



Changes to AGRHS Administrative Team: Please note that our Cycle Two Vice-Principal, Jennifer Hall, has resigned from the ETSB to take on new challenges in British Columbia. Ms. Hall has been a tremendous advocate for students and a strong educator throughout her years with us and we wish her great success in her future endeavours. Former Galt Vice-Principal and former Sunnyside Elementary Principal, Jim Lemaitre is temporarily leading our Cycle 2 office pending the arrival of Kohl Kelso who will be returning to us as Vice-Principal of Cycle 2, effective December 12th. Mr. Kelso was our Interim Cycle 1 Vice-Principal last year and it is a pleasure to welcome him back:)

Campus Parking & Entries: If you have visited our campus this school year, you have noticed some changes to our parking and main entrance. Recent renovations have provided an indoor passage between Central Office and the Gymnasium as well as making the main floor of our Auditorium Universally accessible. A vending and standing dining area is available to students and spectators of events just inside the main entrance of the gymnasium block. We no longer maintain a supervisor at the gate throughout the full school day, but have maintained this coverage at recesses and lunch hours when students may be outside. A supervisor monitors our surveillance cameras all day, directing our other supervisors on the ground to areas as needed. Visitors to AGRHS may continue to use the Visitors parking to the right of the gate house at the main entrance - or for short periods may use our new visitor's parking alongside the gymnasium in the new roundabout entrance. All visitors must continue to enter via Door 1 and check in at Central Office.

Covid 19 Rapid Test Kits: Test kits have been distributed to students who chose to take them. We continue to have a strong inventory of kits available and students may collect one from central office if more are needed at home.

Services to Students & Families: The winter months and holiday period can sometimes be a difficult time. We bring to your attention information pertaining to resources that may be helpful in the best interest of the health and well-being of those in our community:

[Teen Hotlines \(English\)](#)

[Teen Hotlines \(French\)](#)

[SantéEstrie Services Poster \(English\)](#)

[SantéEstrie Services Poster \(French\)](#)

[Services for Adolescents \(English\)](#)

[Services for Adolescents \(French\)](#)

[CLSC Community Services \(English\)](#)

[CLSC Community Services \(French\)](#)

Open House: Unfortunately circumstances did not permit us to return to our usual in-person Open House quite yet. However, we encourage you to check out our [Virtual Open House:](#))

Lockdown Drills: Please note that we will be having a campus-wide lockdown drill on December 6th. While this can be stressful, it is an important exercise with the goal of preparing everyone to respond quickly in the event of an emergency. There is a second drill planned to take place on a non-disclosed date before the holidays.

Noon Hour Activities: As you may have already observed through the student bulletin, we are seeing an increase of offerings of noon-hour activities. We encourage students to actively take part in these activities - and, in addition, if there are activities they would enjoy that have not yet been offered, to make recommendations to our Activities Technician, Danica Montgomery.

Fundraising: A reminder that there are a number of general school-wide fundraisers offered over the course of the school year, with the profit credited to the individual student fundraising account. Individual student accounts can be used for a wide variety of expenses, including school fees, athletic fees, and purchases from the school store. With the exception of the Europe Trip, expenses billed directly by an outside supplier cannot be paid through the student fundraising account.

Parent Portal: A reminder that all important school communications are provided digitally. Critical information such as your child's timetable, school fees, attendance records, report card and interim communications, etc... are all accessible via the [Mozaik portal](#). Instructions to guide setting up and accessing the portal are detailed in the link provided. It is important to know that ensuring your Mozaik access is set up and has been utilized at least once this year ensures that you will receive all important emails as well. Please visit the portal frequently.

School Fees: If you have not yet paid your school fees, please do so online or by making an appointment with Ms. Rousseau in Central Office if paying in person. Please remember that student fundraising accounts may be used for school fees as well as fees for most activities. Forms are available from Ms. Montgomery.

