



August 2023

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Galt Families,

We hope that each of you had a safe, fun, restful summer and had the opportunity to reconnect with family and friends. We have been working to ensure that this school year will be exciting, innovative, successful, and safe for all students and staff. On behalf of the Alexander Galt Regional High School staff, I would like to welcome our returning Galt families, as well as our new families, who will be taking part in the 'Piper' experience for the first time. We are very excited and thrilled to get the school year going and look forward to the return of students on August 29th.

As has become our practice over the past few years, in an effort to better accommodate our families and in consideration of the large territory we serve, **we no longer require families to physically come to the school to pay school fees and to collect materials.** It is feasible to pay in cash, VISA/Mastercard (applicable % bank fees incurred is added to the transaction), Debit or Money Order. **Please call the school to schedule an appointment if you prefer to pay in person.** For those who prefer to pay in person, you may do so between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Student schedules (including locker assignment) and statements of account will be available online through the portal (by the evening of August 23rd) and students will receive their workbooks and other materials in class. Any student who has not been able to retrieve their schedule from the portal will be able to collect it at school upon arrival in the cafeteria. Distribution will be arranged by Level.

Our school newsletters/bulletins are created as a source of communication and information for our Galt families & the first edition is directed toward helping to make an easier transition from the relaxed days of summer back into the routine and excitement of the school year. Newsletters/Parent Bulletins are issued through email and continue to be available on the school web-site. Hard copies are not mass distributed. We are asking that each family take the time to review our newsletter. You will find important information and dates of upcoming events.

Please make sure to provide the school with any modifications of your email or home address. Please be reminded that the parent and student portals provide you access to your child's report card, timetable, absences, and other important information. This tool, in addition to our web-site and email list, ensures on-going communication between our families and our school. For any information about this service, please visit our school website at: <http://www.etsb.qc.ca/alexandergalt> or contact us directly.

I am very pleased to be returning as your Principal at Alexander Galt. Completing the AGRHS Administrative team are returning Vice-Principal (Blue Office – Cycle 2), Kohl Kelso; returning Vice-Principal (Yellow Office – Cycle 1), Drew Pollock; and we welcome Marc Ghilarducci as our new Vice-Principal (Green Office – MAPs/WOTP), replacing Tara McCully who is now the Principal at Lennoxville Elementary. Should you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers or our administrative team.

Best wishes for a rewarding school year.

Sincerely,

Peggy McCourt
Principal



FIRST DAY OF CLASSES WILL BE ON AUGUST 29th

Students are to report to their Academic Block for 9:05 a.m. (this will be the same room as their first block class)

- Classes will end at **3:45 p.m.**
- Buses will leave at **3:55 p.m.**

TIMETABLES

Students who were unable to download their schedule from the portal will need to pick up their schedules in the cafeteria upon morning arrival on August 29th.

COURSE SELECTION CHANGES

As indicated in the spring, course selection was to be taken very seriously as we no longer engage in a course change period. The school is organized around the courses students select in the spring and the courses students must have in order to graduate. Course changes are highly exceptional and only as deemed necessary by the school in order for students to access required courses.

LOCKS & LOCKERS

Student lockers have been assigned to our students as indicated on their timetable. Students are to use the lockers assigned to them. Under no circumstances are students to share lockers.

It is highly recommended that each student have two locks:

- ❖ One for the locker where coats, boots and books will be kept
- ❖ One to use during Physical Education class

School locks will be available for purchase, but a student is free to bring one from home. We ask that students inform the House Secretary of their combination so that we may assist them in the event they cannot open their locker.

Students are reminded that they should not share their lock combination with anyone other than the House Secretary.

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

Each of our students receives services from their House office secretary and their Vice-Principal according to the plan below:

CYCLE 1 – Levels 1 & 2 Yellow & Orange Houses

Vice-Principal: Mr. D. Pollock
Secretary: TBD

CYCLE 2 – Levels 3, 4, & 5 Blue & Green Houses

Vice-Principal: Mr. K. Kelso
Secretary: Ms. L. Humphrey

MAPS (Modified & Adapted Programs) – WOTP (Work-Oriented Training Path)

Vice-Principal: Mr. M. Ghilarducci
Secretary: Ms. P. Cloutier

SCHOOL BUSES

Bus pass information is available through the Mozaik Parent Portal.

More information is available on the transportation section of the ETSB website.

Please note that you must inform your child's school of any change of address at least two weeks prior to the effective date of the change. Please use the online form:

<http://www.etsb.qc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Proof-of-designated-address-for-m-2020.pdf>

and send it to your child's House off directly. Yellow House (Cycle 1) – Ext. 22004, Blue House (Cycle 2) – Ext. 22005, MAPs/WOTP – Ext. 22006.

