M 1Z9.** If you prefer to pay in person, you may do this until July 19<sup>th</sup> or after August 12<sup>th</sup> by presenting yourself to Central Office.

### **PROVINCIAL RESULTS FOR STUDENTS IN LEVELS 4 & 5**

**This is important information for all students who wrote secondary 4 and 5 exams in June.** Please note that the ministry of education sends a statement of marks directly to students' homes towards the end of the second week of July. It should be noted that the mark on the ministry statement of marks **is the final mark obtained by a student in a particular course.** It takes into account the school year mark and the ministry exam mark. If the mark is below 60% then the student has not passed that course (even if the mark on the school report was a passing mark) and should therefore register for the summer supplemental exams.

## 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](http://yconic.com)  
[www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)  
[www.canlearn.ca](http://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](http://www.afe.gouv.qc.ca).

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

If you wish to register your child or simply have questions regarding eligibility during the summer, please contact:

- Until July 26<sup>th</sup>, extension 22003
- July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 12<sup>th</sup> e-mail [registration@etsb.qc.ca](mailto:registration@etsb.qc.ca)
- August 13<sup>th</sup> – August 28<sup>th</sup>, extension 22073
- After August 26<sup>th</sup>, extension 22003

If your child is planning to return next year but has not registered, **we will be registering students starting on August 12<sup>th</sup>**.

Appointments will be scheduled with Marie Thibault (Academic Advisor) who will be available to receive those with appointments in August to clarify questions and to complete the registration and course selection documents.



## CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR CHANGE OF PLANS?

If you are planning to move during the summer, please let Anna St-Hilaire know by leaving a message at 819-563-0770 Ext. 22057 or e-mailing her at [sthilairea@etsb.qc.ca](mailto:sthilairea@etsb.qc.ca) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. until **Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**. This deadline is to ensure that we have the correct address in our system so that your child receives the correct bus pass before school starts.

If your child is enrolled at Alexander Galt for September 2019 but **will not be returning** due to a change in plans, it would be appreciated if you would notify the school. This can be done by leaving a message with Anna St-Hilaire at 819-563-0770 Ext. 22057 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. until **Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, or from Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> on**. You may also e-mail her at [sthilairea@etsb.qc.ca](mailto:sthilairea@etsb.qc.ca).

## CONCENTRATION PROGRAMS

All payments for students registered in a concentration program should have already been received by the school. If you have not made the required payment, please do so as soon as possible to guarantee your child's placement in their program. Incomplete registrations or inadequate payment will result in the student being assigned a schedule in the regular program in August.

## SCHOOL FEE PAYMENT FOR THE 2019 – 2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Payment for school fees must be made in cash, Interac, VISA or Mastercard. We will not be accepting cheques as payment. **Please note that there is a fee of 2% for all credit card transactions to cover the bank charges on the transaction.** This year all required consumable materials will be issued to students in class and there will no longer be the extended fee collection period in August. To greater convenience our population who come from a wide territory, we encourage the use of the online payment services to avoid making a long drive and potentially long waits in the heat. For those preferring to pay in person, Ms. Rousseau will be available to receive you from August 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> and August 26<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., as well as August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1 – 4 p.m. Parents of Secondary 1 students may pay their fees in person following the Orientation visit on August 27<sup>th</sup>, from 1 – 4 p.m.

Students will be assigned lockers on their timetable that will be available on the portal. **Unassigned lockers found with locks will have the lock removed and replacement costs will not be compensated by the school.**

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORMS

Students from levels 1 to 5 will have to wear the compulsory gym uniform. In most cases, students who were already at Galt will still have their uniform and as such will not have to purchase a new one. Students who have to purchase part or all of the uniform can expect to pay approximately:

Galt T-shirt	\$10.25
Galt Nylon Mesh Shorts (Saxon)	\$13.50

Students who prefer to wear sweat pants instead of shorts will be able to purchase these from the school at a cost of \$18.50.

## INTESCHOLASTIC SPORTS 2019 - 2020

### FALL SEASON: (SEPTEMBER- OCTOBER)

- SOCCER ALL LEVELS
- GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL
- CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING ALL LEVELS

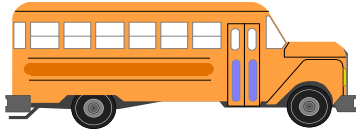
### WINTER SEASON: (NOVEMBER- MARCH)

- BASKETBALL ALL LEVELS
- JUNIOR HOCKEY
- SENIOR BOYS HOCKEY
- SWIMMING ALL LEVELS
- CURLING

### SPRING SEASON: (MARCH – JUNE)

- BADMINTON ALL LEVELS
- SENIOR GIRLS RUGBY
- BANTAM, JUNIOR AND SENIOR BOYS RUGBY
- FIELD LACROSSE
- GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL
- GOLF





## **BUS TRANSPORTATION 2019 - 2020**

The school board's transportation services are presently establishing the location of bus stops and the school buses' itinerary for the next school year. In order to do this effectively, they need to have accurate information as regards each student's home address or designated address for transportation purposes.

Should there be a change to the permanent address or the designated transportation address of your child, **please contact the school immediately** so that these changes can be made. Changes received late in August might not be processed in time for the first day of school and, in this case, you will be responsible to transport your child (children) to and from school until a bus pass is issued.

### **SOME ADDITIONAL COSTS TO CONSIDER IF YOUR CHILD IS ENTERING LEVEL 5**

**THIS FALL** - In addition to the regular school fees, the following may be expenses to consider and plan for over the summer vacation:

<b>Grad Pictures</b>	Payment in October – \$70
<b>Grad Ring</b>	Sept. – starting at \$150 - \$700
<b>Yearbook</b>	approximately \$45
<b>PROM related costs</b>	dress, tuxedo, etc...

## **SCHOOL OPENING DATES**

**August 23, 26, 27 & 28**  
Planning Days for Teachers

**August 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Level 1 Visitation Day

**August 29<sup>th</sup>**  
First Day of School for al

**HAPPY  
SUMMER  
VACATION!**