

AGRHS Parent Bulletin - October 2023



PORTES OUVERTES | OPEN HOUSE **Jeudi, le 19 octobre 2023, 17 h à 20 h**
Thursday, October 19th 2023, 5 to 8 P.M.



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Please join us on Thursday, October 19 from 5:00-8:00pm for our Open House and Meet the Teacher evening. Parents, students, and community members are welcome to visit our school, meet our staff, and learn more about the programs offered at Alexander Galt. Please consult the following [map](#) to find the specific locations for each of the activities offered that evening.

AGRHS PPO: The establishment of the Alexander Galt PPO was approved at the General Assembly on September 21st, 2023. The PPO is a vital group of dedicated parents ready to support and to assist in the education and growth of our students. The PPO offers valuable support in assisting with school activities and representing parent views. The PPO is always looking for new members and all parents are welcome. If you are interested in joining the PPO, please reach out to Pam Gougeon, (psgoup67@gmail.com), or Mr. Kelso (KelsoK@etsb.qc.ca).

After-School Tutoring: Once again this year, we are pleased to offer an After-School Tutoring Program for our students. Please find the [Memo](#) that was sent to you via email on September 29, 2023 to that effect. Students who sign up for tutoring are committing to attend all the sessions until February 9th, 2024. The deadline to sign up your child is **Friday, October 13, 2023.**

If you would like to register your child, please click on the link found in the Memo above. All questions regarding tutoring can be directed to Mr. Kelso. (KelsoK@etsb.qc.ca)

Career Presentation - Secondary 5 Parents :



Your Child's Career Journey: Parents' virtual Series

Galt's Guidance Office is excited to present a series of virtual sessions aimed at assisting families in guiding their children through their career paths. We invite you to join us for these sessions, where you can acquire valuable insights into post-secondary opportunities, course selection, high school pathways (WOTP and 24U), and scholarship options. The sessions are free and open to all parents and students.

Our first session is scheduled for October 17th and is uniquely tailored for parents of secondary 5 students. To access the session link, simply click on the session title.

Post-secondary options (applying to CEGEP and/or Vocational Training):
Tuesday, October 17, 2023 from 7 to 8 pm

Upcoming 2024 presentations (dates to be confirmed)

- Course selection (Math and Science options): February 2024
- WOTP Pathways (15+, Semi-Skill, Prework): February 2024
- 24U program – concomitance: March 2024
- Scholarships and paying for school: April 2024

You can access the Google Meets link [here](#).

End of Term Dates & Parent Interviews: Please refer to the [AGRHS End of Term Dates - Info for Parents](#) document for detailed dates related to the issuing of report cards & communications as well as parent-teacher interviews.

Code of Conduct: Please familiarize yourself with the [Piper Pledge](#) and the [AGRHS Code of Conduct](#) and take time to review this with your child(ren). Assemblies have taken place where we reviewed this as well as the [AGRHS Anti-Bullying/Anti-Violence Plan](#) (ABAV) and other important school procedures and expectations. It is important that you as a parent are aware of the ability to [report bullying via the online form](#) found on the school website.

Billing of Unreturned School & ETSB Property: Student accounts are billed the replacement costs of all unreturned school and school board property. This includes textbooks, Chromebooks & chargers, library books, etc...Items can continue to be returned to Central Office as they are found and accounts will be credited.

Consumable Materials & Fees: Students receive all consumable materials in class. School fees are visible in the student account on the portal. For the moment, we ask you to prioritize online payments. Our business officer is away from the office and, therefore, we are experiencing a delay in scheduling appointments to pay in person. Appointments can be made by dialing 22056 or 22002. Thank you for your understanding.