***No temporary bus passes will be issued
for 2023-2024.**

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS 2023 - 2024

Our Athletics program is extracurricular, and participation incurs a fee for each sport. Our Athletic fees will be available during the first week of school. Our Late bus program runs on selected days during the fall, winter, and spring seasons. This service is intended for students participating in structured extracurricular activities only. The schedule of late bus nights will be available to all families via our website, through our House office, or from the activity organizer directly.

FALL SEASON: (SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER)

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

WINTER SEASON: (NOVEMBER-MARCH)

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

SPRING SEASON: (MARCH – JUNE)

- BADMINTON ALL LEVELS
- SENIOR GIRLS RUGBY
- BANTAM, JUNIOR AND SENIOR BOY RUGBY
- JUNIOR GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL
- GOLF

Please contact Mr. Robert Fisk our Athletic Director for any questions or feedback at 819-563-0770 ext. 22083.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Student Accident Insurance information is available online at www.accifamily.com. The purchasing of the student accident insurance is strongly recommended. Students receive coverage for items such as: broken teeth, ambulance costs and many other serious injuries 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. Please be reminded that should the school deem it necessary to send a student by ambulance, these costs are billed directly to the parent and are not assumed by the school.

STUDENT DRESS GUIDELINES & PERSONAL APPEARANCE

In the interest of promoting self-respect and respect for others, Alexander Galt Regional High School encourages a manner of dress that is acceptable to promote and foster a positive learning environment for all students and staff.

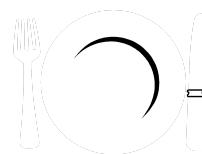
For information about our dress code, families are asked to review our code of conduct. This information is also found on our school website at [AGRHS Code of Conduct](#)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORMS

All students are required to wear a Galt PE T-shirt and athletic bottoms (shorts/sweatpants). All students are provided 1 t-shirt in their first year of attendance at Galt and may purchase replacements as needed through the school store. Students may purchase athletic bottoms through the school store or use those they already have from home. Sneakers with non-marking soles are required for all PE classes and all activities in the gymnasium.

CAFETERIA

We are pleased that we can continue to offer cafeteria services to our students. The menu is available online and is also shared with students through the daily announcements.



FOOD DELIVERY

Food deliveries are not permitted at school during the regular school day.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Given that the vast majority of our students must leave home very early in the morning, many are arriving at school on empty stomachs. In order to ensure that our students are going to class in the morning having had something to eat, our staff provide a breakfast & snack club during the year. This year this service will again be available in the Academic Block classrooms thanks to the excellent work of our Pre-Work students and guiding staff members.



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to graduate, students must obtain a total of 54

Secondary IV and V credits, at least 20 of which must be from Secondary V. The following credits are compulsory for graduation in 2022:

<u>Courses</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Credits</u>
English	V	6
French	V	4 or 6
History	IV	4
Math	IV	4 or 6
Science	IV	4 or 6
Arts Education	IV	2
Physical Education or Ethics & Religious Cultures	V	2

NOTE: The above are minimal requirements, which students must meet in order to obtain a high school diploma. Students who intend to go to college or CEGEP may need to pass additional courses. Information about these requirements is also found in our Course Selection Booklet found on our website: www.etsb.qc.ca/alexandergalt or from Mrs. Marie Thibault or Valerie Ouellette, our Counselors in Academic and Vocational Training. Mrs. Thibault & Ms. Ouellette can be reached by calling the school at extension 22073.



REPORT CARDS

School Reports are normally available five times during the year.

October 2023
November 2023
February 2024
April 2024
July 2024

1st Interim Report
1st Report
2nd Report
2nd Interim Report
FINAL School Report

As indicated previously, report cards are now issued electronically and are accessible through the parent portal. Reminder instructions in how to use the parent portal are available on the school website:

<http://alexandergalt.etsb.qc.ca/files/2015/11/Parental-Portal-Information.pdf>

SCHOOL NURSE

We are extremely fortunate to have a school nurse assigned to our school. Ms. Nancy Pye is returning and is generally present at school between **8:00 and 16:00**.

She meets with the students individually so she can listen, support, inform and give advice on the following subjects:

- Nutritional, dietary and lifestyle issues (like sleep disorders, hygiene, anxiety, body image)
- Contraception (prescription of all the different hormonal contraception, emergency oral contraception "*morning after pill*", pregnancy tests, etc.)
- Screening for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) and blood transmitted diseases, condom distribution
- Students can make an appointment with the Student Services secretary or see the nurse. (**During class, appointment needed at all times**)

Nancy Pye, School Nurse 819-563-0770, ext. 22066

Healthy Practices: We must remind you that a sick student (fever, gastro, flu, etc.) should not come to school. The student should stay home until feeling able to attend regular classes. In case of an accident or sudden illness occurring during school hours, parents will be notified and should take charge of their child as soon as possible. Parents are always the main responsible persons for their child. In the best interest of our students, it is essential that emergency contact information be provided and be updated whenever there are modifications. If a taxi or ambulance is needed, the charge will have to be paid by the parents.