Concentration Programs Applications: The deadline to apply to a concentration program is fast approaching - you will find program information as well as the application form on the [AGRHS Concentration Webpage](#) Please make sure to thoroughly read the program handbook & to understand the full commitment before applying. The deadline to submit your application form is December 20, 2022.

Christmas Baskets: We have been very touched by the generosity of our community and the strong support for our Christmas basket campaign. On behalf of our students and their families who will enjoy a happier Christmas, we extend heartfelt thanks to each of our donors.

End of Terms & Reporting Periods: This year sees a return to three terms. Term 1 concluded on November 2nd and Term 2 will conclude on January 27th and Term 3 on June 23rd. Three formal report cards will be available on the portal on November 14th, February 8th, and in early July. Two informal communications will be provided - 1 in October and 1 in April.

Parent-Teacher Interviews: Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place **online February 8th, 5 - 8 p.m.** Given the geography of the territory we serve, feedback has been resoundingly in favour of maintaining an online format for interviews so that they remain much more accessible. Information providing the link to book appointment slots will be provided closer to the meeting date.

After School Tutoring: Sessions are now underway. Unfortunately we have as yet not been able to confirm a Cycle 1 French tutor and so this support cannot be provided. A second round of After School Tutoring registration is planned for February.

School Nurse Services: Please note that the school nurse assigned by the CSSS is available to meet with your teen to offer support on a wide variety of subjects:

Health and lifestyles issues

Nutrition

- Sleep disorders
- Hygiene and body image
- Anxiety
- Smoking/vaping/Alcohol/drugs

Sexuality:

Prescription for:

- Hormonal contraception (pill, patch, ring, injection, implant) or intrauterine device (copper or hormonal)
- Pregnancy tests
- Depo Provera injection
- Condom distribution
- Emergency oral contraception - "morning after pill"
- Screening for sexually transmitted and blood borne infections (STIBI)
- Depo-provera injection
- Question regarding gender identity

Other services

- Support with any health problem (eg; severe allergy, diabetes, epilepsy, etc)
- Vaccination (14-15 years old)
- *information sessions through workshops or booth to encourage your teen to stay healthy*
- *ETC*

Please contact the nurse, Nancy Pye, should you have any questions. pyen@etsb.qc.ca

AGRHS Scholarships & Bursaries Fundraiser - Limited Quantities Still Available:

Are you interested in great savings at restaurants, on recreational opportunities, in stores and more? For only **\$25.00** you can get your very own Guide Épargne Estrie Coupon book and receive pages of great, applicable coupons all year!

Click on this link to see the full list of places offering you great savings! [Guide Épargne List](#)

The best part? **50% of the sale of books goes to our Alexander Galt's Scholarships and Bursaries fund.** Wow, what more could you ask for? The opportunity to support multiple students right here at our school while saving money with great coupons for the coming year.

Interested? Email Danica Montgomery, Student Activities at mongomeryd@edu.etsb.qc.ca to get your book. **Not convinced?** Call Danica Montgomery at 819-563-0770 ext: 22067 and learn more about all the amazing ways I saved last year after purchasing a book and all the marvelous ways I plan to save again this year!

To learn more about the Guide Épargne Estrie and what is offered, visit their website <https://guideepargne.ca/sherbrooke/index.html#>

Dates to Remember:

Dec. 14	Career Fair for level 4, 5 & 15+ students
December 21 - January 3	Christmas Break
January 4	PD Day - No School for Students
February 8	Report Cards Available on Portal
February 8	Parent-Teacher Interviews - Online, 5 - 8 p.m.
February 10	PD Day - No School for Students
Feb. 27 - March 3	March Break - School Closed
March 6	PD Day - No School for Students
March 24	Convertible PD Day - No School for Students TBD
April 7 & 10	Easter Holiday - School Closed
April 11	PD Day - No School for Students
April 28	Convertible PD Day - No School for Students TBD
May 19	Convertible PD Day - No School for Students TBD
May 22	Holiday - School Closed

Wishing everyone in our AGRHS community a safe & joyous holiday season!

