



August 2025

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 28th.

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), or Debit Card. **Fees can be paid online or please call (819-563-0770 ext. 22056) the school to schedule an appointment if you prefer to pay in person between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m..** While we had planned to have student schedules (including locker assignment) and statements of account available online through the portal on August 26th, we are currently experiencing a glitch with this year's fees and it is possible that there will be a delay in having the updated school fees available on the portal. 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.

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 (Yellow Office – Cycle 1 & MAPs), Marc Ghilarducci, and replacing Mr. Kelso as Vice-Principal (Blue Office - Cycle 2, WOTP & 15+) is former AGRHS teacher Adriana Lyons. As indicated in our June Bulletin, Mr. Kelso has been appointed Principal of Heroes Memorial in Cowansville.

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, August 28: 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 28th.

COURSE SELECTION CHANGES: As indicated in the spring, course selection was to be taken very seriously as there is no 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.

Government of Quebec Cell Phone Ban in Schools: As explained in the information emailed to parents last week, in accordance with provincial legislation, we are obliged to implement a new cell phone policy. Cell phones and other personal devices are banned from the first bell of the morning to the last bell of the day (9:05 - 15:45). While we understand that some of you may not be pleased, as this is QC legislation, any complaints you may have should be directed toward your elected government officials. We are obliged to implement the measures outlined in the regulation. Additional information is available in our [AGRHS Cell Phone Policy Handbook](#) that was shared with parents last week. It is important to keep in mind that the legislation is intended to be in the best interest of learning and well-being of your child.



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, All Programs

Yellow & Orange Houses

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

CYCLE 2 – Levels 3, 4, & 5, All Programs

Blue & Green Houses

Vice-Principal: Ms. A. Lyons
Secretary: Ms. L. Humphrey

Archives (File Requests)

Central Office

Office Agent: Mr. S. Poy

School Buses: Bus pass information is available through the Mozaïk 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 digital [Transportation - Change of Address Form](#) and send it to your child's House off directly. Yellow House (Cycle 1 & Maps) – Ext. 22004, Blue House (Cycle 2 & WOTP) – Ext. 22005..

***No temporary bus passes will be issued for 2025-2026.**

Interscholastic Sports: Our Athletics program is extracurricular, and participation incurs a fee. More specific details will be provided by our Athletics department. Unfortunately, due to government budget cuts, we are currently unable to provide the Late Bus services offered in previous years. Students participating in after school activities will need to be picked up by a parent or delegate. You may keep informed of activities in Athletics by following us on our Facebook page (Alexander Galt RHS).

**FALL SEASON:
(SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER)**

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

**SPRING SEASON:
(MARCH – JUNE)**

- BADMINTON ALL LEVELS
- RUGBY ALL LEVELS
- JUNIOR GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL
- GOLF

**WINTER SEASON:
(NOVEMBER-MARCH)**

- BASKETBALL ALL LEVELS
- BANTAM HOCKEY
- JUNIOR BOYS HOCKEY
- SENIOR BOYS HOCKEY
- SWIMMING ALL LEVELS
- JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
- SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
- CURLING TWO TEAMS

Please contact Mr. Robert Fisk our Athletic Director for any questions or feedback at 819-563-0770 ext. 22081.

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.

Dress Code: 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](#).

The dress code expectation within the Code of Conduct for PE class requires all students to wear an athletic t-shirt & athletic bottoms (shorts/sweatpants). Students in concentrations have a specific dress code as outlined in the Concentrations Handbook. Apparel with the AGRHS logo is available from an external supplier [AGRHS PE, Athletics & Concentration Uniforms](#) and a limited inventory of discontinued models is available for purchase through central office. Students wishing to verify sizing may try on samples available in the PE Office. 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 via our school website and is also shared with students through the daily announcements. Please note that under the new QC Cell Phone Ban in schools, payment must be in cash or with debit card, as cell phones are no longer permitted on campus during the school day.

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:

<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 CCQ	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 Ms. Valerie Ouellette, our Counselor in Academic and Vocational Training. Ms. Ouellette can be reached by calling the school at extension 22073 or by email ouellettev@edu.etsb.qc.ca.

Cycle 2 - Promotion by Subject: Students in secondary 3 & 4 must repeat any class that they do not pass in order to be promoted to the next level of the subject. This means that some students may need to be taking classes across different levels of cycle 2.

REPORT CARDS: School Reports are normally available five times during the year.

October 15, 2025	1 st Interim Report
November 20, 2025	1 st Report
February 25, 2026	2 nd Report
April 24, 2026	2 nd Interim Report
July 30, 2026	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>

CIUSSS 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 (STIBI) 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.

General School Fundraisers & Individual Fundraising Accounts: 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 Mr. Matthew Littlejohn.

SMOKE FREE CAMPUS

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

**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
MS. K. GEORGE AT EXT. 22056**

THE GOVERNING BOARD & THE PARENT PARTICIPATION ORGANIZATION: The General Assembly of parents for Alexander Galt High School will take place on Thursday, September 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the library located on the 3rd floor of Central Block. 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! 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, Catherine Canzani, at (819) 868-3100 x55035 to give your name or to ask for clarification.

School Clubs & Activities: With a new school year, comes the opportunity for students to sign up for different extra curricular clubs and committees. Please encourage your child 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 15th, 2025**. 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 on October 7th. Please note, students who do not have their photo taken, will not receive a student ID card, so it is important their photo be taken. Retakes are reserved for students who are absent the day of photos or if there is a photographic error.

Grad Photos: Graduate photos will take place the week of **November 10th - 14th** 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. Students should come ready for their photo at their appointment time. 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 2025-2026 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.

Dates to Remember:

August 28	First Day of Classes
September 1	Labour Day - School Closed
September 15	School Photos
September 18	General Assembly of Parents, 6:30 p.m.
September 19	PD Day - No classes for students
October 9	Open House/Meet the Teacher
October 10	PD Day - No classes for students
October 13	Thanksgiving - School Closed
October 15	1st Communication Available on Porta
November 7	PD Day - No classes for students
November 10	Grad Photos
November 20	Term 1 Report Card Available on Portal
November 24 & 25	PD Day - No classes for students
November 26	Parent-Teacher Interviews