Did you know...

Alexander Galt offers a number of school-wide fundraisers open to all students, with profits credited to the individual student account?



Funds in Individual Student Accounts may be used for the following expenses:

- School Trips
- Athletics Fees
- School Fees (Consumable & Supervision)
- Chromebook Repair/Replacement Expenses
- Prom
- Yearbook
- School Store Items
- Meal Tickets
- School Humanitarian Projects

For accounting reasons, with the exception of EF Tours, individual accounts may not be used for any supplier where payment is made directly to the company.

When a student leaves Alexander Galt, there is the option to request a transfer of a balance in the student account to another Galt student, to the Scholarship Fund, or to the Piper Classic Fund. Balances of departed students that have not received a transfer request by August 31st will be applied to a general fund supporting global projects to benefit all students.

Please be aware that full payment is required when submitting all fundraising for processing (no cash on delivery can be accepted). Fundraising orders submitted without full payment will be returned to the student. Also please note that funds must already be in the individual student account in order to be applied against an expense (ie. A carry-over balance would be needed from the spring to meet payment deadlines for fall activities.) Forms to request the transfer of fundraised \$ from a student account are available in the Student Activities office from Ms. Danica Montgomery.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT ALL
OUTSTANDING FEES FROM
PRIOR SCHOOL YEARS WILL BE
SENT TO A COLLECTION AGENCY.
PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS
TO CLEAR THESE ACCOUNTS
QUICKLY BY CONTACTING MRS.
C. ROUSSEAU AT EXT. 22056**

SMOKE FREE CAMPUS

In conformity with provincial laws, our school buildings and grounds are designated as non-smoking areas.

THE GOVERNING BOARD & THE PARENT PARTICIPATION ORGANIZATION

The date of the General Assembly of parents for Alexander Galt High School will be confirmed shortly. Your participation at the assembly is crucial. At this time, we will elect the parent members and alternates of the Alexander Galt Governing Board as well as choose one representative and one alternate for the Central Parents Committee. In addition, you will receive information about the Parent Participation Organization (PPO) and other ways you can participate in the success of your child(ren)'s education.

THE GOVERNING BOARD AT GALT IS COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

8 parents
6 teachers
1 support staff representative
1 non-teaching professional representative
2 senior level students
2 community members (appointed by elected members)
School Principal
Should families wish further information please contact us at any time at 819-563-0770.



E.T.S.B. POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Parents wishing to consult school board policies and procedures may do so by accessing the school board web site at www.etsb.qc.ca. The following are but a few of these procedures and policies that may be of interest to you and which may be consulted:

- No-Smoking Policy – A Positive Response to a Negative Issue*
- Communications Policy*
- Procedure for the Reconsideration of a Decision*
- Policy & Procedures Governing the Organization of Educational Services for Students With Special Needs*

THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE WANTS YOU!!

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The Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) advises the school board on its organization of services for students with special needs, educates parents as well as encourages them to become involved in their child's school experience.

Parents of students with special needs constitute the majority of members on this committee. The SEAC Chairperson and Parent Commissioner are selected from parent members of this committee. Other

members represent the various professional and support groups in the ETSB.

The committee allows you to meet and talk with others who have the interest of children with special needs at heart. Meetings are held monthly in Magog at the Eastern Townships School Board Office, (or by Zoom where required/possible) between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. Mileage compensation is available.

If this committee interests you, please ask your school principal for an application brochure or call the Director of Complementary Educational Services, Emmanuelle Gaudet, at (819) 868-3100 x55035 to give your name or to ask for clarification.

SCHOOL CLUBS & COMMITTEES

With a new school year, comes the opportunity for students to sign up for different extra curricular clubs and committees. Be sure to listen to the morning announcements and read the student bulletin to find out more about how to get involved in school activities, clubs and committees outside the classroom!

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will take place on **Monday, September 18th, 2023**. A schedule will be released in the week prior to school photo day to advise students the location and time of their scheduled photo. In the weeks following school photo day, students will receive their student ID card as well as a **WEBCODE** to be able to purchase photo prints online via the Studio NanC. If a student is absent on school photo day, they will be rescheduled for photo retakes in October. Please note, students who do not have their photo taken, will not receive a student ID card.

GRAD PHOTOS

Graduate photos will take place **September 25, 26, 28 and 29** this year. Each graduate will be given an individual appointment time to have their photos taken. A graduation gown, sash, hat and diploma will be available for graduates for their photo. If a graduate is absent the day of their appointment, they will be rescheduled within those 4 days. In the weeks following, students will be able to access their photo proofs online via Grant Simeon Photography and place orders. These graduation photos will also be used for the 2023-2023 Yearbook and Graduate Mosaic.

Parent Bulletins

Monthly bulletins are issued to parents via email and posted on our website. All timely information and upcoming deadlines as well as dates of certain events will be shared through these bulletins. Please take time to read through these as they are issued.