



AGRHS Parent Bulletin, February 2022

Covid 19: Please note the following government posters that may be of assistance: [Self Testing Isolation](#). Please remember that government directives continue to change frequently. The most accurate source of information is always directly through the [government website](#).

We have received a limited quantity of rapid tests for use when students present symptoms at school. As symptomatic individuals are currently required to isolate unless they have received 2 negative test results within a set time period and have seen symptoms decrease - it would be exceptional that we would administer the test at school. In the event it is deemed necessary to administer a rapid test at school, the following consent form is required: [Consent to Rapid Testing at School - English Version](#) ([Version Française](#)). If you would like for us to be in a position to administer a rapid test at school should the need arise, please complete the form and return it to the student's House Office as soon as possible (students under 14). As per any medical authorization, students 14 and over are responsible for their own consent.

If you are administering a Rapid Test at home, this video from the Quebec Government may be helpful: [French Only](#)

You have also most likely heard a lot about CO2 levels in schools. The following government document may serve to clarify some of this information: [Air Quality and installation of comfort parameter sensors in all classrooms of Quebec](#)

Important details to remember:

- As always even prior to the pandemic, students who are sick need to stay home.
- Students who become ill during the day will be sent home. It is expected and appreciated that they are picked up in a timely manner.
- Masks are currently required at all times. Given the length of time everyone has had to become accustomed to wearing masks, the school will be taking a zero tolerance approach to those who continue to disrespect public health protocols and not wearing their mask while at school.
- Students will continue to be issued a new box of masks to take home approximately every 10 weeks (50 per box - 1 for each school day) - so that they may have a clean mask to wear to school each morning (please reserve these for school use only). A fresh mask will continue to be issued during Block 3. The government has now indicated they will provide additional masks to allow greater flexibility in issuing an additional mask where needed (ie. after PE class where the mask becomes damp). **The government requires the blue masks in schools - please be sure to prioritize the government issued box for school use.**
- With the exception of Library Bistro reservations, as well as groups whose classrooms are not safe for eating (ie. science lab; gymnasium...) who have assigned group tables in the cafeteria, students are only permitted to eat in their classroom. Lunch is eaten in the Block 2 classroom while snacks are eaten in the Block 1 and Block 3 classrooms. Breakfast to go is eaten in the Academic Block classroom.
- Upon arrival at school, students are to go directly to their AB/Block 1 classroom after making a brief stop at their locker to secure their belongings & collect what is needed for their morning class.
- Water fountains are not in service, students should have a refillable bottle that they can fill from the bottle fillers (on the fountains).
- Vending machines are removed from service pending further notice.

- Students should always be prepared for the possibility of online classes in the event of unavoidable “bris de service”, or to access their google classrooms in the event they are unable to come to school. Chromebooks must always be in good working order, and issues need to be brought to the help desk promptly. The Chromebook should be brought back and forth between home and school daily.

Student Activities Office: Ms. Danica Montgomery will be joining our Galt staff as of February 11th, in the role of Student Activities Technician, replacing Mr. Martel in the Student Activities office. We look forward to the energy and ideas she will bring to our school community.

Vaping Information: Vaping trends continue to be highly concerning. Please note the following information prepared by our Sherbrooke Police liaison officer that sheds light on facts pertaining to Vapes and Wax Pens: [English](#) [French](#)

Delay of Report Cards & Parent-Teacher Interviews: Please note that the publication date of Term 1 Report Cards has been extended. Report cards will now be available on the portal by the end of the day on **February 11th**. Our second Parent-Teacher interviews will now take place online **February 17th**, following the same format as the November interviews. [AGRHS Parent-Teacher Interview Appointment Links](#)

Library News: The Bistro is now open with COVID restrictions of course. Places are limited and students can make reservations at morning recess for the 12:20 or the 12:45 service. We also started to serve herbal teas at lunch time. Thanks to the contribution of the *Unity Lodge #8, IOOF, Inc.*, it remains free of charge to students. Serving herbal teas (caffeine free 😊) is a big part of offering some comfort to students. The Bistro works a little bit like a restaurant, and it is good to see. Also, the Breakfast Club is from 8:50 to 9:20 every morning in the library. Our nurturing and dedicated library staff (Judith & Andrew) offer individually wrapped items, respecting COVID regulations.

Course Selection: Course selection will take place in class with the support of Mme. Thibault, our school Guidance Counsellor. *Students must have re/registered in order to have access to course selection. **Everyone is reminded to take course selection very seriously as the school is organized with resources allocated based on the choices made.** Course changes are not accepted afterwards apart from exceptional circumstances where the teacher indicates a need.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

February 11: PD Day

February 17: Parent-Teacher Interviews (virtual)

February 28 - March 6: March Break, School Closed

March 7: PD Day

March 25: PD Day

April 4: Now a School Day (Day 1, replacing January 17)

April 15 & 18: Easter Holidays, School Closed; April 19: PD Day