



AGRHS Parent Bulletin - February 2025



Carnival: Our annual carnival is off to a great start, with activities planned across this week, culminating in our full day of activities on Thursday, February 6th. An activity of this scope does not happen without passion, commitment and hard work - on behalf of our school community I extend deep appreciation to our fabulous Activities Coordinator, Danica Montgomery, and her team of staff and student volunteers:) Happy Carnival Week, everyone - and may all enjoy a healthy rivalry and positive sportsmanship!

Teacher Appreciation Week: As we recognize Teacher Appreciation Week across the province, I encourage everyone to take a moment to acknowledge that special individual(s) who are making, or have made, a positive difference in your life or in that of your child. As Principal, I am very proud of the teaching team we have at AGRHS, and consider myself highly fortunate to work alongside such talented and dedicated individuals.

Course selection for 2025 - 2026: The course selection period for returning students is taking place February 3rd through 28th. As mentioned previously, registration is required prior to course selection. **If you have not yet re-registered your child, they will be unable to complete course selection. Please ensure this is done prior to February 3rd.** 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 prior to March 31st as there is no course change period once schedules have been completed.**

We are pleased to share with you our updated **Course Selection Guides** for [Cycle 1](#) and [Cycle 2](#). We encourage parents to read these documents and to actively discuss course selection with your 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 in June and summer supplemental results.

Please take note of the pre-requisites outlined in the Guide for advanced classes in Math and Science at Cycle 2.

Concentration 2025 - 2026 Applications: As mentioned in the last bulletin, there were insufficient applications to run the Performing Arts and Hunting & Fishing Concentrations in the upcoming school year. Parents of the students who had selected



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those programs should have received an email earlier this week with a form to submit to identify their alternate choices. If you had applied for either Performing Arts or Hunting and Fishing and did not receive the form, please contact Central Office.

After-School Tutoring: We cannot stress enough the importance of finishing the year with a strong Term 3. Effective in the 2025-26 school year, the government requires cycle 2 (secondary 3 - 5) students to pass each course before being promoted to the next level. You will receive more information specific to this, but we encourage you to take advantage of the tutoring opportunities available should your child be struggling.

[After-School Tutoring Sign-Ups](#) are now open for the Winter/Spring Sessions. The deadline to sign up your child is **Friday, February 21, 2025**.

Last Day of Regular Classes: Please note that **Tuesday, June 10th** will be the last day of regular classes for all students. Secondary 4 & 5 will have a “bris horaire” wherein they will have scheduled prep sessions and final exams. The program for Secondary 1 - 3 will be provided closer to June.

Virgin Hill Coffee Pick Up: For those students and parents who were involved in the Virgin Hill Coffee Fundraiser, the coffee will arrive and be ready to be picked up on Monday, February 17 or Tuesday, February 18. Orders can be picked up between 12PM & 7PM on each day. Please use door #1 to enter by Central Office.

Reminders from previous bulletins

Term 2 Report Cards & Parent-Teacher Interviews: Term 2 ends on February 18th and report cards will be available on the portal by the end of the day on February 28, 2025. Our 2nd Parent-Teacher interviews will take place online March 13 from 5 to 8 p.m. and appointment links will be provided closer to the date.

Workshops for Parents: A reminder of the upcoming online workshops to parents provided by ETSB:

- **April 9, 7 p.m.:** Cellphones: What's Healthy, What's Not, and How We Can Support Our Kids, Hannah Beach

More details available through the ETSB communication tools, *Connections* and Social Media.



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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](#).

School Fees: Please note that school fees are now overdue. Thank you for paying any outstanding fees. If you require a payment plan, please contact Ms. George in our Business Office. (Extension 22056) 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.

Please note that applications for a concentration program for the upcoming school year will only be accepted when all prior fees have been paid. Those who have not respected the payment schedule will not be granted another payment plan arrangement for the upcoming year and will be required to pay the fees in full prior to admission to the program. Currently the government provides a credit of up to \$300 at the end of the school year for fees paid to a concentration program. This credit is applied to the student account where applicable, generally in the month of June, and can be applied toward future expenses. In the case of students who are not returning to Galt the following year, a refund is issued unless the parent requests a transfer to another child's account.

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. All vehicles must STOP for students using the crosswalk, and also give priority to the buses.

Bus Delays: The Transportation department has a webpage that lists all the current delays, cancellations, & explanations as they discover them. When there is a traffic jam



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or snowstorm or other event that slows or blocks buses, the webpage offers the necessary information to parents.

Here is the link: <http://www.etsb.qc.ca/bus-delays/>

Dates to Remember:

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| February 6 | Winter Carnival Day! |
| February 7 | PD Day - No Classes for Students |
| February 17 | Virgin Hill Coffee Pick Up! |
| March | Coaticook Cheese Fundraiser (profit student accounts) |
| March 3-7 | March Break - No Classes for Students |
| March 10 | PD Day - No Classes for Students |
| March 28 | 1st Convertible PD Day |
| April 9 | Online Parent Workshop: Cellphones: What's Healthy, What's Not, and How We Can Support Our Kids, Hannah Beach |
| April 14 | Career Fair 2025 - All secondary 4 students |
| April 17 | 2nd Convertible Snow Day/PD day |
| April 18 | Holiday - School Closed |
| April 21 | Holiday - School Closed |
| April 22 | PD Day - No Classes for Students |
| May 16 | 3rd Convertible Snow Day/PD Day |
| May 19 | Holiday - School Closed |
| June 6 | PD Day - No Classes for Students; Grad Trip |
| June 10 | Last Day of Regular Classes |
| June 20 | Graduation & Prom |

2024 - 2025 School Calendar Links:

[AGRHS 9 Day Cycle Calendar 2024 - 2025](#) Regular & Concentration Programs

[AGRHS 10 Day Cycle Calendar 2024 - 2025](#) WOTP & 15+ Programs



Catch the Spirit!!