



AGRHS Parent Bulletin - February 2024

Teacher Appreciation Week: This week, February 5 - 9, marked Teacher Appreciation Week. Students treated our teachers with special messages and sweet treats, bringing much appreciated sweetness to the day. We are truly fortunate at AGRHS to have such a deeply talented and dedicated teaching team. The profession continues to become increasingly challenging, yet our teachers continue to bring compassion, dedication and skill in supporting the growth of our students. On behalf of our administrative team, I wish to stress our deep appreciation and gratitude, and applaud our AGRHS teachers!

****Change of Date - Save the date! Graduation 2024:** In light of the Ministry CST4 Math exam now taking place on June 20th, please note that the Graduation and Prom Dance will be held on the evening of **Friday, June 21st, 2024**. The Graduation Ceremony will be held at Bishop's University's Centennial Theatre. Immediately following the ceremony we will welcome Graduates for the Prom Dance at The Gait, a reception and multi-purpose hall located in the same building. This year, the dance will be open to Graduates ONLY under the supervision of school staff, parent chaperons and hired Bishop's security. As in years previous, there will be limited tickets available for the ceremony and they must be purchased in advance. For those who cannot attend, we are pleased to be able to provide a live stream of the event available online.

Bus Safety Weeks: DID YOU SEE ME? / M'AS-TU VU? runs from January 29th to February 9th 2024.

While provided to educators, as a parent you may also wish to review some of these safety resources with your child: <https://www.mastuvu.info/en> / <https://www.mastuvu.info/fr>

UPDATED - (NEW DATES) Supplemental Exams: The most recent updated schedule of Ministry Supplemental exams can be found [here](#). Please note that we will be offering prep sessions for students prior to the exams. These sessions are available to all students registered to write the supplemental exams. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Mr. Kelso at KelsoK@etsb.qc.ca (819-563-0770 Ext. 22005).

After-School Tutoring (Spring 2024): Registration for the spring 2024 after-school tutoring sessions is now open. Please use the following link to sign-up your child(ren): <https://forms.gle/BSKk5tyasVNXH6Bi8> The deadline to sign-up is **Friday February**



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23rd, 2024. For any questions, please reach out to Mr. Kelso. (KelsoK@etsb.qc.ca or at 819-563-0770 Ext 22005)

Canada Reads... and So Does Lennoxville

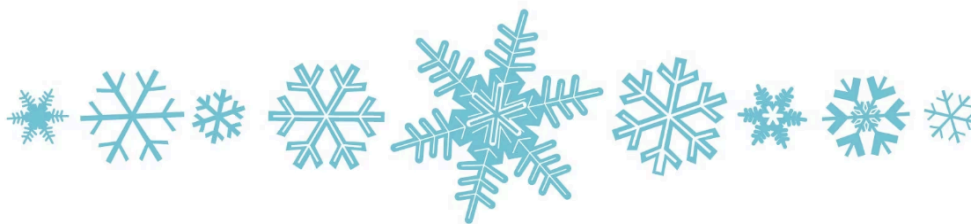
Our Student Council President, Bryan Laprise, will be one of the presenters at this year's Canada Reads... and So Does Lennoxville event at the Hope Community Centre on Wednesday, February 28th at 7:00 p.m. He will be championing the novel, *Meet Me at the Lake* by Carley Fortune. The theme for this year's edition is: *one book to carry us forward*. The event will also be featured online. The host & moderator for the evening is Stephanie Brown, a teacher in the Cycle 2 English Department at Alexander Galt.

New Email Address for Cycle 1 Yellow House Office Secretary: Please note that effective immediately, the new email address for the Cycle One (Sec. 1 & 2) office is: agrhs-cycle1@etsb.qc.ca

Reminder - Term 2 Dates: Due to the strike action before the holidays, Term 2 has been extended to Friday, February 21st, 2024. Report cards will be available on the portal by the end of the day on Wednesday March 13, 2024. Parent-Teacher interviews will take place virtually on **March 21st from 5 - 8 p.m.** A link to book your appointments will be sent out in March's Parent Bulletin.

Reminder - School Closures: School closure communications, due to inclement weather, will be disseminated by the school board via the [ETSB website](#) and [ETSB Facebook Page](#). For more information, please visit the following [link](#).

Reminder - Course selection for 2024 - 2025: The **course selection** period for returning students will take place February 12th to February 29th and course selection for grade 6 students coming to Galt next year will take place in the elementary schools from February 5th to February 16th. **Registration is required prior to course selection.** Information pertaining to the diverse pathways of our AGRHS programs can be found on the school website via the [AGRHS Pathways page](#). As course selection is completed in class with the support of our Guidance Counsellor, we ask parents to verify the course selection on the parent portal. If you have any questions or concerns with your child's selection, it is important to communicate with the school as soon as possible as **there is no course change period once schedules have been completed.** We encourage parents to actively discuss course selection with their



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child(ren) prior to the selection period, such that the choices made best reflect your decisions as a family. Please note that each student's course selection form reflects the choices made at registration and the pathway of their tentative placement. All final placements are subject to final review of June and summer supplemental results.

