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DEAR ETSB PARENTS & GUARDIANS,

As we find ourselves at the beginning of a new school year, we extend our warmest welcome back to you and your families. We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are ready to embark on another journey of learning together.

We are excited to continue working with our students and their families towards increasing our graduation and certification rate to 82.5% as determined in our Commitment-to-Success Plan that began last year and that will cover years 2023-2027. We know this might be a challenge, but we believe in our staff and students, and collectively, we will continue to rise to meet our goal.

On behalf of the School Board, may this year be one of accomplishment through inclusion, wellbeing and growth as we foster the joy of learning for all!



COMMISSION SCOLAIRE
Eastern Townships
SCHOOL BOARD

SCHOOL ELECTIONS

Are you and your family members registered to vote in the school elections on November 3rd 2024?!

Contact *Élections Québec* to check 1-888-353-2846 or the Eastern Townships School Board at 819-868-3100, ext. 55025

Have a voice - VOTE!

The school board elections are coming up this fall on November 3rd 2024! If you or someone you know are interested in running as a candidate, information can be found [HERE](#) on the ETSB's website. And make sure that your voice is heard by checking that you and your family members are registered on the voter's list. Reach out to the ETSB's Returning Officer, Marie-Andrée Lafrance by emailing secgen@etsb.qc.ca or by calling 819-868-3100, ext. 55025. Let's exercise our democracy!

Educational Services



IN LINE WITH OUR COMMITMENT-TO-SUCCESS- PLAN OBJECTIF TO RAISE THE 7-YEAR GRADUATION AND QUALIFICATION RATE TO 82.5%

R3USSIR and Ensemble Sherbrooke are joining forces to raise awareness of the importance of graduating; whether it's from high school, vocational training, college or university.

Graduation has a positive impact on all aspects of someone's life, as well as on society as a whole. With this in mind, from September 16 to November 10, 2024, *R3USSIR* and *Ensemble Sherbrooke* will be putting out hard-hitting content to raise awareness among students and parents of the importance of graduation. The campaign works to highlight the personal and emotional benefits of attaining a diploma.



Educational Services

WHOOPING COUGH



WE ARE PROVIDING YOU WITH A LETTER FROM THE *DIRECTION DE LA SANTÉ PUBLIQUE* CONCERNING THE RESURGENCE OF WHOOPING COUGH. THE ENGLISH VERSION OF THE LETTER WILL BE SHARED AS SOON AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

Terms, Communications and Report Cards



The following end-of-term dates have been set at the Eastern Townships School Board:

End of Term 1 - November 1st 2024, with report cards available on the portal on **Nov. 13th 2024**. This term is weighted at 20% of the year's final mark.

End of Term 2 - February 19th 2025, with report cards available on the portal on **Feb. 28th 2025**. This term is weighted at 20% of the year's final mark.

End of Term 3 - June 23rd 2025, with report cards available on the portal on **June 30th 2025**. This term is weighted at 60% of year's final mark.

As parents, you will also receive a first communication from your child's school, with information of his/her progress, by **October 14th 2024**.

Educational Services



ENSEIGNANT (Secteur des jeunes)
TEACHER (Youth sector)

CALENDRIER SCOLAIRE 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

| Juillet 2024 | | | | | | | July |
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| Dimanche | Lundi | Mardi | Mercredi | Jeudi | Vendredi | Samedi | |
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| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | |
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| Août 2024 | | | | | | | August |
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| Dimanche | Lundi | Mardi | Mercredi | Jeudi | Vendredi | Samedi | |
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| Septembre 2024 | | | | | | | September |
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| Octobre 2024 | | | | | | | October |
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| Dimanche | Lundi | Mardi | Mercredi | Jeudi | Vendredi | Samedi | |
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| Novembre 2024 | | | | | | | November |
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| Décembre 2024 | | | | | | | December |
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| Janvier 2025 | | | | | | | January |
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| Février 2025 | | | | | | | February |
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| Mars 2025 | | | | | | | March |
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| Avril 2025 | | | | | | | April |
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| Mai 2025 | | | | | | | May |
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| Dimanche | Lundi | Mardi | Mercredi | Jeudi | Vendredi | Samedi | |
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| Juin 2025 | | | | | | | June |
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180 Journées de classe
School Days

17 3 Journées pédagogiques
Pedagogical Days

Congés pour les élèves et les enseignants
Holidays for students and non-working days for teachers.