School-Wide Fundraising: Please be aware that there are 3 school-wide fundraisers where profits are credited to the individual's student fundraising account. These amounts are carried over from year to year and can be used for a wide variety of expenses that are billed through the school (the Europe Trip being the only external supplier where the fundraising account can be applied). Student accounts can be used for field trips, sports, school store, consumable fees, Chromebook damages/replacement, Prom tickets, etc...The individual accounts cannot be used for suppliers where payment is made directly to the supplier (ex. Grad rings, school photos, grad photos...) Information pertaining to fundraisers is provided in the daily student bulletin by Ms. Danica Montgomery in Student Activities. The fundraisers are scheduled to take place in October, January and March.

Changes to Road Signage, Speed Limits, and Campus Circulation: Please be reminded that in the interest of safety for all entering and exiting our campus, the Ministry of Transport has been making changes to the signage and regulations applicable to the highway in front of the school. Notably, the speed limit is now 50km/hr in front of the campus, but 90km/hr on either side of the reduced speed zone. Entering the campus from the upper gate is now prohibited. Please be vigilant of the new signage in order to avoid a ticket. The lower gate remains a 2-way entrance/exit between the main gate and the loading dock entrance (at bottom of slope past the visitors' parking). However, the rest of the campus is 1-way only - anyone driving past the loading dock entrance, the rear of the building, or LVTC must respect the 1-way designation and exit via the upper gate. Please be vigilant of all campus signage as it is being updated. Please be aware that the reduced speed limit is only applicable between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. throughout the school year - thus, if entering or exiting the campus outside of these times, please be aware that the speed of traffic will be significantly higher, thus consider this in your judgements.

Open Campus: Like most Secondary Schools in the province, AGRHS is an Open Campus. While Cycle 1 students are expected to remain on campus, Cycle 2 students may leave campus at lunch time. Please communicate your expectations with your child. It is important to be aware that there is generally no need for students to leave campus as we are fortunate to have a large campus with a lot of varied activities and on-site cafeteria services. Students who do leave campus are responsible for their actions and are expected to conduct themselves as good and law-abiding citizens.

Arrival and Dismissal: Please be aware that supervision is in place as of 8:30 a.m. and students should not be arriving prior to that time. Doors are locked and students may only enter the building as of 8:30 a.m. It is preferable that students arrive after 8:45 a.m. as classes begin with Academic Block at 9:05 a.m.

Classes are dismissed at 3:45 p.m. and there is no supervision after 4:00 p.m. All students are required to leave campus by 4 p.m. unless they are participating in a structured, supervised school activity. If a student is being picked up rather than taking the bus, it is essential that their ride be in the visitors' parking at the 3:45 dismissal. Students whose ride has not arrived prior to the bus departure will be required to get on their usual bus. Also, for safety reasons, if a student is being picked up, this needs to be organized in advance and the student must be waiting at the flagpole for their ride. We cannot pull students from their bus once they have boarded. Please use the visitor's parking as the 'drive-around' when picking up your child, and be vigilant to the crosswalk.

School Communications: School communications take place digitally via email, the parent portal, the school website, Facebook and Instagram. Please ensure your email address is up to date so that you do not miss out on important information. Effort is taken to consolidate information into this monthly Parent Bulletin that is generally issued at the beginning of each month. There is also a daily bulletin to students that is also accessible to parents via the [school website](#) - we encourage you to read this regularly as it will provide more specific & timely information related to school life.

Dates to Remember:

October-	School-Wide Citrus Fundraiser (profit student accounts)
October 11	Lock Down Drill #1
October 12	1st Communication to Parents available on portal
October 13	PD Day - No Classes for Students
October 19	Open House/Meet the Teacher
November 15	Term 1 Report Card available on portal
November 16	Parent-Teacher Interviews - Virtual Format
November 16, 17, 20, & 21	PD Days - No Classes for Students

January
March

Virgin Hill Coffee Fundraiser (profit student accounts)
Coaticook Cheese Fundraiser (profit student accounts)

2023 - 2024 School Calendar Links:

[AGRHS 9 Day Cycle Calendar 2023 - 2024](#) Regular & Concentration Programs

[AGRHS 10 Day Cycle Calendar 2023 - 2024](#) WOTP & 15+ Programs