



Attendance Matters: School attendance is extremely important in supporting both academic and social growth. In the interest of success of all students, focused efforts are being made in the tracking and follow-up of attendance concerns. Please familiarize yourself with this very important information pamphlet [Attendance Matters](#).

Code of Conduct: Please ensure you are familiar with the school's code of conduct that is applicable to everyone on the school premises and that you review it regularly with your child.

Detection Dog Services: In the interest of security of all students, please be advised that we have contracted the services of [K9Maitre-Chien](#), a detection dog service that assists in the detection of prohibited substances that may be present on school property. Commencing in November, and continuing forward, this service will make surprise visits to the school, completing an inspection of the premises. **All prohibited substances found will be seized and all relevant disciplinary measures applied, including police reports.** It is important to understand that lockers are school property assigned to individual students. It is imperative that students use only the locker assigned to them by the school, and that all understand that **the individual assigned to the locker is responsible for its contents.** Therefore, **should prohibited items be found in a locker, it is the student assigned to that locker that is accountable.** Furthermore, should the dog indicate the potential presence of a prohibited substance in a locker, we will use the combination provided to open the locker. If no combination has been provided to the house office, the lock will be cut. If a prohibited item is found in the locker, the student will be charged the cost of a replacement lock. As per protocol, each seizure will be witnessed and documented. If students wish to avoid potential lock replacement costs, they need to provide their combination to their House Office secretary as soon as possible.

First communication: Please note that the first communication will be available in the portal on November 15th. This will be the first documented reporting of academic and behavioral progress.

Parent-Teacher Interviews: Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place virtually on November 18th from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. and 7 - 9 p.m. To book your appointment, please click the link for each of the teachers you wish to see, then pick from the available timeslots. [Parent-Teacher Interview Reservations](#)

After School Tutoring: Math tutoring for Cycle 2 students began on November 3rd. It takes place from 3:45 - 5:45 every Wednesday in B305. Additional tutoring is currently being organized and details will be shared as soon as possible.

Fundraising Information: The Coaticook Cheese Fundraiser is currently underway, with a delivery date of December 15th. More information can be obtained by contacting Kyle Martel at extension 22067 or at martelk@edu.etsb.qc.ca.

Masks: As of November 15th High School students are no longer required to wear a procedure mask in the classroom during class time. Masks will remain mandatory in all common spaces. Students remain free to continue wearing a mask in class should they prefer. The next distribution of government issued procedure masks will take place November 11. Please be reminded that these are for school use. Clean masks are distributed to students in Block 3 and students are to utilize the box provided to them in order to wear a clean mask to school each morning. As there are 50 masks in a box, the next distribution of masks to take home will only take place as we approach the end of the next 50 days. As we are only provided 2 per day per student, we are not in a position to distribute anything beyond this.

Locker Access: Commencing November 8th students will again have access to their lockers at recess. Unless stipulated in a student's iep, backpacks are to remain in the locker and no longer transported between classes.

Lockdown Drills: Teachers will be preparing students for at least 2 lockdown drills that will take place prior to Christmas. These are conducted campus-wide in collaboration with our partners at LVTC (Vocational Training).

2022 - 2023 School Registration:

Jan 10-21, 2022	Re-registration
Jan 24 - Feb 4, 2022	New registrations

Library Bistro & Breakfast To-Go: We are pleased to share that the Library has now re-opened its lunch hour "Bistro" service. With Covid precautions in place and advance reservations required, students may now opt to eat their lunch in the *Library Bistro*. "Cold" lunches from home are required as no microwaves are as yet available.

Breakfast To-Go is also available through our library. Students who have not had a chance to eat breakfast may collect some healthy food items prior to Academic Block to get their bodies ready for learning:)

Many thanks to our incredible library staff, Ms. Munger and Mr. Sidaway, for providing such a nurturing atmosphere and supporting our students for success!

Athletics: Please note that you may remain informed of all Piper athletics activities via our website: <http://alexandergalt.etsb.qc.ca/sports-activities/>

Vending Machines: The school vending machines located in the cafeteria are now back in service. Cash is required to use the vending machines. Food items available in the cafeteria service line may be paid via cash, debit or credit - a minimum \$4 purchase is required when using credit/debit cards.

Transportation: Bus delays are posted on the ETSB website: <http://www.etsb.qc.ca/bus-delays/>

School Closures: School closures due to weather or other exceptional circumstances are announced on the following stations: CBC (FM 91.7); TVA – Salut Bonjour; Rythme 93.7; Rouge 102.7; CJMQ (FM 88.9); NRJ 106.1. This information is also generally available on the school or ETSB website.

Christmas Baskets: With the arrival of November comes the launch of our annual Christmas Basket campaign. This community project is only possible thanks to the efforts of our Spritual Animator, Krystal Maguire, and the tremendous generosity of our community. Donations toward the Christmas baskets may be made by cheque to Alexander Galt Regional High School (indicating Christmas Baskets in the note section). More information will be published shortly in the student bulletin and local papers.

GRADS-Upcoming Open Houses: These are a great opportunity for you and/or your parents to gain a sense of a school's physical environment, academic programs and student life in general. Most events occur on weekends and students are responsible for their own transportation. This year, some open houses may be virtual. However, if they have in-person visits, we encourage you to attend. For links to all [Open Houses, click here.](#)

Dates to Remember:

Nov. 10 – School Photo Retakes

Nov.11 – Block 4 - Mask Distribution, 1 box per student & new mask rules Nov. 15

Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day

Nov. 17 – GRAD Photo Retakes

Nov. 18 – PT Interviews

Nov. 19 – Planning Day

Dec. 6 – Planning Day