Journées pédagogiques pouvant devenir jours de classe
Pedagogical days which may convert to a school day

Premier jour de classe
First day of class

Journées pédagogiques (enseignants)
Teacher planning days

18 Congrès APEQ (journée pédagogique)
QPAT Convention (pedagogical day)

Educational Services

SEAC - Recruiting Members!

The ETSB's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) is recruiting members! Your elementary or secondary school child has an I.E.P. and you are interested in learning more about services at the ETSB for students with special needs and would like to share with other parents of students with special needs? This committee is for you!

We are looking for one parent per school to join our dedicated and interactive committee. We have five online meetings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. during the school year on Wednesday evenings. Applicants will be considered on a first come first serve basis. Our first meeting will be taking place on Wednesday, October 9th at 7 p.m.

[CLICK HERE](#) to submit your application.

If you have questions about this committee, please contact us at ces@etsb.qc.ca or at (819) 868-3100, ext. 55035.

If you have questions about Special Education Services in your school, please call your child's or children's principal.

How Can Parents Support Anxious Kids and Help Them Thrive?

This is a three-part webinar series that will introduce parents to actionable strategies that will help their children cope and build confidence. Presented by Zmira King, PhD, OPQ and Jana Gills, M.A. from Centre of Excellence for Mental Health (CEMH).

**Part one will be held on October 22, from 7-8 p.m. [Registration Link](#)
Part two will be held on November 5, from 7-8 p.m. [Registration Link](#)
Part three will be held on November 19, from 7-8 p.m. [Registration Link](#)**



Educational Services

SPECIAL EDUCATION WEBSITE

We invite you to visit our [Special Education website](#) where you can find pertinent information about various topics pertaining to students with special needs. You will find information about I.E.P.s, recordings of information sessions offered to parents in the past, services offered in our schools, etc. It is well worth a visit!



International Student Program



The international student program (ISP) was thrilled to welcome 50 students this past August. The students, from Austria, Germany, China, Mexico, Spain, Switzerland and Taiwan are now attending our 3 high school and adult centres. It is with great excitement that we welcome them and are happy they chose to join our ETSB family!

We are actively searching for host families to join our network. If you are interested in different cultures and have a room to spare, contact us at isp@etsb.qc.ca for more information on the possibilities of hosting students.



ADULT EDUCATION



CENTRE DE FORMATION
PROFESSIONNELLE
LENNOXVILLE
VOCATIONAL
TRAINING CENTRE



RECONNAISSANCE DES ACQUIS
ET DES COMPÉTENCES

The RAC process offers a valuable chance to leverage your experience, knowledge, and skills from your career. Whether assessing your skills or pursuing a vocational diploma, RAC can help you advance. To learn more, contact our Continuing Education Consultant, Lynzey Custeau-Sullivan, for a personalized information session.

Trades to consider:

- Professional Cooking
- School Daycare Educator
- Secretarial Studies
- Accounting
- Professional Sales
- Welding and Fitting
- Production Equipment Operator
- Institutional and Home Care Assistance
- Assistance for Autonomous and Semi-Autonomous Seniors in Private Retirement Homes
- And many more!

For more information or to enroll

Email us
custeau-sullivanl@etsb.qc.ca



Or call us:
819-563-5627 ext 45203



Important dates

Let's take a minute to celebrate our staff and volunteers

September 23rd - September 27th 2024, National Support Staff Week

October 5th 2024, World Teacher's Day

October 21st - October 25th 2024, ETSB Administrator's Week

November 18th - November 22nd 2024, Professionals In Education Week

Join us in taking a few moments to thank them and recognize their contribution in the success of our students.



COBALT INFORMATION SYSTEM

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We are excited to inform you that our school will be testing a communication system, Cobalt, in the coming week. This system will allow us to quickly inform you of any emergency situations, such as school closures, or to provide updates about upcoming events, including information seminars.

**You will receive a text message from the following phone number:
1-844-927-0111 on October 7, 2024.**

If you do not receive this message, please ensure that you communicate with your child’s school, so that they have the most up-to-date contact information on file. Please note that Cobalt is designed for one-way communication, so we kindly ask that you refrain from replying to the text.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Best regards,
The ICT team.

OPEN HOUSE!



ALEXANDER GALT
Regional
High School
10 oct. 2024
5 - 8 p.m.



RICHMOND
Regional
High School
23 Oct. 2024
5 - 7 p.m.



MASSEY-VANIER
High School
14 Nov. 2024
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.



COMMISSION SCOLAIRE
Eastern Townships
SCHOOL BOARD

Come and see the what our high schools have to offer at our different open houses in the months of October and November.