Reminder - School Fees: Please note that school fees are now overdue. Thank you for paying any outstanding fees. If your child is in a concentration program, please remember that the concentration fee covers only those expenses related to the concentration and that there are additional fees for remaining courses and supervision. Please check the portal to ensure the account is paid in full. All unpaid school fees are sent to a collection agency at the end of the school year. Thank you for your collaboration in this matter.

I am happy to confirm that we have received confirmation that the government will once again reimburse parents for concentration fees up to a maximum of \$300. This reimbursement will be provided in the form of a credit on the student account. Graduating students who have not requested a transfer of surplus funds to a sibling remaining at Galt will receive a reimbursement cheque at the end of the year for any amount resulting from this credit. The credit is only applicable to concentration fees that were paid.

Reminder - Concentrations 2024 - 2025: Applicants can anticipate receiving provisional acceptance status letters in the near future. Contracts will be issued later in the spring once the final fees for each concentration have been confirmed. At the current time, we encourage students interested in the Performing Arts or Hunting and Fishing to apply as there remain significant spaces in each of these programs. There are limited spaces available in Science as well as the Visual Arts Concentration which will be allocated as applications come in. There may be a wait-list scenario for Sports Concentration, depending upon the desired sports by term, however applications may still be considered. Given current availability in various programs we have decided to extend the application period. If you have not already applied for your desired concentration, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. [AGRHS Concentration Handbook & Application Link](#)



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Reminder - Business Sponsorships - Yearbook: A longstanding project at Alexander Galt, our yearbook continues to be produced by a committee of students and staff and is designed to capture not only the graduates, but all levels and students in the school. As in years past, we want to give local businesses and organizations the opportunity to show their encouragement and support for the project, as well as the graduates and students of Alexander Galt, by leaving messages and ads in our sponsorship section of the yearbook. The money raised through this initiative goes to the continuation of this project, contributing to the incurred costs associated with the creation of Alexander Galt's yearbooks. Should you be interested, there are several different ad options:

- 1) Full Page Ad - \$250.00
- 2) Half Page Ad - \$150.00
- 3) Quarter Page Ad - \$75
- 4) Business card size Ad - \$50

Adds and submissions should be 300DPI JPEG files. Once your ad is laid out in the book you will receive a photo proof to be approved before the book goes to press. Please submit your ads no later than February 9, 2024 to give enough time for processing.

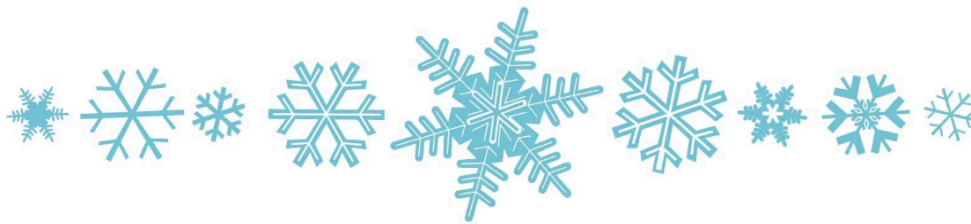
If you'd like to take advantage of this opportunity or have any questions/concerns, please contact Ms. Danica Montgomery via email at montgomeryd@edu.etsb.qc.ca

Reminder - Parent Messages - Yearbook: Leave a congratulatory or inspirational message for your graduating child in the 2023-24 yearbook! Cost is 20\$ for 50 -100 words. Payments can be submitted to Danica Montgomery, Student Activities or through the Central Office, CASH ONLY. Please fill out the following Google Form to indicate the message you would like to submit. [Yearbook Parent Messages 2023-24](#)

Deadline to submit is Friday, February 23. *Please note, payments must be made by the deadline, or the submission will not be processed in the book.*

2023 - 2024 School Calendar Links:

[AGRHS 9 Day Cycle Calendar 2023 - 2024](#) Regular & Concentration Programs
[AGRHS 10 Day Cycle Calendar 2023 - 2024](#) WOTP & 15+ Program



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IMPORTANT DATES

January 23 - Feb 20	Virgin Hill Coffee Fundraiser (profit student accounts)
February 5-9	Teacher Appreciation Week
February 5	History Level 4 Supplemental Exam
February 8	Math CST 4 Supplemental Exam
February 9	PD - No Classes for Students
	Last Day for Fall Tutoring Sessions
February 15	Science Level 4 Supplemental Exam
February 21	End of Term 2
March	Coaticook Cheese Fundraiser (profit student accounts)
March 4-8	March Break
March 11	PD Day - No Classes for Students
March 13	Report Cards Available on the Portal
March 18-22	Carnival Week
March 21	Parent-Teacher Interviews, Virtual, 5 - 8 p.m.
March 28	Convertible Planning Day - Now a School Day (Day 1)
March 29	Good Friday - No Classes for Students
April 1	Easter Monday - No Classes for Students
April 2	Convertible Planning Day - No Classes for Students
June 21	Graduation Ceremony/Prom